



AGENDA
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
 October 19, 2021
 7 PM PST
 Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

I. Call to Order

Velazquez

- Breeze's audio is not working
- Cassandra calls meeting to order at 7:02 pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via google docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Gatica

- Strike SFS Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike AAC Travel Mini-Grant allocation
- Strike appointment for Academic Senate: Faculty Welfare
- Strike appointment for Academic Senate: Continuing and Community Education
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant
- Herman motions to approve the agenda as amended for 10/19/21, Angelina seconds
- By vote of 10-0-0 the motion passes, the agenda is approved as amended for 10/19/21

III. Approval of the minutes*

Gatica

10/12/21 Minutes

- Hailey motions to approve minutes for 10/12/21, Angelina seconds
- By vote of 9-0-0 the motion passes, the minutes for 10/12/21 are approved

IV. Public Comment

Velazquez

Radha: "Hi everyone, glad to see you all again. I hope you are all doing well. I'm Radha, a fourth year sociology major and the chapter chair for CALPIRG students. As you all know CALPIRG is a student directed, student funded, non profit organization that started back in the 70's to fight for the public interest and we have worked on numerous issues for the past 50 years to continue empowering the student voice to make social change and a difference in our communities. I wanted to provide a brief update on our upcoming pledge drive that will be happening during weeks 5 and 6. Our pledge drive is our funding drive, Students opt in to pay the \$10 activities fee to give us the political power, resources, and staff training to give students the skills to advocate for the future. We have over 20,000 pledging members across the state that support us. We will be working to educate students on the dramatic effects of climate change and continue gathering the support from students at our university to fund our organization so we can tackle the worst impacts to our environment. As of right now, we have 650 hours signed up from our interns working to hit a goal of 1000 pledges this quarter and that is 1000 students voicing their support for 100% clean energy by 2030 for a more meaningful, cleaner, and better future. And it was great seeing you all again. Thank you for having me and have a great rest of your meeting."

Public comment concluded at 7:10 pm.

V. Funding

Capital Contingency*

J. Wang

Contingency Programming*

J. Wang

- Total Allocated: \$5,190.13
- 12 non-USAC entities
- Hailey moves to allocate \$5,190.13 to 12 non-USAC entities, Sarah seconds
- By vote of 11-0-0 the motion passes, Contingency Programming is approved for this week

SFS Allocations#

Subhan

<u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u>	Jackson
<u>Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#</u>	Wang
<u>ASRF Allocations#</u>	Quint
<u>AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#</u>	Quint
<u>ARCF Allocations#</u>	Ogunleye

- “How to fill out a req form” is shown on Guidelines and FAQ
- What is not funded:
 - Retreats, Banquets, and other events that are exclusive to the organization members
 - Merchandise that are NOT related to a specific VIRTUAL-ONLY event for the general public,
 - Food (Food is only accepted with cultural significance that is integral to a PUBLIC-WIDE event eg. learning how to cook a cultural food)
- Funding Application
 - Application needs to be submitted three weeks before event is scheduled if you want to receive funding before your event
 - Consent item: no one has any oppositions

TGIF Ni

- Mini-Fund Applications are due this Friday 10/ 22 and will be reviewed next week
- Allocations will be seen next week

BOD Allocations Rafanan

- Total Allocated: \$50,995.49
- 32 applications with 15 organizations and 24 programs, hearings on Oct. 14 and 15, asking to approve the total amount allocated is \$50,995.49.
- Cassandra moves to approve \$50,995.49 to 15 non-USAC entities, Hailey seconds
- By vote of 11-0-0 the motions passes, BOD Allocations are approved for this week

VI. Special Presentations

Seat at the Table: Afrikan Student Union (ASU)

Admin at the Table: Response and Recovery Task Force Velazquez

- Who are we?
 - Megan McEvoy: Professor in the Institute for Society and Genetics and Dept of Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics, Immediate past chair of the Academic Senate Undergraduate Council, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education in the Life Sciences, Co-chair of the Covid Response and Recovery Task Force
 - Michelle Sityar: Executive Officer of Environment, Health and Safety, Chief of Staff for Administrative Vice Chancellor, Member of the Covid Response and Recovery Task Force, Member of Infection Control Working Group
- UCLA Covid-19 Updates:
 - The UC Covid-19 Vaccine Mandate applies to all students across students and faculty.
 - Masks are required indoors. Faculty is impressed with the compliance of this issue by students.
 - Working to have more people do the Daily Symptom Monitoring Survey everyday before going onto campus. Not having the amount of response with this survey as hoped.
 - Managing events, food, etc. (Parents weekend and new protocols that are being put into place to ensure everyone is safe with a larger capacity of individuals on campus)
 - Ventilation assessments and remediation (All buildings on the campus have been updated and renovated to make sure students and faculty are kept safe on campus with proper air flow in classrooms and buildings)
 - These mitigations and protocols are developed by LA County Dept of Public Health and Public Health experts at UCLA. Conditions are continually assessed and revisions made on short notice if needed.
<https://covid-19.ucla.edu/>
 - <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/guidances.htm>
 - 472 beds are set aside in Guest House and Evergreen for students to quarantine and isolate in. Students living in apartments and off campus are also able to isolate themselves here. There are only 6 students currently in this housing.

- In classroom management, instructors are strongly encouraged to be flexible with attendance, assignments/exams, and recordings and zoom sessions. They are also managing instructor absences and encouraging them to work with the dean if they are going to miss more than two sequential class periods.
- 96% of students are vaccinated and 80% of faculty is vaccinated- spoke about how staff should be the leaders on campus and have a higher vaccination rate.
- Faculty vaccination rate is slow and the Covid Response and Recovery Task Force has hands tied about how fast they can push the faculty in getting the vaccine.
- Discussed ways they could have more students do the symptom monitoring survey everyday. Ideas about having text messages reminders about Symptom Monitoring Survey be sent out everyday. Also pushing faculty to make sure they are checking to see their students have done the survey before entering class.
- What will the Covid-19 Task Force do to expand accessibility for disabled? You can't mandate the way the professors teach their classes per the Academic Senate

VII. Appointments

Academic Senate: Faculty Welfare: Zhiyan (Stella) Du* Quint

Academic Senate: Committee on Teaching: Clarissa Arjona* Quint

- Herman motions to appoint Clarissa Arjona to the Committee on Teaching, Hailey seconds
- By vote of 8-0-1 the motion passes, Clarissa Arjona is appointed to the Committee on Teaching

Academic Senate: Continuing & Community Education (CCCE): Kayla Kirsten Regalado* Quint

Community Service Mini Fund: Sachi Cooper* Velazquez

- Maya motions to appoint Sachi Cooper to Community Service Mini Fund, Angelina seconds
- By vote of 11-0-0 the motion passes, Sachi Cooper is appointed to Community Service Mini Fund

Community Service Mini Fund: Mark Topoozian* Velazquez

- Angelina motions to appoint Mark Topoozian to Community Service Mini Fund, Sarah seconds
- By vote of 11-0-0 the motion passes, Mark is appointed to Community Service Mini Fund

USAC Election Board: Palmer Turnbull* Velazquez

- Passa motions to appoint Palmer Turnbull to USAC Election Board, Maya seconds
- By vote of 11-0-0 the motion passes, Palmer Turnbull is appointed to USAC Election Board

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President Velazquez

- Covid Task Force: discussed how students who are not vaccinated will have hold put on their account in coming weeks; continued contact is being attempted
- Addresses points of students having to live on hill together with flu going around
- Hotline information will be shared soon if student is in danger of being sick
- Booster shots are available soon for students

B. Internal Vice President Gatica

- Leadership lobby was publicized on Sol Newspaper and was posted on social media pages.
- Lobby and slack is a place for people to share resources and to provide a place to share USAC resources
- Housing relief award is set to launch Monday, Oct 25.
- ASUCLA t-shirt design contest is still going on.
- Office is planning Week 5 De-Stressing Event
- Bringing IVP and Good People collab

C. External Vice President Wang

- Met with Bruin Shelter about the on-campus shelter proposal
- Met with GSR, we won't be split into two districts
- Organizing support coalition for students regarding Westwood Metro Stop
- Lobby core app, reaching out to offices regarding lobby core, interest form for those who want to lobby on different policy issues that are coming up
- Office just started hiring again, applications are out.
- Bruin Advocacy Grant is still open for the quarter.

D. General Representative 1 Written Valles

E. General Representative 2 Written Pungchai

- Contacted Kudu about open source initiatives and what they need to expand; found out that they do not plan to raise fees anytime soon.
- Beginning braille sign initiative in collaboration with FAC.
- Scheduled meeting with Housing and Dining to discuss dining hall concerns. Formulated draft questionnaire for dining hall experiences.
- Draft social media brief about the USAC expenditure viewer.
- Sponsored resolution with TSR.
- Had our transfer awareness training!

F. General Representative 3 Written

King

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

- Put on study space fall spectacular last week to celebrate opening of late night studying at epicuria
- Potentially opening more study spaces or revamping existing study space
- Publicizing current study spaces that are open
- Drafting letter to send about standing in solidarity with UCLA lectures
- Sent out email following up on correspondents from Disability and Justice
- Advancement and teaching making guide for remote instruction clear for instructors and course evaluations
- Meeting with academic affair office at USC for cross campus event
- Released Part 2 of Summer Transparency Report

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Sanghavi

- Lamb Screening 10/29.
- Yeek and Kamauu concert this Thursday.
- Finished hiring.

I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Subhan

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

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L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Yu

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Jackson

N. Transfer Representative Written

Chavez

- Happy National Transfer Student Week! Celebrate transfers you know by tagging us on Instagram!
- At last Council, Kyle Schmidt was approved as the second-ever transfer appointment to the Legislative Assembly and the final transfer appointment to the Academic Senate of the 2021-2022 school year.

O. International Student Representative Written

Garcia

Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Chacon, O'Connor, Luna, Perez, Solomon

- Patti: "The only update is I will be sending an email out tomorrow in regard to our pumpkin carving contest that we are having open for ASUCLA departments and entities. So if your commission or office is interested in doing a pumpkin just feel free to fill out the form and we'll get that all set up for y'all. It's going to be fun. We are going to have all of them displayed on the 29th. Talk to you soon."

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A Resolution to Acknowledge National Transfer Student Week and Promote Institutional Knowledge*

Chavez

A Resolution to Acknowledge National Transfer Student Week and Promote Institutional Knowledge

Sponsored by:

Herman Luis Chavez, Transfer Student Representative

Co-Sponsored by:

Sarah Wang, External Vice President

Passa Pungchai, General Representative II

Carl King Jr., General Representative III

Tayloneei Jackson, Student Wellness Commissioner

Supporting Organizations:

Transfer Leadership Coalition

WHEREAS, the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS) is a national organization that aims to empower the transfer pathway from community college to a four-year university by consistent statistical analysis of how transfers are achieving higher education across America. The Institute offers professional development, research opportunities and overall college retention counselling towards transfer communities of interest;

WHEREAS, National Transfer Student Week is hosted by NISTS as a time to commemorate transfer stories and empower students in high school and community college to consider the transfer pathway to the four-year university they would like to attend. This week highlights both the tensions that come with switching institutions in the middle of students' degrees, and the genuine value that this pathway brings to an undergraduate experience¹;

WHEREAS, roughly one in three students at UCLA are transfers, constituting a significant portion of the student population that are involved in a variety of different clubs, sports, student governance, and other organizations on campus in addition to academic studies²;

WHEREAS, the transfer rate to UCLA has increased incrementally every year, with 92% of transfers matriculating from 114 California community colleges, staking a historical impact on the student body;

WHEREAS, the transfer classes of 2022 and 2023 are on-campus for the first time during the 2021-2022 school year, and with a much shorter time-to-degree than most direct entry students, as a result of the virtual learning of the past year during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, transfers have a limited time to complete their studies and to experience the academic, cultural, social elements of being a Bruin, including less time to acclimate to the quarter system, explore campus, join organizations, and take advantage of campus resources and opportunities UCLA provides;

WHEREAS, as institutional knowledge is often gained over the course of a student's time at an institution, the transfer community experiences difficulty navigating UCLA as upper division students without the same level of institutional knowledge as their direct-entry peers;

WHEREAS, transfers at UCLA lack a written history of transfer student organizations, movements, advocacy, and relations with administration, faculty, and legislation;

WHEREAS, campus entities including but not limited to the Office of the Transfer Student Representative Transfer Student Center, and Transfer Student Association have historically given various forms of Transfer Awareness Trainings to other campus entities in order to address the twin issues of a lack of historical record and the barriers to institutional knowledge for transfer students.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council acknowledges and honors National Transfer Student Week and celebrates a national mission to support transfer students across the United States;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council encourages the undergraduate student body to participate in National Transfer Student Week programming hosted at UCLA by the Transfer Student Center, Office of the Transfer Student Representative, Transfer Experience Living Learning Community, and other campus entities;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the creation of a written history of the transfer community be developed by the USAC Office of the Transfer Student Representative, the Transfer Student Center (TSC), the Transfer Leadership Coalition (TLC), the Center for Community College Partnerships (CCCCP) and other transfer-related entities at UCLA to address the gaps in institutional knowledge that transfers have faced historically and in the present, providing a historical framework for future transfers;

¹ National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS) - <https://www.nists.org/national-transfer-student-week>

² Transfer Student Center - Quick Facts, <https://transfers.ucla.edu/about/about-ucla-transfers>

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council is fervent in its support for the transfer community at UCLA, through legislation, representation, and Council members committing to engage in transfer allyship practices such as participating in Transfer Awareness Trainings;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council encourages student organizations, faculty members, and administrative offices to demonstrate their support for the transfer community by requesting a Transfer Awareness Training from the Office of the Transfer Student Representative and its transfer-serving campus partners to better understand the complexities of transferring and cater to transfer-specific needs in their respective roles;

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that Transfer Awareness Trainings shall be institutionalized at UCLA through collaborations between the Office of the Transfer Student Representative and relevant transfer-serving campus entities to ensure continuity in transfer-inclusive allyship development across the university.

- Used to celebrate Transfer Students
- Explains what National Transfer Student Week is and why it is so important
- Acknowledges transfer awareness training.
- Specifically asks UCLA to create a written history of our transfer students on campus, part of creating institutional knowledge.
- Encourages other student organization to participate in transfer awareness trainings

- Herman motions to approve Resolution, Sarah seconds
- By vote of 11-0-0 the motion is passed, the resolution is approved.

USAC Surplus

Velazquez
Quint

- a. Academic Affairs Commission Proposal*
 - Books for Bruins Surplus Funding Proposal: quarterly subsidy program meant to alleviate the financial burden of purchasing increasingly expensive textbooks and materials for classes. Is not only meant for textbooks but also for clickers, access codes, subscriptions, lab goggles, lab coats. Evenly divided across North and South campuses
 - Asking for \$18,825 from USAC Surplus.

- Monimah motions to approve \$18,000 to Books For Bruins Surplus Funding Proposal, Herman seconds
- By vote of 10-0-1 the motion passes, Books For Bruins will be allocated \$18,825

XI. Adjournment*

Velazquez

- Breeze adjourned the meeting at 9:33pm.

Good and Welfare;

* Indicates Action Item
Indicates Consent Item
@Indicates Executive Session Item