

Senate Report: End of the Year
Social Responsibility Committee
2017- 2018
Sandra Carter, Chair

SRC Mission Statement

The Social Responsibility Committee of CRC will organize and host events, forums and programs open to all members of the campus and community, inviting active reflection upon their responsibility for local, national and international matters. Using a variety of formats, the SRC will aim to augment existing public discussions of social, political and economic issues in meaningful and multidisciplinary perspectives. These opportunities for critical thinking will be designed to foster active participation on campus and in community affairs.

Committee Membership

Chair: Sandra Carter
Steven Coughran
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Student Members:

Halimeh Edais
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Fall 2017 Film Series: Working Hard For Our Money

The SRC focused this film series on the labor movements around the world, particularly those events that brought about better working conditions, benefits and wages to American workers. These film presentations were well-attended and created engaging discussions for the attendees and the facilitators.

At the completion of each semester's film series, the committee donated the DVD's to the CRC library to be available for regular circulation.

Bread & Roses

Immigrant workers take a stand against million-dollar corporations in Los Angeles.

L.A. janitors protest and strike against the appalling work conditions and unfair labor practices. 2001

The Take: Occupy. Resist. Produce

During the most recent Argentine economic collapse, the employees of an auto parts factory occupy and restart their factory after it is closed. Issues of the impact of globalization, the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few and other current topics are addressed. This film is a multiple award-winning documentary. 2004

American Dream

The award-winning documentary centers on the Hormel meatpacking workers battle to stop wage and benefits reductions during the company and shareholders' record profits during 1985. This film exposes the human costs of corporate greed. 1992

Made in Degenham

Based on a true story, this film explores the 1968 Ford sewing machinists strike against sexual discrimination reflected in unequal pay for men and women doing the same work at the plant. This strike resulted in a fairness movement that caused a significant law reform. 2010

Golden Lands, Working Hands

This multi-part series, produced by the Zinn Educational Project, traces California's diverse working populations and the efforts to find common ground in the struggles for human dignity, fairness and social justice in the state's workplaces. 2017

Spring 2018 Film Series: They Persisted: Revealing Visionary Hidden Figures For Social Change and Justice

The committee launched the Spring 2018 Film Series: THEY PERSISTED: Revealing Visionary Hidden Figures for Social Change and Justice. This film series is designed to support the existing, annual CRC events: Black History Month, Women's History Month, Day of Unsilence, Earth Day and Asian Pacific Heritage. Each of these events receives one or two films to supplement the discourse on the topics. This new format served the campus well. Also, the films were well-attended, and resulted in engaging discussions.

Political Animals: Pioneering Women Who Paved the Way for LGBT Equality

This documentary celebrates the legendary civil rights victories of the first four openly gay elected California state politicians, all women.

The Imitation Game: Alan Turing

Based on the real-life story of Alan Turing who is credited with cracking the German Enigma code during WW II. Turing, whose contributions and genius significantly shortened the war and saved thousands of lives, was the eventual victim of an unenlightened homophobic British establishment.

Gasland

Josh Fox traces the environmental and human health threats caused by natural gas drilling, fracking.

You Don't Know Jack: The Jack Soo Story

This film tells the fascinating story of a pioneering American entertainer Jack Soo, an Oakland native who became the first Asian American to be cast in the lead role in a regular television series Jack Soo's work laid the groundwork for a new generation of Asian American actors and comedians.

Activist Tool Kit

The Fall 2017 semester brought about the introduction of the SRC Activist Tool Kit. This event and educational concept aims to educate the campus on the basic steps to political activism and social responsibility.

To this end, the committee offered a series of workshops and panelist discussions to engage the community in advancing a cause together. This "Activist Tool Kit" activities will include the following:

As conceived, the SRC will endeavor toward the following:

- Forming and Supporting Non-Profits
- Social Media Activism
- What's Fake News?
- Online and Distance Advocacy and Engagement
- How a Bill Becomes a Law
- Creating Strong Arguments, Messaging and Rhetorical Triangle
- Community Organizing: From Organizing to Legislation
- Speaking at City Council and Board of Supervisors
- Blogging Advocacy

Fall 2017 Activist Tool Kit Event: November 14, 2017:

Starting, Leading and Supporting Non-Profits Panelist Event.

Panelists included:

- Beth Hassett, CEO of WEAVE
- Kim Tucker, Sacramento Non-Profit Center at Impact Foundry
- Sandra Carter, President: Friends of San Juan de Oriente, Nicaragua

The panelists presented the basic process for establishing a non-profit, finding a need to address and leading and bringing about social change.

Spring 2018: Activist Tool Kit Event: March 1, 2018

Topic: How social ideas convert into bills & laws

How to communicate effectively to city and state leaders

How to become an active and engaged citizen

Speaker: Erin Teague, Chief of Staff, District 6: Eric Guerra, Sacramento City Council. These two activist-centered events were well-attended and engaging.

Oaxacan Artisan Event

The committee hosted Alma Arreola again this year. She did several presentations of her copal wood figurines. In her presentation, she informed the audience of the social community structure of her town, Arrazola Xoxocotlan, Oaxaca; the process of planting and harvesting the wood; the cutting, sanding and painting process of the figures. After, the audience was invited to purchase samples and ask Alma questions. The events were very well attended.

Brochure

The committee worked diligently with graphic artist, Derrick Santiago, to create a brochure that features the CRC Social Responsibility Committee, its charge and programs. This brochure will be completed at the end of Spring 2018 and will be ready to distribute during Welcome Day, August 2018.

Welcome Day

Safe Spaces tabled at both welcome days on August 15, 2017 and January 9, 2018.

FLEX Training

The Gender Toolkit:

Creating an Inclusive Classroom was offered for FLEX on August 17, 2017.

Description: Gender identity, particularly among younger Americans, has become more fluid or flexible. This workshop offers a toolkit for instructors on how to make their classroom spaces open and inclusive to all genders and to move beyond our expectations of genders and as binary of male and female. We will challenge preconceived ideas about gender norms and how these expectations fuel our assumptions about our students and their experiences. Compared to the population at large, gender diverse students face higher rates of bullying, assault, depression, suicide and homelessness. The goal of this workshop is to provide instructors with readily applicable tools to start supporting gender diverse students from the first day of class.

Facilitated by: Priscilla LoForte, Veronica Dobson, Anastasia Panagakos.

DACA Training

SRC members Alex Peshkoff and Anastasia Panagakos attended and completed the Dreamer Ally Training on January 10, 2018 as part of the Wednesday PD Institute: A Focus on Equity.

Description: The Dreamer Ally Training is 2.5 hours and is designed for staff, faculty, and student employees who work with undocumented students and students with mixed-status families. The training provides an overview of the federal and state policies that impact undocumented students on a day to day basis, the unique conditions experienced by these students, activities to better understand the needs of this population and tools to become allies and ultimately advocates for undocumented students and students with mixed-status families at CRC. Additionally, participants receive a Dreamer Ally decal upon completion of the training.

Campus Climate Survey

SRC chose to sponsor a student climate survey to better understand how students experience the social and academic climate here at CRC. Such a survey had not been conducted in eight years and the committee felt a survey would provide critical information for future planning purposes. The results of the pilot campus climate survey conducted in Spring 2017 were reviewed during Fall 2017 by Paul Mainz

and then recommendations were discussed for editing the survey for formal distribution in Spring 2018. Anastasia Panagakos contacted interested faculty (who had helped with the pilot) to now administer the final survey to classes. A range of classes were selected such as 100 and 300 level, morning/afternoon/evening, transfer and certificate program classes, sports, and ESL. Over a dozen faculty members participated in the survey and approximately 900 students (the final count is not yet available). The climate survey was processed by two student assistants under the supervision of research analysis Sabrina Sencil and Paul Mainz in April and May 2018. Jeanne Edman will oversee the statistical analysis and Anastasia Panagakos, along with other SRC members, will summarize and disseminate the findings in the 2018-2019 academic year. The committee will evaluate the future of the climate survey and the possibility of institutionalizing a three year cycle in the next academic year.

Meditation Space

SRC continued to advocate for a Meditation Space by presenting a resolution to the academic, classified, and student senates in Fall 2017. The resolution, asking that the administration prioritize a meditation space was passed. SRC worked with Facilities and Academic and Classified senate to find a location. After several meetings it was determined that BS 144 would serve as a temporary meditation space. Anastasia Panagakos spearheaded the organization of the space including sign ups for supervision, room set up, and promotion. The space became available on March 19 and continued from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on most days. Student Ambassadors were authorized to supervise the space as well which greatly assisted in extending open hours. A forum was held on May 7 with President Bush, Facilities, faculty, staff, and students to discuss the pilot project and how to move forward with a more permanent space on campus for 2018-2019.

Gender Inclusive Restrooms

SRC continued to advocate for more publicly accessible gender inclusive single user restrooms by presenting a resolution to the academic, classified, and student senates in Fall 2017. The resolution asked that one single-user restroom on the first floor of the LRC building be designated as public (and not staff only.) This resolution passed and the sign was eventually changed in April 2018. Facilities and the public information office would work through Spring 2018 to change the online campus maps to reflect where gender inclusive, single user public restrooms could be located. SRC will continue to advocate for better signage and more accessible public single-user restrooms in new construction.

CC & E Funding

The CRC Social Responsibility Committee received financial support from the CRC Cultural Competence & Equity Committee. The CC & E granted the committee \$350.00 for each semester, totaling \$700.00. These funds were used for speaker honorarium, film purchases and copying and event promotions.

Future Plans

The committee will continue with the many regular projects, such as the film series, speaker events and the Activist Tool Kit. Also, the committee will continue to process and make conclusions and recommendations on the results from the climate survey. The concerns for the meditation room will be addressed and continued discussion with the administration will be pursued. Because of the upcoming election in November, the committee will participate in a voter registration campaign.

Highlights for Year 2017-2018

There were many highlights and successes. The establishment of the Meditation room was a well-earned success. Also, the completion of the assignment of CRC campus gender neutral restrooms was an

important achievement. The committee was pleased that so many students have attended this year's meetings and that they will continue in the fall. The composition of the membership of the committee has expanded and new faculty and staff are attending and are active contributors. The committee was gratified to assist the Disability office by funding the printing costs for the flyers to promote the May 9 event, Looks Can Be Deceiving.