



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
November 26, 2019
7:00PM

I. Call to Order

Watson

- Kim calls meeting to order at 7:05 pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Sign in sheet is passed around

II. Approval of minutes*

- 11/19/19 minutes
- Johanna motions to approve 11/19/19 minutes, Jonathan seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 motion passes, 11/19/19 minutes approved

III. Approval of the Agenda*

- Add action item for Travel Grant Mini Grant Fund Guidelines
- Lalo motions, Isabel seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0, the motion passes, Travel Grant Mini Fund action item added

- Strike ASRF, strike CSC officer report, strike BAG, strike CAE, strike ARCF, strike FAC officer report
- Add restrictive surplus approval- Naomi motions, Lalo seconds,
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, restrictive surplus approval added to agenda

- Lalo motions to approve the agenda, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, agenda approved as amended

IV. Public Comment

Watson

No Audio No Video:

- 0 comments

Audio No Video

- 0 comments

Audio and Video

- Hi everyone, I'm an intern for CALPIRG's Plastic Free Seas campaign. We are a student run, student directed non-profit organization that's statewide. We work to promote civic engagement to help the environment and tackle food insecurity. I just wanted to share some of our progress for the fall quarter. So far we've managed to collect over 2,000 student petitions, and we've signed up 1600 new dues paying members to our organization in support to ban all single use plastics on their campuses because we want to help protect oceans and help minimize plastic pollution. It's exciting to see how much student support we have on this cause and it's sure to have an impact on our environment. As you probably know, we have a major plastic pollution problem here in America, everyday we use plastics just for a few seconds and we throw them away without thinking about where they end up. Most of these plastics end up in our oceans where they injure our marine life. We are proposing a resolution with Student Government body on campus to show the UC Office of the President that we stand united on this issue and that we have support from a diverse

community of student leaders on this issue. We also want to support our [indiscernible] on our commitment to banning single use plastics on all of our campuses.

- Hi, good evening. My name is Saul Martinez I'm here with [indiscernible]. So [indiscernible] is a student run organization that started last year. Our main focus and main issue is [indiscernible] standardized testing, and removing SAT and ACT from admission policy. This past weekend we actually attended the ACE conference which was at UC Berkeley, so this was an opportunity where we brought it to the forefront. We lobbied against standardized testing, and there were a lot of other researchers and policy makers there that backed us and supported us in our conversation. [indiscernible]. We're sending out petitions to everyone here, so everyone can sign it when you get a change. We're really moving forward and having a lot of progress.

- Public Comment adjourned at 7:13pm

Contingency Programming*

Komzyuk

- 24 applications from USAC and non-USAC entities
- Total Requested: \$28,615.06
- Total Recommended: \$11,776.07
- Lalo motions to approve \$11,776.07, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, recommended allocation approved

SFS Allocations#

Wisner

- Total Requested: \$5,766.41
- Total Recommended: \$4,268.25
- CSC and non-CSC groups
- No oppositions, recommended allocation passes by consent

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Sridhar

- Total Requested: \$750.00
- Total Allocated: \$750.00
- One non-USAC group
- No oppositions, recommended allocation passes by consent

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

————— Guerra

ASRF Allocations#

Riley

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Riley

- Total Allocated: \$4,584.61
- No oppositions, allocation passes by consent

ARCF Allocations#

Iheanacho

V. Special Presentations

Center for Accessible Education

Velazquez

VI. Appointments

- None

VII. Officer Reports

A. President

Watson

B. Internal Vice President

Bonifacio

- True Bruin scholarship, meeting to get more funding
- Campus safety alliance meetings in plaza viewpoint conference room

C. External Vice President	Guerra
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students of color conference went well - Last staff meeting this week - Working on retreat, probably the first few weeks of winter quarter - UCSA board meeting, endorsed ACA 14 	
D. General Representative 1	Velazquez
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Town hall last week went well - Planning for second office retreat - 	
E. General Representative 2	Smedley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launched application form for office 	
F. General Representative 3	Broukhim
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office is fully hired - First full office meeting 	
G. Academic Affairs Commissioner	Riley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course reader recycler program starts next week - Speak your mind installment happening next tuesday - Presenting a resolution next week - CAC, FAC, meeting with Monroe, discussed issues of transportation - Possibility of a disabled students union - Office hours for funding bodies 	
H. Campus Events Commission	Steinmetz
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yesterday screening of A Million Little Pieces went well - Concert going on rn odie and hello yello in Kerckhoff Grand Salon - Tomorrow giveaway with SWC, 4 pairs of tickets to Rupri Kaur - Next Tuesday co program with Body Image Task Force - Meet and greet with Jameela Jamil - Thursday week 10 screening of Just Mercy - Tuesday of finals week, screening of Little Women 	
I. Community Service Commissioner	Wisner
J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner	Iheanacho
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last thursday meeting with Monroe went well - Successful diversity tour - Next week program Mon-Friday for study break. - Thursday tiny desk concert 	
K. Facilities Commissioner	Shaw
L. Financial Supports Commissioner	Srivastava
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accepting applications for transportation scholarship - Lab coat and rental program accepting apps - Sending out apps for two remaining appointments - Event wednesday week 10, free coffee and donuts - Revamping website 	

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Sridhar

- Active Minds: Co-program with Society for Women Engineers and Stress-less events went well!
- Body Image Task Force: Co-program with CEC on Dec 3 - Jameela Jamil (Actress/Activist, The Good Place) Q&A and Body Posi-photo booth, meet n greet.
- BruiNecessities: Meeting next week with AVC Mick Deluca and Erin McMahan (UCLA Rec) to discuss funding for institutionalization of menstrual hygiene products.
- Bruin Run/Walk: Date for 5k set for April 26, 2020. Need help getting Kiran to respond! Does anyone have any tips?
- Total Wellness: Thurs 12/5 - LAUNCH PARTY for quarterly zine, *From Within*. The zine is based on different stories of UCLA students on campus and how they take care of their mental health.
- Rupi Kaur (poet) Ticket Giveaway w/ CEC for Dec 6th show in Long Beach on social media tomorrow.
- Platforms: Health for Heritage Week has 11 external organizations committed; Platforms Director Sophia McMurry is doing an amazing job. Health Insurance Literacy is also coming together, thanks to Assistant Commissioner Karan Ishii and SHAC.

N. Transfer Representative

Oraha

- One of the assistant directors of transfer student center in the process of being hired
- Met with people from slac, hoping that my office could release a statement in support of ACA 14

O. International Student Representative

Tariq

P. OCHC Representative

Gupta

- Pledge starting next week
- National residence hall honorary food drive starting soon
- Casino date night finalized

Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Champawat, Geller,

O'Connor

- Jessica: Headshots week 10 tuesday at Kerckhoff photo studio, holiday closure on Thursday and Friday, adjusted hours Friday-Sunday for Ackerman, sent email for winter quarter e permits, 417 meeting reservations form.

VIII. Old Business

- None

IX. New Business

Resolution in SUPPORT OF BANNING SINGLE USE PLASTICS AT THE UCS*

Shaw

2019-2020 SUPPORT OF BANNING SINGLE USE PLASTICS AT THE UCS

SPONSORS:

Lily Shaw, Facilities Commissioner

Robert Watson, President

Jonathan Wisner, Community Service Commissioner

WHEREAS, the University of California has led the way on many different critical issues, such

as clean electricity¹; and,

WHEREAS, we are in a global plastic crisis, for example less than 10% of all plastic ever produced has been recycled, therefore we are not going to be able to recycle our way out of this problem²; and,

WHEREAS, one-third of all plastic is disposable packaging like bottles and bags, many of which we use for a few minutes and end up littering the environment for hundreds of years³; and,

WHEREAS, roughly eight million tons of plastics enter the world's oceans every year and on average 5.5 pieces of microplastics are found in every marine mammal⁴[⁵]; and,

WHEREAS, we have been finding microplastics in our tap water, bottled water, table salt, and fish and shellfish from local California fish markets for decades, but a recent study has found microplastics are also in our air⁶[⁷]; and,

WHEREAS, research has been found indicating that we are ingesting a credit card's weight of plastic each week⁸; and,

WHEREAS, toxins such as BPA found in these microplastics impair animals at levels considered unsafe by the government and can cause cancer and birth defects in humans⁹; and,

WHEREAS, plastic production is an environmental justice issue as observed in "Cancer Alley", which has a concentration of petrochemical plants and the cancer risk is the highest in the country at 50 times the national average¹⁰; and,

WHEREAS, plastic is made from petroleum, so not taking action will keep us reliant on fossil fuels and contribute to climate change¹¹; and,

WHEREAS, India only consumes 24 pounds of plastic per capita as opposed to 240 pounds in the U.S., and Mumbai is the largest city in India to implement a complete ban on single-use plastic by 2022¹²; and,

WHEREAS, Tamil Nadu, one of India's most populous states has implemented a plastic ban

¹ <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/100-percent-clean-electricity>

² <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/news/2017/07/plastic-produced-recycling-waste-ocean-trash-debris-environment/>

³ <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/plastic-not-so-fantastic/>

⁴ <https://www.who.int/know-your-ocean/ocean-topics/pollution/marine-microplastics/>

⁵ <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jan/31/microplastics-found-every-marine-mammal-uk-study>

⁶ <https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2018/08/20/636845604/beer-drinking-water-and-fish-tiny-plastic-is-everywhere>

⁷ <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/2019/04/microplastics-pollution-falls-from-air-even-mountains/>

⁸ <https://phys.org/news/2019-06-consume-credit-card-worth-plastic.html>

⁹ <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2018/06/plastic-planet-health-pollution-waste-microplastics/>

¹⁰ <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/ng-interactive/2019/may/06/cancertown-louisiana-reserve-special-report>

¹¹ <https://www.ciel.org/news/fueling-plastics/>

¹²

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/single-use-plastic-ban-india_n_5b3a09b6e4b0f3c221a28a07?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6LW93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLnNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAFZ4j-ho7QfAqLrFwclQP937I5J9IWAD3jWJr6sBSCBIQBJL9qYa0TSwsCGxPL4JF4Qca2fdvntW5wYH3GqItto-H42QamM7IqjyWMC6dXxUIQkkM9QB7RgDVfA2RZ6iIFArfByqjae0WiQ0iX_8TW9VXQ8dYnDpYzU87IE9bRQp

since January 2019, and seen adequate replacement for previously plastic based goods¹³; and,

WHEREAS, nations such as Antigua and Barbuda have successfully implemented bans on single-use plastic bags since 2016¹⁴; and,

WHEREAS, students have historically been in support of reducing plastic pollution, as seen in the Zero Waste commitment and in CALPIRG's campaign to pass Prop 67 to ban single-use plastic grocery bags; and,

WHEREAS, 2,000 UCLA students and over 12,000 UC students statewide have signed on in support of going plastic free; and,

WHEREAS, paper, aluminum, and certified compostable products are available and better for the environment; and,

WHEREAS, the feasibility of this is of utmost priority as we want to have an enduring policy to last generations; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the leniency necessary for research labs and medical facilities on campuses to use single-use plastics, when there are no alternatives, for sanitary and safety reasons;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Student Associated Council affirms its support for eliminating all non-essential single-use plastics UC-wide.

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Student Associated Council strongly encourages UCLA to implement the OZZI¹⁵ system or a similar product to provide reusable alternatives.

- Isabel motions to approve resolution, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the resolution passes

Surplus Proposals

-Joanna: collaborating with a student org for a food drive specifically for undocumented students since they're ineligible for calfresh. Second, funding [soc],

Travel Grant Mini Fund

Naomi: I just sent a document around about the guidelines we're changing. Our guidelines aren't the most clear and I really don't know how people have been functioning off these. We're just trying to tighten up the holes. Things in red are the things we're changing, about closing deadlines for specific applications. We put funding meals and lodging. We don't fund registration fees. We also talked about making sure students in student organizations responding confirm their allocation or else they risk their

¹³ <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/tamil-nadu-to-ban-use-of-plastic-items-from-2019/articleshow/64465498.cms>

¹⁴ <https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/latin-america-and-caribbean-bids-good-bye-plastic-bags>

¹⁵ <https://www.planetozzi.com/>

funding being reduced or retracted. Just because the travel grant receives a lot of applications and we can't wait for someone to accept a \$2,000 application and wait over a week and a half for them to accept it and then have other student orgs who are still waiting to be allocated.

- Lalo motions to approve Travel Grant Mini Funding Guidelines , Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 10-0-1, Travel Grant Mini Funding Guidelines are approved

Restricted Surplus Allocation to Contingency and BOD*

- Brandon motions to allocate \$150,000 to Contingency and BOD, Orion seconds,

X. Adjournment*

Watson

- Kim adjourns meeting at 8:06 pm

Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item