



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
April 14, 2020
7:00PM
Zoom

I. Call to Order

Watson

- Robert calls the meeting to order at 7:06pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- none

II. Approval of minutes*

- 3/24/2020; 4/7/2020
- Lalo motions to approve 3/24/2020 minutes, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, minutes from 3/24/2020 are approved

- Lalo motions to approve 4/7/2020 minutes, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 11-0-1 motion passes, minutes from 4/7/2020 are approved

III. Approval of the Agenda*

- Strike ISR officer report
- Strike OCHC officer report
- Add discussion item : Academic Senate
- Strike Travel Grant Mini Fund
- Strike ASRF
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Strike BAG
- Strike ARCF
- Strike SFS
- Add discussion item: Support for Survivors During Elections
- Strike FSC officer report
- Strike Gen Rep 1 officer report
- Strike TGIF

- Lalo motions to approve agenda as amended, Naomi seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, agenda approved as amended

UCPD

Bonifacio

Scott Scheffler: Just a couple quick updates. There's been a couple changes to our operations. Our lobby has been closed except for some certain circumstances where we do open it up. Fingerprinting and lost and found has been temporarily suspended but we are still patrolling the campus. We have seen a general decrease in crime on campus. Also keeping in mind that many places on campus are occupied by fewer people, especially up in the res halls where there's significantly fewer people, so we're increasing our patrols in areas that may have fewer staff, fewer students. We have received some calls of trespassers, people not affiliated with UCLA. Overall we are just continuing with our mission to support the campus and our communities. The hospitals are busy. We are doing our best to support everyone that's still in the area and we are working on plans to make sure our staff stays safe and secure so that if things do change we are available to respond if and when needed.

IV. Public Comment

Watson

Audio and Video:

- Hello everyone, my name is Jazmin, I am a first year public affairs student at UCLA. I wanna speak in support of the CUB referendum. Like I mentioned, I'm a first year student, I'm from the IE more specifically Riverside, and going to UCLA I immediately noticed a lack of a cultural center. I noticed that we do have a Student Activities Center where CPO is housed, but I noticed there was no Chicano Studies program, no African Student Union, or cultural building at UCLA. So when I saw this referendum being proposed I immediately wanted to support it because I saw the need for such kind of support on campus. UCLA claims to be the number one university, yet we don't have some of these support systems or resources in place and instead it's a lot of student labor who is making up for this. I think the CUB referendum is a step in the right direction to be able to provide these sorts of things for the students on campus.

- Hello everyone, my name is Alexandria Davis and I'm the chairperson of the African Student Union and I am also speaking in favor of the CUB referendum. I specifically want to bring attention how it's supportive of the black community. As the African Student Union Chair, it is my responsibility to represent the needs of all black student staff and faculty. One need of the community has been a black resource center and it has been a demand of the African Student Union since about 2014 and officially documented in 2016. The university has refused to provide sufficient resources including a director, programming funding, etc. and this referendum is a way for us to take our needs into our own hands and move forward to build something to support our community. I think it's even more pertinent with the coronavirus going around because black students and black people have been adversely affected by the coronavirus and need more support now more than ever. Thank you so much.

- I'm here with CALPIRG, my name is Dylan. I just want to tell you about our priority campaign which is our new voters project. As you may have heard, CALPIRG is part of the nation's largest youth mobilization effort and last quarter we helped register 1,600 students to vote in the primary election. This quarter we're focused on tackling the institutional barriers that young people face to make their voices heard. As I'm sure you guys all know, Covid-19 has made coming out to your polling place a public health risk. People shouldn't have to choose between casting their ballot and their community's health. We know the solution to this is just to have absentee voting for everyone so that everyone can vote by mail. Today we had a statewide day of action with all eight CALPIRG chapters across the UC's where we collected petitions to support vote by mail access for the November elections. We'd love if you guys could share the petition to your networks. Thank you so much. We're really glad that we can continue to work on these things virtually.

- I'm the CALPIRG affordable textbook campaign coordinator and also the secretary. As you know CALPIRG is working to protect our environment, make college more affordable, and promote civic engagement, and just making sure that the student voice is being heard. What makes us so powerful is that we're funded by students and only student and that's what makes us effective at the state and federal level. Right now, we're more than 40,000 students strong in the state and we're advocating on their behalf. For the affordable textbook campaign, I wanted to give you guys a little bit of an update. we're working to make textbooks more affordable at the UC level with open textbooks. So implementing a UC wide open textbook program similar to the one at California community colleges and the CSU's. Working towards doing that. We have this program at UCLA so we're working to expand it to all the UC's. Essentially the grant program would mean that professors are being incentivized to make that switch to open. Last week I told you that we were going to have a meeting with regent Oakley on Monday, he's our champion on this campaign and he was really leading this effort at the community colleges. The meeting went extremely well. He gave us a lot of information on how to move forward with the campaign. We need to get faculty on board in a really quality way, and he's gonna be connecting us with the regents as well as the Academic Senate chair. It's essential to have a lot of unified student support on this.

- Hi everyone. I'm Zuelika, I'm one of the co-chairs to the transfer leadership coalition. I'm speaking here to support the CUB referendum. Not only does the CUB referendum support a black resource center with staff, but it also allows the transfer student center to be financially independent. I've been hearing that this is being referred to as a "USAC referendum", that is really offensive because it discredits the amount of work that students have put into this.

The CUB referendum provides space for marginalized communities and it allows for funding for our student organizations. I just really want everyone to take that into consideration and that's why I support the CUB referendum.

- Hi, my name is Simone Walker, I am the current co-internal public relations coordinator for the African Student Union and I am one of the incoming chairpeople for the African Student Union. I am speaking in favor of the CUB referendum as well. As Alexandria Davis said, black students have been fighting for this for forever and we're just trying to take matters into our own hands. One goal that this helps the black community is with helping with the black retention rate numbers. This would specifically be helped by allowing counseling which is black student counseling and a lot of space for programming which helps retention through building community. A lack of space on campus where students can find resources catered to them is one of the many reasons for the lower retention rate numbers and a black resource center would help to alleviate that. Thank you.
- Hello, my name is Alex. I'm the current public relations coordinator of the African Student Union as well as the other incoming co-chair of the African Student Union. I'm speaking in support of the CUB referendum. Black students on this campus tend to be grouped into larger spaces in that a lot of the time these spaces are said to have been for us but in reality they aren't. Specifically as you can tell in the chat, black students aren't safe in spaces like this. I think a black resource center would be a space that is by us and for us and allow black students to actually feel safe and protected even in public spaces.
- Hi my name is Amanda, I serve as Academic Affairs Commission Chief of Staff and I'm speaking in support of the CUB referendum. Particularly for two points. Obviously one for transfer students, just because I know the lack of support that has been exemplified the last couple years and obviously in efforts of providing them space in which we can provide financial security and payments of the people that would be serving there. I think that would be beneficial not only to the ones that have dependents but also the ones that are making this transition. And secondly, I wanna support the black resource center. There's a lot of emotion right now, seeing what just happened in the chat and I really wanna emphasize that it's very clear that black students are not welcome in spaces like this, people of color are not welcome in spaces like this. I think it's dehumanizing to have someone especially on USAC that would question the value of enforcing something like this when people need spaces like this to ensure that their voice is heard and especially to ensure that their academic success is not based upon what people are being said to them. I think that we owe it to them, especially for the reason that just happened, to provide a space like this, because it's long overdue and I think that whatever the members that are in USAC think that this should not be pushed for, I think that it's absolutely injustice and I think that it needs to be evaluated especially in regards to this person serving and why it is that this person is serving on USAC when they're not for academic equity.
- Hello everybody, my name is Viviana Prado. I'm a fourth year. I'm chair of MEChA de UCLA. I wanna speak in support of the CUB referendum. I've been working closely with ASU and some of the other mother organizations, USAC members, and other folks from transfer leadership space and I am entirely in favor of the CUB referendum. As we can see, UCLA is institutionally a very racist space and has continued to be towards black students. I think it's very important that as a university we make sure we're providing spaces for black students to succeed and to feel safe on this campus as well as other historically marginalized students. All of the USAC offices should be advocating for that since you are all elected by the student body and are supposed to be serving the student body. In addition to advocating for the CUB referendum I'd like to speak about the SIOC and CRC budgets and the lack of financial transparency in regards to those budgets and those allocations. I've been involved with MEChA de UCLA for four years now and it's been a recurring pattern throughout my entire time in MEChA that there is a lack of administrative transparency and responsibility when it comes to student fees. I very much urge USAC to continue demanding that CPO administration provide adequate transparent budgets on how student fees have been spent over the past decade because that has not been provided. I personally do not know how my money has been spent by CPO administration. I have seen that that has negatively impacted my community at UCLA. Thank you to the USAC members that have been advocating for transparency in regards to those budgets and I would want that to continue and also for more students to get involved with that and to know what is happening with our money. Thank you.

- Public comment adjourned at 7:34 pm

Discussion Item: COVID-19 Relief Fund Committee/Logistics

Bonifacio

Millen: I sent you all the application for the relief fund. How the committee is going to work is that it can either be council members, or I just want two representatives from each office that feels like their office has experience in making these equitable decisions for scholarships. So if that committee can be set by tomorrow, we're hoping to get applications released by this weekend. I think we were also gonna talk about budgets and how much each office can provide to this.

Brandon: How are you deciding who's on the committee?

Millen: If you or someone in your office have experience in deciding or determining scholarships like this, because it's not gonna be on a first come first serve basis, it's going to be on a selection basis. I chose people in my office that had read our transportation scholarships, I know Naomi chose people in her office that had Books for Bruins experience. I ideally want around 12-15 readers. I think right now we have 10-11.

Millen: I was hoping tonight to have a rough estimate of how much money would be in that fund.

Naomi: It's really hard to allocate money if you don't know how much you're allocating.

Lalo: I know I'm willing to commit the rest of my office budget, it's a little bit over \$2,000 I think. We just need to do the budget transfer.

Isabel: Is this going to be the fund that includes the student worker relief fund?

Millen: This one is just overall, open to all students relief fund.

Isabel: In that case I have about \$2,000 left that I'm willing to contribute.

Johana: I just allocated 10k for Naomi for Books for Bruins, and I can give another 10k for whatever relief fund if anyone has extra money like that, let me know. Let me know if that's not enough, because we still have \$50,000 to spend.

Robert: Millen I think I'm able to give you the \$496 that came from SCOF membership fees. Actually I think I can give you \$396 for that.

Shahamah: I can give Millen \$1,000 and if Naomi can still take \$1,000 for Books for Bruins, and if not I can just direct it all to Millen's program.

Millen: I just wanna highlight that we're publicizing this as a USAC fund, and not just my office's fund.

Lily: I have \$1,800 I think from membership fees, all of that can go to the COVID relief fund.

Kim: I could donate \$6,270.07 from the IVP Partnership Fund surplus allocation and \$500 from my IVP membership fees.

Brandon: I will be giving somewhere from \$500-\$1,000 toward it.

Millen: Is this something I can apply to TGIF for?

Lily: Yes.

Organizing Referenda USAC
GCGP Referenda Endorsement*

Watson

GCGP Referendum: “Shall the Undergraduates Student Association Council (USAC) institute a new fee of \$0.33 per undergraduate student per quarter beginning in Fall 2020 to fund school supplies and hygiene products to be distributed for free to UCLA undergraduate students at USAC’s Good Clothes Good People redistribution center”.

Robert: This is just the endorsement process. With that we can move into a discussion about both of these referenda.

Orion: Since this is an election related matter, Dr. Geller, is there any stipulations about this for the people that are running?

Dr.Geller: In general it’s best practice for candidates to abstain from all votes pertaining to election matters. I’ll leave it up to you to determine whether as a candidate you have a conflict and should abstain or believe that you should vote. I will clarify though that majority vote is majority of yes and no votes cast. Abstentions do not count as no’s, they just don’t count in determining whether something passes or not.

Naomi: For transparency reasons, because I’m a candidate and because I will be voting tonight on both referenda, I just wanna make it clear that I’m in support of both of these referenda because they both serve marginalized students. I myself am a marginalized student and I come from these communities and I would be doing my communities and myself a disservice if I did not vote on these referenda because it was a conflict of interest. I just want everyone to know that we’ve been getting a lot of feedback from folks saying why are we trying to increase fees in the midst of a global pandemic. I just wanna really point out that our communities have been adversely affected by this global pandemic. I just wanna voice my full support for them.

Jonathan: I wanted to echo what Naomi said also as a candidate and also as someone who will be voting yes on both tonight. The communities that are directly affected by these referenda, the input that I have heard is that this is what is needed and that this is what is going to be useful to these students and to the communities that are supported by this referenda. Being an elected representative it only makes sense that that is how I will be voting and that I will be using my vote and my voice in that sense.

Lily: I wanna echo what both Naomi and Jonathan said. We would be doing students a disservice if we did not unanimously approve both of these. Student fees are not the problem. The regents and tuition hikes are the problem. We are doing our best as a council to do band aid solutions where we can to support our marginalized communities and communities in need. So if you wanna fight fees, don’t fight student fees, fight tuition hikes.

Brandon: I would like to say as a candidate I will be fully supporting both of these. I think that it’s very important to stand as an ally to the communities both these referenda support. I think all council members should unanimously support as well because I think we need to stand united on this.

Millen: I just wanted to make it clear that we were all elected to represent all students on campus and especially our most marginalized and if you’re someone that’s running again in this election, you’re suggesting you’re qualified to run again and represent all communities. So it’s really important to make sure you fully understand the benefit of these referenda and who they help specifically and that you don’t add to the lack of information or the rumors that go against these referenda that aren’t legitimate and aren’t serious. I would expect all council members to understand that and make sure they really put out the right information to the student body.

Lalo: I also wanna voice my support of both of these referenda. I think as other folks have mentioned, we’re trying to support our most marginalized communities and when folks from these communities are directly asking us of something and when we say we support these communities, this is a time to step up and actually support these communities because it’s a direct ask that they are making of us.

Robert: Just as a clarification, the fee collection will not begin until Fall 2020.

Robert: I think if you are planning on abstaining or voting no, I feel personally invested in both these referenda as someone who knows the leaders who are running them and working on them and come from communities that these referenda are designed to support. I feel like people who are going to abstain or vote no should hold themselves accountable and either ask questions or explain their reasoning before we move forward with a vote. I think that both of these referenda should be supported unanimously by council.

- Johana motions to endorse Good Clothes Good People referendum by roll call vote, Naomi seconds
 - IVP: YES
 - EVP: YES
 - Gen Rep 1: YES
 - Gen Rep 2: ABSTAIN
 - Gen Rep 3: YES
 - AAC: YES
 - CEC: YES
 - CSC: YES
 - CAC: YES
 - FAC: YES
 - FSC: YES
 - SWC: YES
 - TSR: YES
 - ISR: YES
- By a vote of 13-0-1 the motion passes, GCGP referendum endorsed by USAC

CUB Referenda Endorsement*

CUB (Cultivating Unity for Bruins) : “ Shall the Undergraduate Students Association address the space, resource, and programming needs of undergraduate students from historically underrepresented and marginalized communities by implementing a new ASUCLA CUB fee of \$15.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$9.00 per UC undergraduate student enrolled at UCLA in summer session), to supplement the Ackerman student union fee of \$22.00 per quarter, beginning in Fall 2020.”

Lalo: I think we've discussed this one enough and why it's important. I think at this point if people are going to vote no they're just blatantly not supporting the communities that they claim to support. I'm in full support of CUB and will be very disappointed in everyone that votes no or abstains.

Lily: FAC oversees the office space allocation committee. Those positions have not been filled nor have we allocated space because there is no space. This referendum is the only solution.

Naomi: I think we all know who is going to vote no and I don't plan on bullying anyone into voting yes. I do wanna hold you accountable as a black student who literally just had to watch a racial slur be typed into the comments and feel unsafe in my own home. I would really love to hear from you Orion, why you are so vehemently against a referenda like this? You see that people from these communities are literally begging council to support these referenda and I just wanna hear from you publicly, why you're so vehemently against the things that marginalized communities are begging for.

Orion: I think first of all I want to thank Alexandria Davis for her leadership on this. I also wanted to thank the leadership members on council and also the various people that have come and spoken tonight. I think it's very important for you to continue your work to help support marginalized groups. I think that if students are willing to contribute their \$45 per year, this

would do a lot to help disadvantaged students. I think it's also important that we have students consent on this. I think that we can do that by either making this referendum a little more specific or educating people on how exactly this money will be used or by explaining where our current budget is being used in an accessible way for students. I do know that there are students who are very unaware of the way that USAC's budget is being spent and are concerned about issues like the CPO and the potential for having that happen again. Also regarding consent, I do think it's important that we allow students to speak for themselves on this referendum when the vote happens because at the end of the day they are the ones that have to contribute their \$45 every year. Because of that, I do not think that council needs to stand united on this one so that students realize that they do have a choice. As for the vote on this one, I will abstain because I am running in this and I believe that as a council member I should not be trying to push the public opinion for this during a campaign season. That's all.

Brandon: I just wanna speak really frankly as a member of the Jewish community. I think this referendum is so important, it helps so many marginalized communities that are in need of support but especially the Muslim community. The fact that this referendum creates a prayer space. I think it's important that religious communities on campus stand in solidarity with one another. I know in the past there has been contention at times between different religious communities, I find it sad that that has been the case. But I think this referendum really does have an opportunity to bring communities together on campus and that's why I'm voting in full support of it tonight.

Isabel: I know Orion you already said you were going to abstain but who are you serving when you do that? What community are you helping? I think it's a very selfish decision to say that you are going to abstain because you are a candidate when you were elected to serve people on this campus so who are you serving when you abstain from that?

Johana: To continue what other council members have said, I have seen how different students have been disenfranchised by this institution for several years and working to change those kinds of institutional barriers is really difficult. I think this referendum is only the second of its kind in the entire UC system. I think it's pretty obvious to me that this is not just something that students here are fighting for but across the state. Your role is a general representative and a general representative is supposed to represent as many people as possible. I think it's really disappointing to see that you're not prioritizing some of the most vulnerable and impacted students here on campus, when there is a clear need.

Shahamah: Coming from the Muslim community I wanna highlight that we literally have to pray outside behind Kerckhoff whether it's raining, sunny, or there's a heatwave, whether there's trash being taken out of there, whether there are people walking around there. That is extremely inconvenient, disrespectful, and just one of the communities that is being affected by this referendum. I'm failing to understand how you can be so indifferent to this because being indifferent is just as bad as saying no in this situation.

Lily: Lots of thoughts. One, I wanted to bring up the question if Orion you'll even be supporting this as an individual as a student because I think that says a lot about your character and a lot about the students you aim to represent as president considering that is the position you're running for. Also this referendum doesn't just focus on students of color what is supported are transfers, non-traditional students, students with disability students from various faiths and so on and so forth as it's truly for the community. And I want to ask who is your community? Who are you supporting by being so indifferent towards this and I also wanted to address the fact that you're you and your slatemate keep bringing up issues about elevators Out of convenience but not accessibility which is something I've been advocating for my entire time at UCLA is ADA compliance which is the Americans Disability with amendments. This referendum is putting money toward repair to make ASUCLA spaces ADA Compliant and fix elevators so I don't get stuck in my office when I'm trying to go to class or I can't attend certain events because it's not accessible like the fact that you're being so aloof and so just blatantly disrespectful on is absurd. So I wanna know who you support and what your intentions are behind this.

Robert: I have a disclaimer and I've already said this since the comment was made in the chat is I, the host cannot add people to this meeting who don't have a full name and who I can't or other folks can't verify as UCLA student. I can't add anonymous folks to this meeting especially given what was said tonight when there were just blatantly racist comments posted in the group in the

in the chat like that's just unacceptable and I'm not going to do that so I'm making sure that's known in the future we're going to have a verify a system where you can sign in your UCLA and join but folks who are planning to join the meeting please come with a full name and something that we can verify so the name matches the record of the UCLA student. That is how our normal council meetings operate our normal council meetings are open to undergraduate students who are a part of the association and other folks when they're invited by council so that is the way that we're running this meeting. Going back to what we were talking about, Orion, I have tried to remain someone who, a goal throughout this year has been to unify council and make council feel welcoming for everyone and also a space for everyone. I don't get in these very heated discussions where council members are criticizing one another and I myself have been tried and tried to be open to criticism from council members but like I do really want to challenge and also just say that this claim, I'm just going to flat out say it Dr. Geller did not tell you to abstain for it and to say that Dr. Geller, that you're taking Dr. Geller's advice of abstaining to me is a really big cop out and a way to just not engage in this issue. The thing that makes me most upset about it is that it is being misconstrued that way but then also like being very honest with you and I think this is an opinion that I have is it like your rhetoric like when you ran previously and how you ran recently just even even talking to me about this. There's this video of where a student asks you are should I be concerned about that USAC has authority over a certain amount of fees just going off this narrative that the fees currently aren't being used in a way that's acceptable or appropriate or that wasn't approved by past student bodies is false. And then not challenging these narratives that like come up about you know the 10 million dollar budget it's not all accounted for in the budget report. That's on USAC's website, the referenda account for the budget the referenda are where most of our money goes, the rest of the money is accounted for in the budget report that is posted weekly and to see everyone else like actively defend this, actively go out of their way to like really go up to bat and explain the process, explain that our referenda are earmarked. IVP has been working on the transparency when this council has gone up to bat for transparency with campus departments and some of us literally go up to bat every day about it and have to deal with a lot of consequences because of that. It comes across as very upsetting to me so I agree with, I forgot who said it, but like just flat-out vote no if you don't support it. Just outright I'm saying it into the minutes that Dr. Geller did not tell you to abstain. You are abstaining because you want to abstain and when this is a unanimous vote besides you, I'm telling you this as your colleague, I just don't think you should be surprised when people express their anger over this. The last thing I want to do and I'm doing this because she's the designated campaign representative for a CUB and because she's the chair of the African Student Union and because I'm not trying to speak on behalf of any community, I do want to hear from Alex and she has told me that she wants to speak as well about CUB and given that this is an action item on the agenda I'm going to allow like a special circumstance where I cede my time to Alex to give her any of her thought before you move down the vote.

Alexandria: Hello everyone I'm Alexandria Davis again I am also the African Student Union chair as well as the candidate representative for the CUB referenda. I am highly in support of this referendum, one because of my understanding of what it's like to be a black student on this campus and not have space where you feel safe or where you feel like you're able to retain yourself especially for educational reasons and academic reasons but also when you can't even voice your opinion in council or a space where you're supposed to be able to voice your opinion. You can't do that without being called an obscene or racist comment. I also want to add that I think this discussion over lack of transparency with funding or that with this referendum we're just trying to use funding and not have an actual use for it is perpetuating a narrative that it is being spent recklessly but it would not be spent recklessly if it went to marginalized students. Marginalized students are not asking for too much we're just asking for the ability to feel safe and comfortable on campus and have support and resources that aren't available on this campus and it doesn't just extend to the black community, it extends to all of the communities that we've listed. As far as the concerns that have been brought about where the funds will be utilized and the specificity of the referenda, I'm not sure if everyone is aware of how difficult it is to write a referendum letter get it on the ballot. Specificity is really a lot when you're trying to get all of these things to go through all these different, from the UC Office of the President, on the Chancellor's desk, all these different things. The perpetuation of this narrative that this money is going to be spent recklessly and specificity is allowing a lot of misconception to go throughout the community at UCLA and negatively impacting something that is really personal to me and a lot of people who are running for this referendum. Also regarding the specificity, information is forthcoming of the specific uses for the money and we are trying to be as transparent as possible with what we plan to do, it just feels like regardless of what we do there's constant backlash and I understand being opposed, actually, I don't understand being opposed I'm not even going to say that because to me being opposed to a referendum like this is almost like being opposed to my right to feel comfortable and be safe on the campus that should be mine just like everyone else's. That's all I have to say.

Kelechi: I was already kind of over this discussion before it even began because I was really ready to come with fire on this but the incident that occurred in the chat earlier honestly really threw my energy. I think it's ridiculous to even have to open my mouth to explain to anyone in attendance why a black resource center is necessary. I think information on why black students need additional support is publicly available to you if you'd bothered to inform yourself on struggles faced by black students or our retention rates or if you had any logical grasp on the history of racism in this country and how UCLA is an institution that does not do nearly enough to combat. I'm really tired of your misleading portrayal of this referendum and the way that you suggested money used could be better spent. I would also like to reiterate Isabel's ask of what community you represent because I have never heard you use the word community prior to you organizing against this referendum so I really do think it's ironic for you to learn the term community from us only to use it against us and I highly question your understanding of the concept of community and I consider you a false representation of the STEM community because I am a black STEM major. I think it is shameful that you have the audacity to run for president on a platform of striking no student fees or striking down a black resource center against a black woman and in no way you show consent by advocating for the people you're pretending to represent and I wish you and your misinformation honestly would exit the chat. I think you need to make it clear that it's your choice not to vocally back this community and you failed to do so. You are still my general representative too, somehow, and I'm calling on you to explain and take accountability for your pitiful stance and people should be able to know who they're voting for.

Millen: Orion I know in your original statement you mentioned that it isn't clear where these fees go to. CUBs has actually posted an FAQ which is really helpful. I think we should hear from Orion too. What are you not clear on?

Orion: I'm sorry if there's any misunderstanding here. For the record, I have not been campaigning against this, I have not posted anything against this so. So that's number one. Number two, Lily, regarding the ADA stuff, I wanna thank you for supporting students with the use of the elevators, I think that's important work that we need to continue and hopefully expand upon. I also think that for me, I am willing to contribute my \$45 every year for this referendum. But that's coming from me where I can afford to support that. I think that we should be sensitive to students like the one who emailed us about the impact these fees would have on them. It is true, we need to spread the message that these fees will not be implemented until next year. The other thing we need to make clear is that 25% of the fee does go back to students in financial aid. However, I do know that students may be having issues with getting their financial aid during these times, and so this potential for this new fee would be a rather tough decision for them. I would vote no on this particular vote, but I would vote yes on this on the ballot. I believe that students should be able to make this decision without feeling pressured by USAC. Regarding the video, one year ago when I posted that video, I was not a member of USAC, I didn't know what USAC spent money on. I think it's very important that we educate students on these. That is why my office has been working on software that will automatically analyze and visualize the student budget so that students can see where it's all being spent. I know the budget is already public on the website, but it is in a rather difficult to parse accounting format and a lot of students are not able to read that. I'm not implying that USAC is not using the money correctly, I think that USAC does do a number of important programs, such as the one Millen has done. I wanted to thank all council members for all the work you all do. I think that it's very important that students understand that good work is being done and that's why it's important that the budget is public for all students so they can see the work that we all do. As for specificity, I was looking for that FAQ sheet, I'm glad that it has come out.

Kelechi: Students that aren't interested in supporting the referendum have the freedom to vote no. That is completely unrelated to your unwillingness to express support of the referendum. Can you just connect the dots for me on how council expressing support for the referenda pressures anonymous voters in any manner?

Orion: Students are expecting us to voice what they think.

Naomi: Who are your community Orion? Who are you representing?

Orion: Most broadly, I'm representing the students that don't understand what USAC is. I will try to give a fair representation of the referendum to the public.

- Johana motions to vote for CUB referenda by roll call vote, Kelechi seconds
 - IVP: YES
 - EVP: YES
 - Gen Rep 1: YES
 - Gen Rep 2: ABSTAIN
 - Gen Rep 3: YES
 - AAC: YES
 - CEC: YES
 - CSC: YES
 - CAC: YES
 - FAC: YES
 - FSC: YES
 - SWC: YES
 - TSR: YES
 - ISR: YES
- By motion of 13-0-1 the motion passes, CUB referendum is endorsed by USAC

Elections Board Updates

Sidhu

- None

“Designated Opposition Campaign for Referenda” Representative*

Watson

Robert: With referenda, in the past, there's not been an opposition form or intake form per the election code that talks about some kind of equalized opposition for referenda. I was concerned when we saw elections were soliciting opposition. Navi and I talked and established that that wasn't the mechanism to get opposition because it came across as fishing for opposition and going on platforms where there was opposition and asking for it. I think we reached an understanding, for the purpose of debates, it is election boards jurisdiction for them to put someone up as opposition. So it would not make sense for us to step in in some dramatic way if that's the purpose for it alone.

Isabel: just to be really transparent, a lot of the initial pushback came from us not knowing it existed at all. At this point, I think it's a bad look for the council to be voting or trying to be voting or otherwise trying to adjudicate or regulate elections while elections are happening.

Robert: Basically Navi agreed to take down the post or modify the post and then would try to post an application in a neutral way so that there can be someone who can participate in the debates to kind of represent that side.

Capital Contingency*

Minasyan

- none

Contingency Programming*

Minasyan

- None

SFS Allocations#

—Wisner

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

—————Sridhar

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

————— Guerra

ASRF Allocations#

————— Riley

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

—— Riley

ARCF Allocations#

————— Iheanacho

TGIF

—— Shaw

V. Special Presentations

SIOC/CRC Budget Reports

Velazquez

Lalo: Thank you Mick for waiting around this long. I think I wanna just give some context for the minutes. We were sent over preliminary budget reports Thursday of Week 10 and after some follow up we received another set of budget reports from the CRC and SIOC detailing the past three years starting from the 2016-2017 academic year up until 2018-2019. These new ones that were sent over also included breaking down the cost between administrative costs and project costs.

AVC Deluca: Thanks for the questions and for all your work and leadership. As I tried to answer, because these referendum fees have been in place multiple years and generations and in this case allocated them back to the university to oversee and manage. Over the history of time and the votes of the committees, there are things that are annually allocated and there's things that become permanent and recurring. What comes into play in any given year is not the permanent allocations, it's the amount of money that the committee in any given year is going to pine over to invest in this case, projects, in other cases projects and activities.

Lalo: I think my main question is in regards to certain funding is already set aside and doesn't have to be voted on by the committee, but I'm just confused on, even if it doesn't have to be voted on by the committee, why the committee isn't made aware of what that money is. It's still concerning that committees don't know where that money is going.

AVC Deluca: Well let's talk about moving forward. We downloaded the categories the university uses. I noticed on the ASUCLA you referenced, they downloaded by the categories they account for and operate. There's direct things in there that can be educated going forward. There's things that aren't up for debate based on previous committees' actions, like the categories of salaries or the cost of benefits in a given year. I believe in the format we submitted to you, that can be a starting point.

Robert: I have three question. The first question is in regards to question number four that you sent out. Was it you that wrote this or was it someone else that wrote this? Did you write this based off your knowledge of MOU's or did someone else within CPO, I'm just trying to figure out who wrote this response.

AVC Deluca: I implicitly trust both the fiscal staff I have broadly and the leadership in CPO. I asked them for information that then I could then edit and provide to you and answer your question.

Robert: The transparency of this information, there's numerous claims that are being made in these responses that there is no evidence online to back up. I see at least two or three memorandums and I'm specifically referring to the memorandums that allocated funding permanently away from the committees so that staff within the CPO had direct management over, without ever being approved on by the committees. So there's these memorandums that are being talked about in this history, I'm wondering

is there anywhere that a student or USAC can find these memorandums on any mechanism online or in person that's accessible to students?

AVC Deluca: We want to move forward. Divisive politics, attacking politics, don't serve students and the distrust of ASUCLA or the university. First, the university has responsibility for oversight. You pay the university these fees. The university has to move them to ASUCLA. ASUCLA has to move them back to the university. There is total fiscal oversight of all of these. Your question about whether we can post them online or offer some kind of mechanism, you have my commitment that we will certainly look for ways to do that.

Robert: In the CRC and SIOC memorandums with USAC and student affairs, there's clear language that says any language to the structure of CRC and the SIOC, that will fundamentally alter the structure of the committees, needs to be approved by USAC and the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. Our interpretation is that moving a large percentage of funds out of the direct control of students would be a fundamental change of the structure. So is there evidence during these time periods where these memorandums were drafted that USAC was either communicated about with these changes or that USAC voted to approve these changes?

AVC Deluca: USAC has seats on these committees, you also make appointments. Your predecessors voted. So I would ask back to each of your offices, where are your own records that you've shared with USAC within yourselves? No one is doing this without that particular knowledge or consent. USAC is directly involved in both of these committees. I would respectfully disagree with you that the structure of the committees has not been changed.

Robert: The reason I'm asking is because when we review the USAC minutes from around these dates that are cited in this history, there doesn't seem to be discussion about this or a vote taken. I think there's many council members that feel that the function of the committee was altered by taking out hundreds of thousands of dollars out of the committee's direct approval. Is there any understanding about why this is not mentioned? Is there a reason, to your knowledge, that USAC did not vote on this?

AVC Deluca: If you're asking me that you want a different relationship, it is what it is. USAC members have been represented all these years, so I don't know why they didn't ask the committees.

Naomi: I know the two appointments I've appointed to the SIOC and the CRC both have come to me that they have not been included in these decisions and when asking about the budgets they've been shot down or redirected. I wanna challenge this notion of divisive politics. I don't think asking for transparency is divisive, I think it's a standard we should all be held to. Why are these asks so divisive in your opinion?

AVC Deluca: I was just referencing the history of referendums that are meant to support all students but become divisive.

Naomi: Why is it that these committee members never see the full budget?

AVC Deluca: I think the info we provided to you does show the definition of the full budgets and that will be the standard going forward.

Lalo: I wanna challenge the notion that these committees are run by students at this point. I don't see how you can not see your entire budget and still be classified as running your committee.

Deluca: I respect the point you made.

Robert: In your opinion with the MOUs that are outlined in this history, do you believe the MOUs that were not brought forth to council for approval, do you believe an MOU that essentially freezes money or permanently allocates money in one direction without continuous approval of the committees is not a structural change?

AVC Deluca: I don't know if I'm prepared to give you a distinct yes or no answer tonight. I respect what you're asking, all I'm saying is that the committee and USAC have operated in this arrangement for thirty five years. Do I believe the original MOUs are outdated? Yes, probably.

Lalo: I wanna think of what the best way to move forward. I think a starting step is ensuring the administrative reps of the committees support the different committee members that ask these questions and making sure they're able to properly address those questions. I think ensuring that there are proper mechanisms for these questions that are raised to be answered, that way the appointments are able to communicate that answer.

AVC Deluca: We'll certainly work to make sure that becomes a part of it.

Lalo: Is there a timeline that we can be on to ensure that the revisiting of the SOUs are out of date, what would that timeline look like. I was just wondering if there's a solidified timeline we can be on, like can an email be sent out this week to start gathering what time would work for everyone?

Deluca: I think I committed in writing, I think that's our commitment moving forward.

- Vote tabled to next week.

VI. Appointments

Nneoma Kanu for Campus Programs Committee*

Watson

- Naomi motions to approve Nneoma Kanu for Campus Programs Committee, Lalo seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, Nneoma Kanu appointed for Campus Programs Committee

VII. Officer Reports

A. President

Watson

- Chancellor and I sending out a joint email this week
- Trying to encourage voting in elections
- Office is moving forward with trying to finalize Blue Book/Scantron initiative
- Meeting with the Chancellor on April 27th

B. Internal Vice President

Bonifacio

- Grow committee reaching out to student orgs
- Campus Safety Alliance meeting moved to week 4, Thursday at 5pm
- Office allocated \$1,000 to Books for Bruins and allocating \$1,000 to the COVID relief fund

C. External Vice President

Guerra

- Allocated funding to books for bruins
- Going to allocate money to COVID relief fund
- UCSA meeting this week
- Notified that we will be having a virtual student lobby conference

D. General Representative 1

————— Velazquez

E. General Representative 2

Smedley

- Trying to create accessibility for USAC budget
- Finished simulating elevators for the move out situation

F. General Representative 3

————— Broukhim

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Riley

- Wanted to thank all the offices that came together to allocate for Books for Bruins
- Academic senate has discussed the possibility of being online for the fall quarter and what that looks like. Talks about making SAT testing optional
-

H. Campus Events Commission

Steinmetz

- Local artists series hopefully starting by week 5
- Event Tuesday of next week

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wisner

- Trying to focus on how we can best support projects in their transition to online
- Allocated 10k to Books for Bruins
- Received more than triple the number of applicants for the Robert S. Michaels award

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Iheanacho

- First directors meeting this past Sunday
- Trying to figure out how we will be allocating money

K. Facilities Commissioner

Shaw

- Great meeting with sustainable organization
- Nomination process for TGIF is out
- Great discussion around making FAC a more central resource
- Meeting with transportation services appointee, ongoing discussion on how to rework her transportation referenda
- We officially got the disabled students union re-sole registered

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

————— Srivastava

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Sridhar

N. Transfer Representative

Oraha

- Office supporting elections to get transfer votes, spotlighting transfer candidates

Ø. International Student Representative

————— Tariq

P. OCHC Representative

— Gupta

Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Champawat, Geller,

O'Connor

Josh: We are between the 700-800 on campus residents right now, down from 14,000. The numbers have gone down a little bit after we did some housing reconsolidation. De Neve dining has reopened. We are also in the process of working with CALPIRG and Bruins Vote on the federal election for the fall.

VIII. Old Business

- tabled

Discussion Item: Academic Senate

Naomi: We were able to meet with Pat Turner and the rest of the college deans. They really thanked us for our letter. It was made clear to us that every academic department will be taking a vote on this pass/no pass and whether it will be allowed for major requirements. It is up to the faculty to make that vote but they are being kind of lobbied by the deans. I would say that y'all can expect to hear updates on that within the next few weeks. What we're asking all of council to do is to reach out to the folks within your office, reach out to students across campus and let us know which academic departments are still not allowing classes to be taken for pass/no pass and help us compile a list so that we can focus on those department chairs specifically.

IX. New Business

Discussion Item: Support for Survivors during elections

Shaw

Lily: I had an incident in which a member of my office came to me and was concerned about a candidate running for office on the platforms of sexual assault and support for survivors that she felt was personally, I don't know how to say it appropriately but this individual had an incident where this candidate 100% violated her consent. This person felt like they didn't know where to go to for support, she just wanted to express that she didn't feel comfortable opening a Title IX investigation because she's not officially out to her friends or her family and she didn't want this to turn into a huge investigation process, and it would be really traumatic for her as a survivor to go through that. She just did not want to see campaigning on the principle that they would be a resource for survivors when they're a predator themselves. I wanted to ask you guys to think about how we can better support survivors. I just wanted to kind of talk to you openly about how we can best support individuals in this situation. I think it's important we take a unified stance.

Robert: In regards to this, this is not coming from me and I wanna be clear that because I do support survivors telling their stories. But folks from the Dean's office and from the Title IX office sent me a statement that they wanted me to read that essentially says, the university has a well established process for reviewing and addressing allegations such as these through Title IX. The report that was given to the Election Board and Navi has been referred to Title IX and that further discussion specifically on the allegation, this statement says that it would be unproductive and unhelpful, and would be helpful in the context of a thorough review by the Title IX office.

Isabel: As y'all's peer and also a survivor, I would really expect all of us to be incredibly sensitive to the needs of students when they come to us with issues about feeling unsafe in the spaces that they work in in USAC. As we've all articulated tonight, a lot of students don't feel safe in USAC for various reasons. It breaks my heart to think that someone feels unsafe here because of an incident of sexual violence that's not being correctly addressed.

Johana: I share similar sentiments as Isabel. I hope UCLA takes this seriously and that we also take this seriously.

Lily: Just to benefit the rest of council, I'll read the statement the individual gave me and gave me permission to share. "Navi already brought Dr. Geller into the conversation. While she was very kind about offering resources, it seems like, from an administrative point, that elections shouldn't be affected until after an investigation happens which is 60-90 business days and involves hearings, etc. That's too much emotional trauma for me. I already have evidence that the assault happened and that there are several other people with similar stories. I don't see how an investigation would benefit me in any way. This isn't about getting this person suspended from school, or getting her removed from the office after the election, it's about raising awareness prior to election in solidarity with our community of survivors on campus. If people think it's political, we can deal with the backlash, I hope people realize that Title IX investigations are not always the healthiest for survivors. Our choice to begin or not to begin should not impact the validity of our story. I personally do not want to gain anything from this, and don't need to win an investigation, I just think speaking up is the right thing to do as an advocate for our campus. That's about as far as I'm willing to go."

Lalo: I appreciate you bringing this up, Lily and the individual for bringing this forward. It's not within our jurisdiction to make a decision on anything with this. I'm trying to think about what we can do tangibly during this time, can we put out a statement?

Lily: I think a statement could be really beneficial, just saying we support survivors, and we don't question them. I think moving forward there should be some sort of training in place on how to deal with these topics. I can definitely draft a letter and have it ready by next council.

X. Adjournment*

Watson

- Robert adjourns at 1:01am

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* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

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