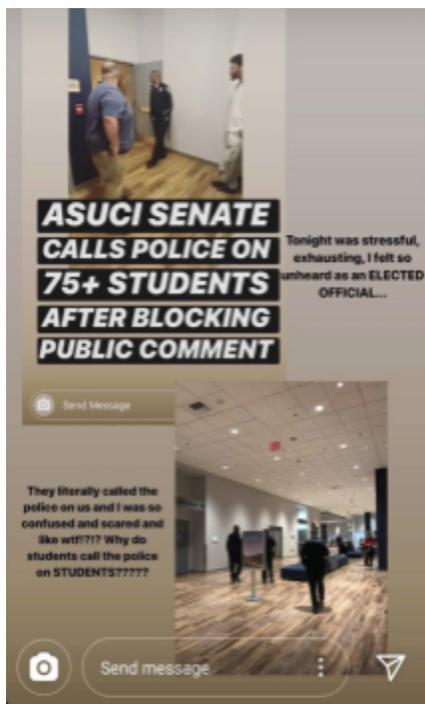




UCIPD IS CALLED ON STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

The controversy did not stop at simply barring public comments. According to student eye-witnesses, the Campus Police Department (UCIPD) was allegedly called to control the public from listening in on private Senate discussions during an intermission.

According to an Anteater TV content creation intern and UCI undergraduate student, Alicia Drevdahl, an ASUCI Engineering Senator, Bryce Lindsey, called the police on her while she was sitting quietly in Wood Cove BC during a Senate-only discussion as the public was undergoing the process of switching rooms. “[Senator Bryce Lindsey] walked over to me and said, ‘This is the executive area, you’ve got to leave.’ And I said, ‘I don’t know what that means.’” According to Drevdahl, he then pulled out his phone and threatened to call the campus police on her if she did not exit the room. When she questioned him and tried to understand why she had to leave the room, according to her interview with us, he proceeded to call UCIPD on her.



While the Senate has the right to ask people to leave while they discuss private matters, many of the students in attendance saw this purely as an intimidation tactic and misuse of their authority. According to witness testimonials and student social media accounts, UCIPD eventually showed up to the event after receiving this call from Senator Lindsey. This was especially troubling and frightening to students in attendance. The example to the left is an Instagram story from the evening of this meeting posted by ASUCI Internal Vice President and UCI student, Daniela Romero. Her Instagram story post reads, “*ASUCI Senate calls police on 75+ students after blocking public comment. Tonight was stressful, exhausting, I felt so unheard as an elected official.*” She then describes how the experience made her feel confused and scared, and asks why the Senate would ever think to call the police on peacefully attending students, especially if their duty is to act in the best interests of UCI students at all times.