

APSU CAMPAIGN SPECIAL SESSIONS DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

The purpose of the special sessions is to have discussion around the proposed Redress and Reparations campaign. These sessions are part of a process that began before the conference with the regions having initial discussions around the major issues facing Asian and Pacific students. At the conference we would like to formally unite on Redress and Reparations as a west coast wide campaign for the APSU. To do this, we need to know how Asian and Pacific students stand on the issue and what their questions are. We also want to evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign and actually identify some tasks for ourselves as regions to take up the campaign, like developing literature, doing educational programs, mobilizing for the hearings, etc.

BREAKDOWN : Each region will breakdown into sessions of 15-20 people. Each session will have at least one student and one community facilitator. The community facilitator will be representing the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (NCRR) and will act as a resource person on the camps and the Redress and Reparations movement. We have invited the NCRR to participate in the special sessions as a natural result of our past history of work with many of its member organizations in different Japanese communities (JCPA, LTPRO, LACCRR, NOC). The student facilitator will be taking notes to help in summing up the discussion and may ask for someone to give some assistance.

FORMAT: The general format of each session will be:

- Introductions
- Questions and Answers on Redress and Reparations and the campaign proposal
- Summation of the discussion
- Call for consensus on the campaign

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Here are some questions which can be used as guidelines for the discussions:

1. What do people think about the perspective laid out in the campaign proposal?
 - a) Do people have questions about the camp experience?
 - b) Do people agree with the view of the camps/r/r issue and its significance to Asian Pacific people today?
 - c) How do people see winning Redress and Reparations?
 - d) What do people think our relationship should be to the NCRR?
2. What should the role of Asian and Pacific students be?
 - a) How do people look at the role of students in Asian/Pacific movement issues?
 - b) What particular strengths and abilities can we bring to the movement?
 - c) How do non-Japanese Asian and Pacific students feel about the issue?
3. What impact can the campaign have on us as Asian and Pacific students?
 - a) Do people have questions about the process of coming up with the campaign?
 - b) How will this affect us as a region, our ties with the Japanese community?
 - c) What impact will this have on the APSU and the Asian Pacific student movement?
 - d) What are some ideas for taking up the campaign?

CONSENSUS: At the end of the session, the facilitators will try to sum-up the discussion. The summation will make an assessment on how much unity there is around the campaign and include the questions that came up and different ideas for carrying out the campaign. If people can unite with the summation of the discussion, a call will be made for consensus on the campaign. If people cannot come to consensus on the campaign at the end of the session, the region can call for a regional caucus to take place before the Sunday general assembly. The summations of each session will be pulled together later in the day into regional reports. These reports will be presented to the general assembly on Sunday. The consensus of the regions will be made into a formal decision by a voice vote of the general assembly on Sunday.

We hope that in the course of the conference people will exchange their views on the campaign. By working to understand our common points of unity and the specific ways we can take up the campaign, we hope to bring the Asian and Pacific student movement another step forward as a unified movement that truly runs nation-wide.