



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
February 25, 2020  
7:00PM

## **I. Call to Order**

Watson

- Robert calls the meeting to order at 7:14pm

### **A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Sign in sheet is passed around

## **II. Approval of minutes\***

- 2/18/2020
- Mihika motions to approve minutes from 2/18/2020, Lalo seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, minutes from 2/18/2020 are approved

## **III. Approval of the Agenda\***

- Move FSC Bylaw change above the appointments
- Millen motions to add FSC Commuter Liaison to appointments as a consent item, Lalo seconds, 10-0-0 the motion passes, FSC Commuter Liaison is added to appointments
- strike ASRF, strike TGIF, strike ARCF, adding discussion item under new business about the UCSC graduate strikes
- Lalo motions to approve the agenda as amended, Jonathan seconds,
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

## **IV. Public Comment**

Watson

No Audio No Video:

- 0 comments

Audio No Video:

- 0 comments

Audio and Video:

- Sithara: Hey guys. I'm Sithara, the CALPIRG chapter chair. I have a pretty exciting update for you guys. CALPIRG is part of the [indiscernible] forum where we are dealing with a bunch of chapters across the U.S. to release an expose on some pretty horrible practices that textbook companies have been engaging in to make students' lives a lot harder. We are releasing an expose on Thursday about automatic billing for what companies are trying to call exclusive access. This is where students are automatically charged for textbooks after enrolling in classes. It's really hard to opt out of. We are going to be publishing our findings on these predatory practices that textbook companies are using to take advantage of students. You're supposed to follow these two rules of allowing students to opt out and offering the materials at a discounted price. We actually found that this is not happening and that students are not getting the discount that they're suppose to for inclusive access as they would if they were able to shop around or share with a friend. A lot of times students aren't even able to opt out of this process or it's incredibly difficult to do. So we're going to be releasing this report on Thursday to bring light to a lot of these practices that are making it extremely difficult for students to have affordable course material and making it so that students are forced to pay for these materials whether or not they chose to. A lot of different schools are using this process including here at UCLA. We're hoping to put an end to these practices so students can actually have a decision to purchase their textbooks and not be forced to buy their textbooks at the price that they're setting. This report will be coming out on Thursday. We are working really hard to make sure that these companies aren't able to continue these processes that are taking advantage of students.

- Navi: So just a couple things. My office has created a form for referenda so if anyone is thinking of doing that please fill out the form, it's on our website. Second thing is the election [indiscernible] is posted, the application is live. So far only the Office of the President has shared that post, so I would really like it if everyone could share it, you can do it right now while I'm talking. Lastly, I have a statement that the Executive Committee agreed to release on USAC Internal Elections so I wanted to share that.

“It has come to the attention of the Election Board that USAC offices that have historically not engaged in internal elections are planning to do so, including executive offices. Let us be clear, internal elections, including those that take place in commissions, threaten the democratic underpinnings of the undergraduate students association and threaten the ability of students not involved in student government to have a position of power. The Elections Board understands and respects that institutional knowledge is needed to operate certain commissions and offices, however, practicing internal elections is in no way representative of the voice of the student body [indiscernible]. For commissions that require a high level of institutional knowledge, a step in the right direction could be to offer [indiscernible]. The USA constitution, bylaws, and election code in no way stop this practice. [indiscernible] Furthermore, the Elections Board in no way recognizes the legitimacy of internal elections or any internally elected candidates. We would strongly encourage all council members to reassess internal elections. Do not strip away the voice of the student body and undermine the students’ rights to determine who represents them and their interest. Signed, the 2020 Undergraduate Student Association Executive Committee”

- Public Comment concluded at 7:24pm

Capital Contingency\*

Komzyuk

1 application

Total Requested: \$711.99

Total Recommended: \$582.00

- Lalo motions to approve recommended allocation of \$582.00, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 12-0-1 the motion passes, Capital Contingency is approved

Contingency Programming\*

Komzyuk

23 applications

USAC and non-USAC groups

Total Requested: \$83,519.35

Total Recommended:\$7,488.63

- Lalo motions to approve recommended allocation of \$7,488.63, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 12-0-1 the motion passes, Contingency Programming is approved

SFS Allocations#

Wisner

Total Requested: \$2,909.12

Total Recommended: \$1,035.00

- No opposition, recommended allocation passes by consent

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Sridhar

Total Requested: \$782.27

Total Recommended: \$782.27

2 non-USAC groups

- No opposition, recommended allocation passes by consent

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

————— Guerra

ASRF Allocations#

————— Riley

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Riley

Total Recommended: \$1,021.00

Non-USAC entities

- No opposition, recommended allocation passes by consent

ARCF Allocations#

————— Iheanacho

TGIF

————— Shaw

**V. Special Presentations**

ASUCLA Event Services Presentation on ASUCLA Events Resources

Bonifacio

- Tabled

Good Clothes Good People Presentation

Bonifacio

Who We Are

Good Clothes Good People (GCGP) is an avenue for the community to give back to the community. We operate at the intersection of accessibility and sustainability, and we offer clothing, hygiene products, and school supplies **FREE** for *all* students to pick up in our center at SAC B54. We also offer formal attire, wheelchairs, and crutches for students to borrow!

How We Do It

Our bins are spread throughout campus and allow for students to donate items - typically clothing - and if it meets our standards, we offer it free for pickup in our center.

New Items Offered

- We've added many new products since last school year, such as index cards, tissues, bandaids, socks, and more
- We also allow students to rent crutches and wheelchairs for three weeks at a time
- Happening soon: Umbrella Rentals!

Career Corner

The Career Corner is a designated area in GCGP where we offer several types of formal wear such as suits, ties, dresses, skirts, and formal shoes. These items can be borrowed for FREE for a week at a time.

Hygiene Refills

Students can bring their own bottle and refill it with any of the organic, non-toxic hygiene products we offer!

Student Impact

- Between November 2018 and June 2019, we had close to 1500 (1476) students check out from our center
- Since September 2019, we have had 1356 students check out from our center as of 2/24.

Organizations We've Partnered With

- ASUCLA
- 5 Gyres
- Dean's office
- ResLife Organizations
  - Team Green
  - DeNeve West
  - Delta Terrace
  - Dykstra Hall
  - Rieber Vista

- Rieber Hall
- UCLA Alumni Center
- USAC Offices
- Queer Community Health
- Farmers Market
- CalFresh
- Stamps Scholars Society
- Homecoming Week
- UCLA LGBT Campus Resource Center
- Bruins for Accessible Resources
- Unravel at UCLA
- Mobile Clinic Project

FSC Bylaw Change\*

Srivastava

## USAC Bylaw Change Submission Form

Was Bylaw Change forwarded from Constitutional Review Committee (CRC)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Record of CRC vote:	For:	Against:	Abstain:

Proposed Bylaw Change submitted to USAC by: (if applicable)	Name: <u>Millen Srivastava</u> Position: <u>Financial Supports Commissioner</u>
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<b>Proposed change(s) apply to the following Article(s) (including section(s)) of USAC Bylaws:</b>
Article II. Section C. Number 5. J.
Article IV. Section B. Number 10. K.
Article V. Section J.

<b>Summarize and Attach the Bylaw change(s) you are submitting:</b>
<p>j. Financial Supports Commissioner Appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Campus Retention Committee: one (1) appointment for a one (1) year term</li> <li>ii. Commuter Liaison: one (1) appointment for a one (1) year term</li> </ul> <p>k. The Financial Supports Commissioner shall appoint, subject to the council's approval, one undergraduate student as a member of the Undergraduate Commuter Committee to address commuter issues. This appointee will advise and assist the Undergraduate Students Association</p>

Council on how to best address commuter issues, sharing its progress through monthly updates to the Council.

**Section J: Commuter Committee Liaison**

1. The Financial Supports Commissioner shall appoint one student as a member of the Commuter Committee.
  - a. This appointee will advise and assist the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) on how to best address commuter issues, sharing its progress through updates to the Council
2. Membership
  - a. One commuter student appointed by the Financial Supports Commissioner, accountable to the Undergraduate Students Association Council
3. The Commuter Liaison shall:
  - a. Identify the areas in which the Undergraduate Students Association Council is failing to meet the needs of commuter students and recommend to the Council and Transportation and Parking Services solutions in problem areas
  - b. Evaluate commuter concerns from a student viewpoint
  - c. Provide organized student input into decision-making by the Council, TSAB, and Transportation and Parking Services in relation to more accessibility to parking, other commuter options, and commuter affordability.

**For USAC Internal Vice President Use Only (Required):**

Date Approved by Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Record of Council vote:	For: _____	Against: _____	Abstain: _____
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Internal Vice

President Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email completed Submission Form to Student Government Services ([sgs@asucla.ucla.edu](mailto:sgs@asucla.ucla.edu))

**For Student Support Services Use Only:**

Input by: _____	Date: _____
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New File Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- No recommendation from CRC
- Naomi motions to approve FSC bylaw change, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 12-0-1 the motion passes, FSC bylaw change is approved

**VI. Appointments**

FSC Commuter Liaison#

Hello council I'm Michael Skinner. Thank you for your consideration of my appointment as the Commuter Liaison. As both a non-traditional student and a commuter from Van Nuys, I've become acutely aware of the challenges commuting can have on

academic success. If appointed, I'll work to implement programs to benefit commuters, and address concerns such as parking and transportation. In an effort to increase the relationship between USAC and the Commuter Committee, I've introduced myself and my ideas to the Assistant Director of UCLA Commuter Experience. I've set up meetings to discuss a commuter lounge, where commuters can make connections and networks. I look forward to working with you, the commuter committee, and FSC to create and maintain a positive environment for commuters.

## **VII. Officer Reports**

### **A. President**

Watson

- Last week went to Oakland, main topic of concern is strike at UCSC and growing across the UC's , finding regent for central valley, policing on campus, seismic resolution that is happening
- Affordability team working with Roy and Jessica about permanently funding blue books and scantrons
- First platform flyering these upcoming weeks
- Email to student body will probably been sent out by next week, centering email on elections upcoming
- SACBOG decision -This year, both USAC appointments and the Committee Chair appointments for the three committees will be serving on SAC Board together as a whole and then next year, from then on, USAC shall be responsible for appointing the appointments to serve on SACBOG which is mandated in the charter That will be happening for all future years.

### **B. Internal Vice President**

Bonifacio

- Grassroots networking fair last week went well
- Bruin resources advocacy resource fair next week
- True Bruin R.A.I.S.E ceremony was last Wednesday
- Campus safety alliance happening next Wednesday at 6pm
- IVP Partnership Fund, lots of orgs are applying

### **C. External Vice President**

Guerra

- Vote center is now open until March 3rd in Bruin reception room
- My office is in support of a lot of cost of living adjustments
- Last week was basic needs town hall, different representatives came and shared the work they are doing in regards to basic needs issues
- Putting pressure on tuition hikes
- Teaming up with athletics to release promotional voting stuff

### **D. General Representative 1**

Velazquez

- Thursday meeting with Pat and SWC student network
- UCPath survey is still out

### **E. General Representative 2**

Smedley

- Housing will be doing physical tickets for the bus because there have been problems with the website
- Putting out another survey regarding ways people get home

### **F. General Representative 3**

Broukhim

- Forwarded CRC series of bylaw changes and constitutional amendments

### **G. Academic Affairs Commissioner**

Riley

- this Friday presenting proposal regarding textbook affordability and cost transparency
  - Working on statement to send to CUARS committee
  - Sat in on the priority enrollment meeting , helped put together the presentation
  - Central American space tomorrow

### **H. Campus Events Commission**

Steinmetz

### **I. Community Service Commissioner**

Wisner

- Analytics team hosting second workshop in their series about analyzing service data tomorrow at 7pm in Kerckhoff 208
- SFS is closed for the rest of the quarter
- Advocacy committee running a campaign this week, schools and communities first

#### J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Iheanacho

- Tomorrow , WORD, HIV awareness night
- Hip hop congress has explosion concert Thursday night
- Diversity tour going to Echo Park on Saturday
- CommUnity is up and running
- Trying to find ways to make ARCF a more supportive funding body

#### K. Facilities Commissioner

Shaw

- Meeting with hill executives next Wednesday
- Hosting a film screening for Come As You Are next Wednesday , lots of actors are skypeing in
- Hoping to get the mugs rolled out by the end of this quarter
- Hosting a study hall every night from 6-10pm on the hill

#### L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Srivastava

- Launched Bruin Card Fee Waiver program. Application will be released March 2nd
- Negotiating with ResLife on increasing meal swipe value
- Know your rights workshop on March 5th from 6-7pm
- Regents discussing UCLA partnership with Dignity Health on March 17th

#### M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Sridhar

- [Health For Heritage Week](#) is all of this week!
  - o Active Minds: Wed 2/26 7-9pm Utakatawan: Physical x Mental Health in the Pilipino Community in Bradley Hall
  - o BruinNecessities: Hygiene Drive w/ Bruins for Accessible Resources Weeks 6-8 (Donation boxes outside SWC Office Kerckhoff 308, Good Clothes Good People in SAC, and the RISE Center in Lu Valle); Dental Hygiene Fair Thu 2/27 at Bruin Plaza
  - o Bruin Consent Coalition: Mon 2/24 6-8pm Sexy Jeopardy and CARE conversation with ASU
  - o EARTH: Beach Clean-Up w/ ISU and PSA on Sat 2/22 9:30-2pm
  - o Health, Nutrition & Fitness: Mon 2/24 6-8pm snacks and allyship w/ Special Olympics and Access on Board (FAC) in JWC
  - o SEARCH: Unpacking Medical Racism w/ ASU and AWC on Tue 2/25 6:30-8pm in De Neve Auditorium; Love Potions w/ MEChA on 2/24 6-8pm in Kerckhoff Art Gallery
  - o Sexperts: Mini-Resource Fair with BLAIDS for students w/ and w/o UCSHIP Weds 2/26 2-4pm
  - o Total Wellness: "Caught on Film: Food for the Feed" interactive mental health art exhibit w/ SEACLEAR on Fri 2/28 10-12pm in Kerckhoff Grand Salon
- Active Minds: Thu 2/27 5-8pm Mental Health Monologues in Kerckhoff Art Gallery
- Bruin Consent Coalition: Sign up for Thinking Gender 2020 event: <https://csw.ucla.edu/TG20> (March 6th: 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
- Sexperts: Comedy show last Friday went GREAT! 65+ people came.

#### N. Transfer Representative

Oraha

- April 24th is transfer Gala on the hill

#### O. International Student Representative

Tariq

#### P. OCHC Representative

Gupta

#### Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Champawat, Geller,

O'Connor

Jessica: Next week spring parking allocations are coming out, starting a data collection project on USAC offices in relation to staff, programming etc., just to get some metrics about how many students are involved in USAC and how many are impacted by the stuff you all do.

### **VIII. Old Business**

- None

### **IX. New Business**

Discussion Item: CUB and SOS Referenda

Watson

#### ***Student Organizations Supports (SOS) Referendum***

Shall the Undergraduate Students Association ensure the continuity of its student programming and funding for student groups by increasing the USAC fee by \$9.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (and \$5.60 per undergraduate UC student registered at UCLA in summer session)?

- 19.44% of this fee (\$1.75) shall be directed toward the contingency programming fund, which is the main funding body that supports the projects and initiatives of undergraduate student organizations;
- 11.11% of this fee (\$1.00) shall be directed toward the Cultural Affairs Commission's Arts Restoring Community (ARC) Fund in order to adequately address the programming needs of cultural organizations on campus, including but not limited to culture nights, conferences, freshman yield events, and graduation ceremonies.
- 11.11% of this fee (\$1.00) shall be directed to the Cultural Affairs Commission in order to support undergraduate student organizations via co-programming and to continue to support student groups' usage of the Kerckhoff Art Gallery;
- 11.11% of this fee (\$1.00) shall be directed toward the Cultural Affairs Commission and within USAC in order to support the "Bruin Bash" annual concert, which is a collaboration between the Campus Events Commission and the Cultural Affairs Commission.
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- 11.11% of this fee (\$1.00) shall be directed toward the Student Government Operational Fund in order to ensure that the student government remains able to provide programming and advocacy to meet the needs of students.
- In accordance with University policy, 25% of the amount collected from this referendum (\$2.25) will be returned to UCLA students in the form of undergraduate financial aid.

This fee will be subject to a Los Angeles County Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment factor every Fall in order to address changes due to inflation and any rise in the cost of living. The CPI adjustment will begin annually in Fall 2021.



\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

Robert: Just as an overview for what the referenda are, is that currently SOS stands as a nine dollar referenda, it would be very focused on distributing funding from USAC out to student government organizations. As Nadya makes very clear, our contingency fund is at an all time low and is in dire need of funding. So one of the primary purposes of this is to add \$1.75 per quarter to support contingency.

Dr.Geller: This fee increases the amount of money that's currently coming in to some of the offices. So in the language we're actually going to need to state how much each office currently gets and what their portion of the USAC fees will be after this passes. The combination of these items should work together because they're all USAC offices and so that's the commonality. The amount collected in summer is 60% of the amount collected in fall, winter, and spring.

Jessica: The reason why specific offices were called out in the bylaws for receiving SCOF is because those are the offices that don't receive funding from anywhere else but SCOF.

Robert: With SCOF, a one dollar increase in the fee, if you do the math, would be about \$10,000 for each of our offices. There's an argument to be made about what would the offices even do with that then my question would be a. they used to have that funding to do good work but then b. It's been so long that we can't really make a justification about how we would use the money until we had the money, because we've been operating on \$1,000 for a while now.

***Cultivating Unity for Bruins (CUB) Referendum***

Shall the Undergraduate Students Association address the space, resource, and programming needs of undergraduate students from historically underrepresented and marginalized communities by implementing a supplemental ASUCLA student union fee of \$15.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (and by \$9.00 per UC undergraduate student enrolled at UCLA in summer session), beginning in Fall 2020?

This fee will be adjusted annually by the Los Angeles County Consumer Price Index in order to address changes due to inflation and rising cost of living, beginning in Fall 2021.

Consistent with UC policy, 25% of the amount collected will be returned to Undergraduate Financial Aid.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

The Associated Students UCLA (ASUCLA) and the Undergraduate Students Association (working with the Mother Organizations Coalition and the Transfer Leadership Coalition) have worked together to develop solutions to address undergraduate space, resource, and programming needs of historically underrepresented and marginalized communities. The CUB Referendum proposes the development of student-led, student-centered facilities at UCLA. The following information would apply to the CUB Referendum:

1. Following the passage of this referendum, the Associated Students UCLA (ASUCLA) will be committed to providing substantial space for underrepresented campus communities and their affiliated student organizations, including but not limited to:
  1. Afrikan Diaspora
  2. American Indian, Alaskan Native, First Nations, Kānaka Maoli/Native Hawaiians, Native American, Turtle Islanders
  3. Asian/Asian American students
  4. Formerly incarcerated students
  5. Latinx, Chicanx, Central American, Caribbean, South American students
  6. Muslim students
  7. Pacific Islander: Kānaka Maoli/Native Hawaiians, Melanesian, Micronesian, Polynesian students
  8. Queer and Transgender students
  9. Students with Dependents
  10. Students with Disabilities
  11. Southeast Asian: Burmese, Cham, Hmong, Indonesian, Khmer, Lao, Malaysian, Mien, Pilipinx, Thai, Vietnamese students
  12. Transfer students
  13. Undocumented students
2. The referendum fee shall be used for the continuous undergraduate ASUCLA programming, development, and maintenance of a Black Resource Center and support the spatial needs of undergraduate students from historically underrepresented communities.
3. The referendum fee shall be used to support the development and maintenance of meditation space for undergraduates within ASUCLA.
4. The referendum fee shall be used to cover the total cost of rent for the Transfer Student Center.
5. The ASUCLA Board of Directors, a student-majority board, will have oversight over all allocation of funds from this referendum, consistent with the above, and will present bi-annual reports to the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) on the usage, programming, and maintenance of any ASUCLA space. The ASUCLA Board of Directors shall, on a bi-annual basis, take into serious consideration the recommendations of the USAC on the usage of the fees and strive to reach consensus among the two entities. Furthermore, in collaboration with the Mother Organizations (MO) Coalition and the Transfer Leadership Coalition (TLC), the MO Chair(s) and TLC Chair(s), or their designated proxies shall be invited to this meeting. With the discretion of ASUCLA, the USAC, the MO Coalition, and the TLC, other representatives from the communities delineated in Section 1 may also be invited to the

meeting. The ASUCLA Board of Directors shall, on a bi-annual basis, take into serious consideration the recommendations of the MO Coalition, the TLC, and the other various communities outlined on the usage of the fees and strive to reach consensus.

Robert: CUBs is the larger referenda, it currently sits at \$15.

Lalo: Not much has changed from last week. We did add specifically the Black Resource Center programming and maintenance.

@Personnel Matter\*

Watson

- Brandon motions to enter executive session including Jimmy and Roy, Naomi seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, council enters executive session at 8:49 pm
  
- Executive session concluded at 9:26 pm
- Action taken- sending a letter to an appointment with notice of intent to remove

Discussion Item: Graduate Student Strikes

Robert: Just so everyone knows, currently students at UCSC are on strike and have continued to go on strike regarding cost of housing, the cost of living. UCSB has also gone on strike. Today during a meeting with graduate student leaders, I talked briefly with Zak and wanted to understand what undergraduate opinions were on this matter. Do undergraduate students support the strikes broadly? Do they not care? So just a brief discussion on that that I can relay to Zak.

Johana: Yes, the undergraduate students care. There is movement going on around this, students are in support.

Lalo: There were lots of students in Covell in support.

Johana: The undergrads that were going to Covell were in support. I talked to graduate students that showed up and they were very happy that we were supporting them even though they were also anxious about going to Covell. I think that reinforces the validity of that movement.

**X. Adjournment\***

Watson

- Robert adjourns at 9:34 pm

**Good and Welfare**

\* Indicates Action Item  
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