



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
April 21, 2020
7:00PM
Zoom

I. Call to Order

Watson

- Robert calls the meeting to order at 7:05pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- none

II. Approval of minutes*

- 4/14/2020
- Mihika motions to approve the minutes from 4/14/2020, Millen seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, minutes from 4/14/2020 are approved

III. Approval of the Agenda*

Bonifacio

- Strike TGMF
- Strike ASRF
- Strike Contingency programming
- Strike Capital contingency
- Add Discussion item about CARES act
- Strike SFS
- Table SIOC/CRC Budget Reports
- Strike CSC office report
- Strike BAG

- Lalo motions to approve agenda as amended, Kim seconds
- By motion of 9-0-0 the motion passes, agenda approved as amended

IV. Public Comment

Watson

Audio No Video:

Audio and Video:

- Hi all. I hope your week 4 is going well. If you guys don't know me I'm Sithara, I'm the chapter chair for CALPIRG, the Statewide student funded advocacy group. I just wanted to give you guys a couple of quick updates on what we are working on. So we've seen that with everything going on, the one thing that there is no shortage of is students that are interested in making a difference and wanting to get involved on the issues we have. We actually were able to just have 70 people come out to our big informational meeting last week and so we're really trying to just see how many UCLA students this quarter want to get involved and help make a difference on these issues. We are also working right now on helping the response to the covid-19 crisis by pushing a ventilator companies to release their repair manuals to hospital to have on hand. That's all that I have on our end and happy Earth week to you all.
- Hey y'all, Im Keya. I'm a first year Fi-sci major and I'm the Campus Relations Coordinator of the Affordable Textbook campaign with CALPIRG Students. As I'm sure you're all aware that textbooks have been super expensive and for many students attending school is an opportunity for them to have a secure future so deciding between purchasing their textbooks and going hungry or sacrificing their housing and well-being isn't really a decision that we as students have to make. In fact a lot of students skip buying textbooks which really hurts their ability to succeed. The stat is something

like almost 2 out of 25 students have reported even failing classes because they can't afford materials. So we're working to make textbooks more affordable by getting the regents to utilize open resources to create open textbooks with a UC wide open textbook program. Just wanted to give you all a quick update since our last meeting. We actually reached out to over 100 faculty to set up meetings for quality conversations which we're going to be doing with them throughout the quarter. We also started reaching out to the UC Academic Senate chair. We're still building up support throughout the campus through the library, student groups, and leaders, the Academic Senate, and students in general on this. One of the important steps we're taking is doing an Academic Senate presentation so we can educate faculty about open textbook programs and what that entails. In order to win our campaign, it is really important to have unified student support on this so that we can get faculty and regent support. For this we're actually going to be having a big social media blitz event online next week. For the blitz we're gonna be posting about why we care about affordable textbooks and open access to information and tagging our friends on campus to also do the same so we can show diverse student support. We're going to try to get a trend going and would love to have you guys participate. Other than that, good luck with midterms.

- Public comment concluded at 7:14 pm

Capital Contingency*

—————Minasyan

Contingency Programming*

—————Minasyan

SFS Allocations#

—Wisner

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Sridhar

Total Requested: \$152.73

Total Allocated: \$93.41

- No opposition, SWC programming fund allocation approved

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

—————Guerra

ASRF Allocations#

—————Riley

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

——Riley

ARCF Allocations#

—————Iheanacho

TGIF

Shaw

- Still open for funding, new application
- Received 5 applications
- Allocated \$11,695.00

V. Special Presentations

SIOC/CRC Budget Reports*

Velazquez

- Tabled

VI. Appointments

-none

VII. Officer Reports

A. President

Watson

- Meeting with Janet Napolitano today, went well
- Met with Vice Chancellor Gorden and discussed SIOC and CRC, productive conversation
- Meeting with Vice Chancellor Gorden and Alexandria Davis about Black Resource Center
- Meeting with the Chair of Academic Senate, really productive meeting
- Office has endorsed CUB referendum and GCGP referendum
- Working on posting winter quarterly report graphics
- Office is working to inform voters about elections coming up
- Meetings with the Vice Chancellor every week, share concerns to bring up

B. Internal Vice President

Bonifacio

- Campus Safety Alliance meeting Thursday at 5pm
- Campus Safety Alliance released letter denouncing zoom bombing
- Grow committee compiled a general resource guide for UCLA students and families

C. External Vice President

Guerra

- Allocated around \$30k for the COVID relief fund
- Had UCSA meeting this weekend
- Endorsing the referenda

D. General Representative 1

Velazquez

- Waiting to hear back from AVC Deluca
- Office endorsed both referenda
- Allocated rest of funding to COVID relief fund
- Hoping to meet with Student Affairs staff next Monday

E. General Representative 2

Smedley

- Still working on the budget
- Meeting with an external accountant sometime this week
- Sent a budget transfer form to vuong for the COVID relief grant

F. General Representative 3

Broukhim

- Continuing to work with local associations to get more local businesses on board
- Moving full budget to COVID-19 relief fund

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Riley

- Meeting with Academic Senate leadership, talked about issues with breakdown in communication
- My office did have a mini collaboration with the Daily Bruin about transparency and what fall quarter might look like
- Striking Travel Grant Mini Fund and ASRF, no more money left in those funds
- Office endorsed CUB and GCGP

H. Campus Events Commission

Steinmetz

- Still have been having Zoom yoga classes
- Today we had Ilaina Glazer for a Q & A, talked about work on Broad City and her activism
- Short takes, our film festival, have gone virtual, submissions due in a week and a half
- Been trying to do some giveaways for different streaming platforms
- Starting a live stream series with local artists
- CEC endorsed both referenda

I. Community Service Commissioner

————— Wisner

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Iheanacho

- Gave \$15k to Books for Bruins

- Office endorsed CUB referendum

K. Facilities Commissioner

Shaw

- Met with UCLA radio, discussed what is going on with USAC
- Received sustainable mugs
- Waste awareness week happening later this quarter

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Srivastava

- Posted recently about stimulus packages
- Reproductive justice health center has gone digital, on home page of website
- Still in communication with housing about increasing meal swipe value
- Relief fund was released this past Saturday

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Sridhar

- SWC: [Basic Needs Subsidy](#) Phase 1 (up to \$100, first come first serve) closes this coming Friday. PLEASE share widely. [COVID-19 Relief Award](#) (\$500, needs and application based) is open until May 4.
- Books for Bruins: SWC donated \$10,000 to AAC's Books for Bruins subsidy.
- Active Minds: Mindfulness Meditation (via Zoom) with Rebecca Meshkani on Weds 4/22 from 6-6:30pm PST; Virtual Semi-Colon Campaign for suicide prevention was last Thur; social media challenge giveaways starting tomorrow.
- BruinNecessities: Social media (IG and FB) daily resource spotlights are ongoing; PLEASE SHARE! Ongoing social media challenge giveaways.
- Bruin Consent Coalition: Launched virtual Clothesline Project on FB instead of Sunken Gardens; Internship going well; ongoing social media content dispersal.
- EARTH: Happy Earth Week; upcycling clothes video to be posted this week; Sustainable Change of the Week social media challenge giveaways starting next week.
- Bruin Run/Walk: Social media challenge giveaways ongoing.
- SEARCH: All data from Event Evaluation Program has been processed and abstract has been submitted for SRP 99 and Undergraduate Research Poster Day.
- Sexperts: Porn Panel is virtual on Fri 5/1, submit questions [here](#); first virtual workshop tonight on the Hill; Virtual Sex Workshop content is done and set to roll out after marketing is complete.
- Total Wellness: New article out on [fear](#); ongoing social media challenges and content.

N. Transfer Representative

Oraha

- On Friday office voted to endorse CUB
- This weekend I filmed a welcome video for transfers
- Office still doing director takeovers for our Instagram
- Rest of office budget going to COVID relief fund

O. International Student Representative

Tariq

P. OCHC Representative

Gupta

- Meeting with representatives with other schools on west coast about response to covid-19 in residential housing
- Res life is still holding virtual events focused on social engagement

Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Champawat, Geller,

O'Connor

- Jessica: You all should be updating any transition documents your offices have, trying to prep transition materials for the next group coming in.
- Roy: Trying to make the USAC budget report more understandable.
- Josh: Housing still has 800-900 living on The Hill. Had a town hall on Monday, hosting one on week 8. Working with CALPIRG and Bruins vote about fall federal elections. Housing should be done with consolidation by the end of this week. De Neve dining is open.

- Dr.Geller: Next Monday election email will be going out.

VIII. Old Business

- none

IX. New Business

Discussion Item: CARES Act

Millen: For those of you don't know what the CARES Act is, CARES is the federal aid package aimed at helping families and businesses stay afloat. It's also given to a lot of public universities. UCLA did receive funding, we received \$35,906,870 total a minimum of this was set aside, it was \$17,953.435 to emergency financial aid. We tried to do research as to where this money is going for UCLA specifically and there's zero information out there as to what this money is being used for. Half of it is supposed to go back to students but we're just unsure about how UCLA and UCs are handling it.

Robert: Me and one or two other campuses are having concerns in terms of transparency. My impression is that the money is supposed to be directed to the student affairs office. Beyond that, that is all I know.

Johana: I was tasked with sending an email to Monroe Gordon to discuss this so we can keep track of that funding. I was planning on sending out that email yesterday. I was concerned with what kind of meeting I'm supposed to have with him. I wasn't sure what kind of questions to ask, if other council members want to join this meeting that would be cool. I can take the lead on asking for more information about how it's being distributed.

Naomi: I had a question about whether this is a one time allotment and if it's for the entire year.

Johana: I think it's a one time allotment meant to be used throughout the year. I think they are trying to figure out what entities get what money. I think with our meeting with Monroe we can discuss any concerns or just ideas about how to spread out that funding effectively. We can see what kind of experiences students are having in regards to COVID relief.

Lalo: I'd be open to going to the meeting.

Millen: There was one student that reached out to me and said he reached out to financial aid and this is what they said to him: "UCLA is expecting to receive \$35 million through the CARES Act Higher Education fund of which at least 50% must be used for direct support to students. UCLA Administration put together a task force that will evaluate options and set priorities for how these funds will be used. Financial Aid and scholarships will be represented on the task force and we will make sure all efforts to ensure that awards are disbursed as quickly as possible to as many needy financial aid recipients as possible. We hope to start making awards within the next 30 days." I think 50% is the bare minimum that the school could be giving, and this goes back to transparency and where the other 50% is going towards because 17 million is a huge amount of money.

Johana: Some of the communities they're focusing on are undocumented students, and international students.

Millen: Our main focus should be student input, appropriate student input that is reliable.

X. Adjournment*

- Robert adjourns meeting at 8:49pm

Watson

Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item