



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
April 28, 2020  
7:00PM  
Zoom

## **I. Call to Order**

Watson

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

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

- none

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

4/21/2020 minutes

- Lalo motions to approve 4/21/2020 minutes, Jonathan seconds
- By motion of 8-0-1 the motion passes, 4/21/2020 minutes approved

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

Bonifacio

- Strike OCHC officer report
- Strike ISR officer report
- Strike CAC officer report
- Strike FAC officer report
- Strike SFS
- Strike ARCF
- Strike Gen Rep 1 officer report
  
- Lalo motions to approve the agenda as amended, Kim seconds
- By motion of 9-0-1 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

## **IV. Public Comment**

Watson

Audio and Video:

- Hey everyone my name is Joseph. I'm the CALPIRG Campus Relations Intern on the Affordable Textbooks Campaign. As you all know CALPIRG is a statewide student organization at eight UCS that works to protect the environment, support basic needs, and get out the youth vote. Our campaign is working to make textbooks more affordable and accessible by encouraging the use of open resources at UCLA and a UC wide open textbook grant program. Our goal is for the UC regents to follow the lead of UCLA and introduce a grant program for all UC professors who make the switch to open resources. Right now Covid-19 has affected accessibility for students and now it's even more important that students have easy access to their course materials. We also wanted to give you all a quick update on our progress. We've been successful in meeting with North Campus professors who get to choose the course materials for their classes and many of them have signed on for our campaign, and now we want to expand to getting departments in South campus to sign on of open resources. This Friday we're also having our social media blitz day of action to show the region's unified student support for affordable and open textbooks. We emailed you all earlier inviting you and members of your office to participate so we can show that grassroots support remotely. We're going to be posting our social media about why we care about affordable textbooks and tagging our friends to do the same so we can get maximum student support to show the Regents and we would love for your help on this. Good luck with the upcoming elections and midterms. Thank you.

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- Hey guys it's me. Usually I make a public comment for CALPIRG but I wanted to make this public comment about UCLA transportation Bruin access van. I'm you know sort of driver for UCLA transportation, I drive that van that used to be with CAE, obviously not driving right now because we're remote. This is a comment that I've been wanting to make for a while. I've interacted with a lot of students who are my friends on that van and they all have disabilities and I realized that they really do not have a space where they can have their concerns heard and with that van we only had one van up until this year, the second van had to pull funding from the transportation side and that was really difficult. I know they applied for something but they didn't get it I just think I'm just bringing this up because I think it's really important to remember that there are students with disabilities and they need to get to class and I know we're remote but that's just something we should keep in mind especially going into next year, I can imagine how many students are not able to attend University just because we don't have the resources for them to get to class. I just wanted to bring it up one more time because it is something I think should be on people's radar and we shouldn't forget about that population. Thank You.

- Public comment concluded at 7:13pm

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Capital Contingency\* Minasyan

-none

Contingency Programming\* Minasyan

Total Requested: \$660.00

Total Recommended: \$644.00

Non-USAC entity

- Lalo motions to allocate \$644 to non-USAC entities, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 motion passes, Contingency allocation approved

SFS Allocations# ~~Wisner~~

SWC Programming Fund Allocations# Sridhar

-none

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations# ————— Guerra

ASRF Allocations# ————— Riley

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations# ~~Riley~~

ARCF Allocations# ————— Iheanacho

TGIF Shaw

- Allocated \$11,000, \$10,000 of that went to the Covid relief fund
- Rolling basis apps
- Allocating every Monday

## **V. Special Presentations**

### **VC Monroe Gordon**

Watson

Lalo: I know the discussion we had with AVC DeLuca two weeks ago, we were kinda discussing if there was like a violation of the SOUs from both the CRC and the SIOC and it seemed like there was not really a conclusive answer given. So I wanted to ask you basically feel like there has been like a violation, like if you feel like those violations have occurred because at least us as council members have definitely felt like there has been like violations of the SOUs.

VC Monroe Gordon: What I would say is similar to what I said when I met with the other organizations on this issue. As I looked at the information that was provided to me I think it's inconclusive in terms of whether a violation has occurred. I think what's clear is that not just this USAC but other USACs have felt as though they haven't received all the information that they should be receiving and that you know maybe things haven't been proceeding the way they're supposed to. So what I said to the mother orgs which is what I'll say here is that I'm actually much more interested in how we move forward on this. I know that AVC DeLuca and I didn't just come but I also provided information to USAC. I know that there were also follow up questions Lalo from you and others about that information and so I'm actually very interested in moving forward and making sure that we're providing information in ways that USAC feels is appropriate, that we are living up to not just the intent of but the specific language and the actual words of the SOUs. That's where I've spent a lot of time and making sure that we're doing that going forward it feels as though we're moving in a positive direction. So I've had some conversations with Robert about what's been provided I've also talked to him about issues and concerns that have come up from USAC, we're trying to make sure that we're taking all of that into account as we think about moving forward but Lalo probably not the answer you want but I'm a much more focused on how we move forward on this.

Robert: One question, and I think I expressed this to you in our meeting was I don't think Council feels as though we're in a position to want to look back and blame. I think that separately from that though is it can be frustrating for council members, and I would resonate with this too, as I expressed to you previously for us to feel like there's never been an acknowledgement that we haven't received the budget reports, we haven't gotten the yearly presentations, we never approved of these memorandums or these memos that altered the structure of the committee in the functioning of the committees. I think that we're really trying to look for not blame but an acknowledgement that the SOUs weren't followed. I mean as we discussed I think there's very clear evidence that the SOUs have not been followed in the past, the question is not who did it and why do they do it and let's get someone in trouble it's more an acknowledgment of that because we want to move forward as you're saying to in a positive direction where we can follow the SOUs. So I guess kind of going off what Lalo said, maybe putting it in a different direction I think we also want to move forward but I think it can be frustrating to have you know other folks come in from a position of defensiveness and not acknowledging that parts of that SOU weren't followed maybe by who we don't know where and when but that they weren't followed is that something that you maybe would want to respond to? I know we talked about this.

VC Monroe Gordon: So the first thing I would say is I'm not coming in being defensive on this, I'm actually coming in trying to make sure that we're doing what's appropriate moving forward. I think what's difficult Robert, as you said this isn't about necessarily trying to assign blame, but what's difficult is trying to interpret action. Not just the literal interpretation of what's written but then actions of individuals from the past and then drawing a definitive conclusion based on that. So that's why I say that moving forward what's gonna be very important is that what's stated in the SOU is what we do and I am committed to ensuring that we are following the letter of the SOU. You know Robert and I had a conversation and I said it's important that we get a bunch of individuals around the table both who are including USAC but then also members of our mother organizations and are in the SIOC and CRC groups to look at specifically what's written in the SOU to talk about what practices may have been instituted in the past and to make sure that we're reconciling all of the previous practices so that they are in compliance with the written part of the SOU. So this is not an intention of changing the written SOU at all it's just to make sure that everyone agrees that the way that we proceed in our practice is compliant with the SOU. So Robert I hear what you're saying, I again I don't see

the utility that it's difficult for me to see the utility of making a definitive statement that one side or another violated the SOU because I received a lot of information, it wasn't just information that came from members of USAC when we initially looked at this issue and I'll tell you there there are some ambiguities there. I wouldn't make the statement that anyone violated the same way I wouldn't make the statement that no one did violate. So either way I think the best approach at this point is to make sure going forward that the SOU is followed in that everyone understands what the responsibilities are of all parties involved.

Lily: I want to get straight to the point and ask why haven't we seen those comprehensive budgets because we have over a million dollars unaccounted for and we as students are facing the brunt. We've been getting harassed and attacked about student fees missing and that's not directed at admin. Help us hold ourselves accountable.

VC Monroe Gordon: I wanna make sure that we're helping hold everyone accountable. It's not okay for anyone to be attacked but I do want to make sure that we're providing information and ways where you can actually answer to your constituency about what's going on with these budgets.

Lalo: I definitely agree that we should have all the information we need in order to make sure that we can answer to our constituents. I know something that AVC DeLuca brought up in those responses and as follow-up was on various memos that had been passed in the past that changed the way the committee structured. So we kind of asked AVC DeLuca if he could provide us with these memos and he said he would try to get them to us within like two weeks and to this day we have yet to receive those memos. I think that's especially concerning because the memos that he mentioned changed the way that the committee allocated things and so from our understanding these memos are effectively changing the way the committee is structured. I think it's really concerning that we haven't received these because I think receiving these memos kind of is direct evidence that there has been like an alter or like a direct contradiction to the SOU so I think it's really pertinent that we get these memos as soon as possible so we can, as you said, move forward.

VC Monroe Gordon: I appreciate that. I'll follow up directly with AVC DeLuca on that Lalo. The other thing I will say, and I can't say this definitively, I see the SOUs as being the controlling documents, so I don't know what's written in those memos we'd have to go back and I'll make sure I follow with AVC DeLuca but to me the SOU, that's the document that was signed by the students and it was also signed by the Chancellor. So if there are other documents floating around, we need to make sure that we get a hold of those to understand again what's been happening in practice and make sure that our practice comports with the actual language and the SOU..

Robert: So going off the SOUs, I think I'm just gonna reiterate that I don't think we're looking for a statement in the form of the SOU's were not followed by blank, I think that we're looking for an acknowledgement by administration that the SOU's were not followed. I mean based off my conversation with Vice Chancellor Gordon I do believe that that's a very clear answer and I think most of us on council feel that way. I think our frustration stems from that not being acknowledged. There's direct evidence even from my terms on council as we've talked about the SOUs very clearly say that the budget shall be presented to Council during fall quarter they give specific dates for doing so. Even just last year the budgets were never presented to Council. So I understand the need to focus on moving forward and I think we all understand. A discussion we're gonna have probably after you leave is about how we move forward as a council. I think though it's hard for us to come from a place of feeling like there's I guess good intention or recognizing where the flaws are if there's not an acknowledgement that the SOUs haven't been followed. We have our minutes online there's direct evidence that those votes have never been taken, those budgets were not presented last year so I think that's what we're looking for and I think that's what I discussed with you in our meeting offline too was not about blame but about recognizing where the actual problems are because I think many of us on council feel as though the problem is not with what the SOU says it's the problem with the SOU is not being followed.

VC Monroe Gordon: I can say this, I hear what you're saying and hopefully you appreciate why it's difficult for me to give a definitive statement on this. I have heard from other students, current students, as well as alumni that there were changed practices to how information was submitted to USAC that was accepted by some members of USAC in the past. Now I'm not gonna create judgment as to whether or not you know the veracity of what people said that's there really wasn't the the point of it but hopefully you appreciate because those changed practices may have occurred and because they may have occurred with the okay of USAC it's hard to say that something was or was not followed. So if a practice was changed through the acceptance of the USAC body then at this point it's hard for me to say definitively that no they weren't followed right which is why it's been so challenging for me to make that statement. Here's one thing I can say, it is obvious that there have been practices that do not fully comport with the SOUs. It's obvious that there have been practices in the past that have not comported with the SOUs and I think that being a lawyer by trade and being someone who used to be a contract attorney as well, that's not okay. We need to make sure that we are proceeding in ways that are consistent with the SOU which is why I keep focusing on moving forward because I know that going forward we can make sure of that. But Robert that's probably the most I can say right now. It's hard to make the judgment that the SOUs were violated because again there have been statements saying that there was some form of approval for change of practice but the one thing I can say is that there have been practices that did not comport with the SOU and so we need to make sure that going forward everything we're doing is written in the SOU. If USAC feels that a process should be changed or if there is a question about how a process changes that needs to go through the formalized approval process that's currently written in the SOU, otherwise we shouldn't be doing it. So that's why I'm very interested in in trying to move toward doing Robert and I don't know if I answered your question but that's all I can sort of offer.

Robert: Vice Chancellor Gordon, this is the same question we asked Associate Vice-Chancellor DeLuca, is there a commitment from you as the SOUs say that any changes that are made to the SOUs obviously I've expressed to you and I think counsel expressed to you that we believe the SOUs are not the issue, it's the lack of compliance that is the issue. If there is any change to the SOU as the SOUs say that will be brought to council before it's ever ratified or changed and that's something we're just making sure that you also share that commitment with Associate Vice-Chancellor DeLuca.

VC Monroe Gordon: Absolutely. I hold the commitment that we're going to honor the process.

Naomi: When are we going to see those budgets?

VC Monroe Gordon: I believe AVC Deluca did provide some information but then I've seen some emails that have gone back, I think Lalo sent AVC Deluca an email saying that the more information was necessary. I believe I saw a commitment by AVC Deluca to make sure that we're providing additional information. So I think I can go back Naomi, for the specific budgets now to get a sense of when you'll be able to see that but then there are the budgets that need to come to council as a part of the normal process right and that's I believe in the fall. We are committed to making sure that we're moving forward with the SOUs the way they were supposed to, so I would say that for the next incoming counsel they're going to see the budgets and the information as dictated by the SOU.

### CS Mini Guidelines - Angela Li

Bonifacio

#### **Updates to Community Service Mini Fund under COVID-19**

CS Mini Fund is a funding body for any UCLA student-led community service activities. We are accepting applications for Spring 2020.

**Deadline:** 11:59 pm 4/24 (Week 4 Friday)

We will accommodate late submissions if you reach out to us *before the deadline*.

**Hearings:** 4/30 to 5/3, over Zoom

If you have trouble accessing Zoom or having a stable internet connection, reach out to us for alternative arrangements.

In addition to its regular guidelines, CS Mini Committee will consider the following items, in order of priority:

1. **We will fund virtual community service programming, including any fees needed to access online resources.**
  - Projects will need to present a plan on how they will conduct virtual programming.
  - This will take priority over points 2 and 3 in allocation of funds.
2. **We will allow projects to apply for funding to create care packages for their service recipients.**
  - Projects will have to justify why the items within the care packages are needed/will benefit their service recipients, and who they will send the packages to.
3. **We will allow projects to apply for funding to provide resources for community partners needing assistance during the pandemic.**
  - Partners' work must be community service and should align with the objectives of the projects, if possible.
  - Projects should explain why their support and collaboration will benefit the partner and community.
  - Projects must apply on behalf of the partners, and must give justification for why the items are needed.
  - Projects that are not community service-focused but wish to support an organization can apply.
  - Priority will be given towards assisting community partners with an established relationship with projects.
4. **We will fund projects to stock up on supplies needed when activities resume.**
  - We will only approve this request if projects are able to purchase the supplies before the end of the 2020-2021 year and store it securely.
  - Projects cannot send and store supplies to UCLA as there is no access to the UCLA loading dock or buildings.
  - SGA is not accepting Purchase Orders; projects must front the cost of the supplies and apply for reimbursement.

You will also be able to use your remaining allocations from Winter 20 on the above items. The deadline to submit req forms for Winter 20 allocations is 05/04, but we will be flexible as long as you reach out to us before the deadline.

Unfortunately, we will not be funding capital items because of logistical and security issues. All unused CS Mini funds will go to the USAC Surplus in the next academic year, which will be reallocated under the discretion of next year's Council. The CS Mini Chair for the next academic year may request the Council that additional funds be allocated to CS Mini to accommodate programs that have been canceled or postponed due to COVID-19.

**Resources:**

[CS Mini general guidelines](#) (under CS Mini section)

[Tutorial on how to fill out CS Mini](#)

[CS Mini scoresheet](#)

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SIOC/CRC Budget Reports\*

Velazquez

Lalo: Just to recap, as y'all know winter winter quarter week ten council meeting we voted to release the checks to CRC and SIOC following the receipt of the budget reports we've been asking for since November. After we received something, but I think the general consensus among council was that they were not adequate budget reports and didn't go extensively into the budget. So I kind of wanted to pose to y'all, especially after what VC Gordon said, if we want to release the checks or what everyone is thinking. I also wanted to ask either Roy or just or anyone else from ASUCLA if we know which ones have already been sent because I think from my understanding there were some that were already sent to the committee's.

Roy: Summer fees had arrived and were distributed, and fall fees arrived and were distributed. That was subsequent to the first budget information that was set. At this time we have not yet quite received winter fees so we don't have them in-house and ahead of us still are going to be spring quarter fees that normally occur during the summer.

Lalo: Do those fees still fall under our discretion since it would be going into summer?

Roy: So you know commissioners that have authority over funds, you know what we communicate with great clarity is that you know the CEC Commissioner needs to follow through with all of those disbursements signing off on on recs through the fiscal year the challenge with council does not specifically need to vote to - for funds to flow to organizations listed in referenda that receive monies. The challenge is after council is replaced by a subsequent elected council there is no mechanism for it to take a vote nor is that vote explicitly required in order for those funds to flow.

Robert: Spring budget, while technically we're out of office it does fall under our purview it's just an issue that exists where because we will not be in office the next council would have to essentially make a decision on, for example, if we were to withhold spring quarter funds or allocate them on certain conditions the next council would be the council that kind of follows through with that. The second question I have is this seems to differ somewhat from what we've been told previously in terms of the necessity of the USAC president signing off on the releasing of the check and then council does have authority because, yes we approve the budget at the beginning, but we can also modify the budget as we go so if we vote to not to release it because it's not in compliance with the referenda language that's perfectly reasonable at least for like a period of time until the referendum guidance is put back into place .

Roy: So I don't know what contradiction you were referring to in terms of the president's authority or a requisite sort of vote. In terms of the necessity to follow through on obligations of responsibility for funds. When the council votes the overall budget which accounts for every aspect of the budget at the beginning of the year has the authority for the funds to flow. Some of those funds are under the discretion of subsidiary authorities. So you know as an example just to get outside of this exact you know issue that we are litigating at this time, AAP, the funds are authorized to flow and the referenda indicates where they flow to. So there is no subsequent vote requisite for money to flow once the authorization is placed at the beginning of the year. A secondary specific vote of counsel to require certain things you know to comply with MOUs to comply with its perception of responsibility and proper stewardship are a secondary layer that potentially built on top of that that I think I really want to caution us to be very careful with that. But once you're out of office yeah I mean what I think you would have to do is put in place some sort of request of your successor is it that there is something that they would either need to continue your position or they could have been in your position. Again that's the power of of the election you know you all you can really do is say here's here's what we're heading over to you here's what are guidance is and then you are the ones who have to make these decisions.

Robert: The clarity I am seeking is that once the referenda passes, you're saying it just flows with no subsequent vote of council. I'm confused at that statement because in the past we've been told that council can stop the flow of referenda fees and in fact we voted to stop the flow of referenda fees. We've been told the USAC president's signature is required on checks before they are disbursed. Council has a mechanism where, if referenda fees aren't being used for their purpose or there's statements of misunderstanding, that they can be halted.

Roy: The USA President's signature is not required on any disbursement. What you have been signing are letters that communicate to entities that are receiving mandatory student fees or referenda base fees to report on USA, you are saying we are pleased to present X amount of money, it comes from this referenda, here's what its purpose is, we look forward to your reporting back on that usage. So it's a communication that just sort of establishes the relationship and makes clear you know it's not just money out of the blue that some entity could use for any purpose, it shows that it is money with a purpose and it is being handed over with clarity. So those letters are simply really clarity they're not signatures on checks. Now the other part that counsel voted and expressed concern about usage or non-compliance with MOUs or the understanding of the use of fees and therefore is requesting further information in requesting interaction and is specifically suspending a dispersal is an extraordinary action that is not necessarily in place. I mean if there was no concern and no expression from counsel those funds could simply flow through and generally the signatures over the Ficom chair because all student dispersals go over a student signature but normally those are the Ficom chair.

Robert: I'm just making sure it's very clear that if there is a referenda fee and that fee is not being used for the purpose outlined in the referenda or is not being given to the entity of the language that's outlined that council has a mechanism, albeit extraordinary, to withhold those funds as we did previously until information was given or until a correction was made.

De. Geller: If there were an action taken to withhold it's really just delaying the funds. They can never be used for anything other than the purpose that the referenda said they were for. So they could not be used in any alternate way. Eventually they would have to go forward to the intended use which would then just be receiving a larger amount of money at a later time. If the campus determines that referenda based fees are not being delivered, the Chancellor can direct that the fee stop being collected. That's kind of the mechanism, or USAC could run a new referendum to end a fee, but it's not necessarily counsel's ability to say that a fee can't be collected and you don't have discretion to use those funds for anything other than the purpose in the referenda. The question is do you have the ability to direct ASUCLA Student Government Accounting to delay turning over the funds until particular conditions are met, so I think that's what you're trying to do.

Roy: I agree with what Dr. Geller is saying and I think what we're all trying to work towards here is that in general, I think Vice Chancellor Gordon was very clear certainly in a moving forward stance that MOUs govern that there is going to be mechanisms to reconcile and where there is a concern from counsel about proper usage of fees that it is certainly proper and correct to bring up those concerns and that those concerns be spoken to.

Lalo: Is there a time limit on how long they can be delayed?

Dr.geller: So you're going to need Roy to tell you if it's even possible to tell student government accounting not to issue the checks. If it is then it would mean the money would just sit accumulating for the purpose for which it was originally intended until that check gets cut. I don't know how to say yes or no to what you're asking. It would really be a SGA practical issue.

Isabel: It's sounding like withholding fees, even if we logistically could, what does that actually do?

Dr. Geller: If the fees are not delivered in a timely fashion there are all sorts of potential practical implications. It could mean that if they don't have the resources, programs and services stop, and the employees stop working. It would take their leadership to tell us how long they could deliver the services without receiving the funds.

Robert: Roy, you said we can't repurpose the money. The money has already been repurposed. There needs to be a way to hold referenda accountable to make sure they're going towards their purposes.

Roy: I believe that you're right the this mechanism again of bringing pressure and asking questions and insisting on responsibility and accountability is the right mechanism. I think there are things that have gone off track. All the actions you're taking I think are moving very aggressively towards getting these things firmly back onto a track. I mean I think VC Gordon was extremely clear in his forward commitment and his conveying clearly to counsel that he considers himself the one accountable that seems extremely powerful, you've been nowhere near anything like that until this counsel got it to that point. I mean I think you should be heartened that you are having the effect and are affecting the stewardship of these funds quite effectively you're still not at the goal I acknowledge and accept but you clearly are making serious headway here and I think you should be heartened by that.

Isabel: I just wanted to I think express a little bit more of my thoughts that I didn't express before. I'm not of the opinion that like nothing should change, something very fundamentally needs to change between the relationship here but I do also agree that like we do need to protect the most vulnerable who most likely are going to be hit by the withholding of funds. I think withholding funds could be a good solution here, I think it could be a good answer to what's happening but I reject the idea that like we don't care about the people who this is going to impact. I also want to make very clear that when we don't know where the funds are going, that hurts students too. Students not knowing where their money is going is hurting them.

Naomi: Especially when we talk about the SIOC. I do think we are doing them a disservice when we don't know where 1.2 million dollars are going. I think transparency would really help in a sense. This is about accountability and making sure things like MOUs aren't broken.

Lalo: We received something of a budget, but it wasn't substantial. It was line items that had a dollar amount. Then we received a better budget that showed the differentiation between operations and project expenses. So I agree we've received something but I definitely don't think it's what we asked for. I agree that I don't know if we necessarily have to go full-on extreme with everything. I do think we have made some progress but I definitely think there's room to make way more progress and I definitely think we're nowhere near to achieving what we had asked for.

Isabel: For anyone listening to this or for anyone who's reading these minutes in the future, the budgets that we received were basically, it was like three years worth and each year only was like this much of like a full page. It was as if you were going through your own bank account and you were like, okay how much did I spend this month on gas for my car. And you wrote down that number. Except instead of saying "gas for your car", you just wrote "transportation", and transportation included, I don't know, maybe when you got new tires for your car and when you got a new stereo and you got gas, but you didn't label any of those things, you just said "okay I spent a thousand dollars on transportation cool." And then you went and you were like I spent a hundred dollars on things for my house, and then you said "things for your house" and wrote like \$100. You didn't say what, you didn't say anything specific about what you bought. That's what these budgets look like. It was like nine different titles of things or categories of things with nothing specific underneath it. There were two separate lines for transportation and travel. I don't understand how that's different but that's concerning to me as someone who's looking at this budget and thinking like okay what's the difference between transportation and travel, but there's no qualification there. There's no explanation, there's no specific line item that tells me like oh this was travel and this was transportation because I don't know. So that's why we're very frustrated with the budget reports that we received because it's not a comprehensive budget and it doesn't actually tell us anything about where the funds went because there's no proof in any of this. So that's what we're talking about when we're upset about why there is no transparency and why we don't feel like we've actually received any information about these budgets even though a budget was sent because there's no specificity here.

Johana: Are we supposed to do a vote on this or what was this discussion leading to?

Lalo: I'm not sure at this point. I think the one thing that causes the most hesitancy is how this would affect students, it's hard to move forward when we know that student jobs would be affected. But I agree that we need to put pressure to make sure the requests we made are honored. I'm just trying to find where that balance is and what can be done.

Orion: We don't necessarily need to go to either extreme in order to do that. If the vice chancellor is not providing, then maybe it's time to start holding fees again.

LaLo: I would feel more comfortable making sure student jobs are safe and secured until more decisions are made. Do we have to make that decision now?

Lalo: I personally prefer to table it.

- Vote tabled

## **VI. Appointments**

- none

## **VII. Officer Reports**

### **A. President**

Watson

- Meeting with Napolitano last week, last one for the quarter, productive meeting, we discussed fall quarter, not yet been decided, deciding on a campus by campus basis, also discussed referenda thresholds
- Meeting with the Chancellor, talked about referenda and the threshold, discussed CALPIRG, fall quarter planning
- Meeting with Vice Chancellor Gordon, talked about the Black Resource Center and I invited Alex Davis, we had a really productive conversation about if CUB passes what would administrative support look like
- Working with CALPIRG to try and get admin to expedite the process of their new contract for lowering the threshold for their signatures to opt in to paying the fee for CALPIRG

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

Bonifacio

- Planning to have a meeting with Vice Chancellor Beck to figure out logistics of Campus Advisory Panel
- Plan to add bylaw changes to Campus Safety Alliance next week
- Grow committee compiling different internship opportunities
- Making sure the office is ready to transition out

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

Guerra

- Digital SLC began yesterday, I attended one of the panels today
- Digital SLC will continue through Wednesday or Thursday, final day includes lobbying
- Racial justice grant applications are now live

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

————— Velazquez

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

Smedley

- Looking into the descriptions for the budget line items in the expense list and trying to use natural language processing to categorize them

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

Broukhim

- Been meeting with local community leaders to further advance efforts to help students and businesses get through COVID-19
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### **G. Academic Affairs Commissioner**

Riley

- Sitting on a Future Planning Task Force, talking about Session C and Fall quarter, no decisions have been made so far.
- Processing our Books for Bruins funding
- Passed a resolution for the Academic Senate
- Meeting with ASUCLA to talk about course textbook practices and syllabus recommendations

#### H. Campus Events Commission

Steinmetz

- Today we had our first live stream of our concert series, we have another one on Thursday at 7pm
- We have on April 30th our submissions to the short takes film festivals, awarding different prizes for winners
- On May 9th we're doing a live stream event with Anthony from Queer Eye cooking
- We're going to have two more speaker events

#### I. Community Service Commissioner

Wisner

- CSC endorsed both referenda
- Disbursed all available funds left to Books for Bruins, SWC relief fund, and Covid relief fund
- Robert S. Michaels sent out recipient information today

#### J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

————— Iheanacho

#### K. Facilities Commissioner

—Shaw

#### L. Financial Supports Commissioner

————— Srivastava

#### M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Sridhar

- CARE: Opportunity to meet two out of the three candidates for CARE Director - Jennifer Jiries 12/4 from 4:15-5pm; Shonte Howard 12/10 from 12-12:45pm. CAPS Large Conference Room.
- Body Image Task Force: Co-program with CEC on Dec 3 - Jameela Jamil went great! I Love My Body Week is week 2 of winter quarter (1/13-1/17).
- BruinNecessities: Meeting next week with AVC Mick Deluca and Erin McMahan (UCLA Rec) to discuss funding for institutionalization of menstrual hygiene products.
- Sexperts: YouTube video channel ready to go - 2 videos prepared and will be posted soon.
- Total Wellness: Thurs 12/5 - LAUNCH PARTY for quarterly zine, *From Within*. The zine is based on different stories of UCLA students on campus and how they take care of their mental health.
- Staff Development: Friendsgiving this Thursday 12/5

#### N. Transfer Representative

Oraha

- I will be at a panel on Friday for incoming transfer students
- My last office meeting is this Friday and we are still planning on spotlighting transfers running for office

#### O. International Student Representative

————— Tariq

#### P. OCHC Representative

—Gupta

#### Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Champawat, Geller,

O'Connor

Jessica: Just wanted to offer, if anyone is interested in doing one on one meetings with me or Fernando, I can set up a doodle poll or something and send it out. If that would be helpful I can do that.

Fernando: I wanna point out if I mute you it's because there's audio feedback when someone else is speaking. I try not to mute when not necessary.

### **VIII. Old Business**

- none

### **IX. New Business**

#### Bylaw Changes: CSC Transportation Fund\*

Wisner

Office of the Internal Vice President

**USAC Bylaw Change Submission Form**

Was Bylaw Change forwarded from Constitutional Review Committee (CRC)?

Yes  No

Record of CRC vote: For: Against: Abstain:

Proposed Bylaw Change submitted to USAC by: (if applicable)

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Name: Jonathan Wisner Position: Community Service

Commissioner

Proposed change(s) apply to the following Article(s) (including section(s)) of USAC Bylaws: Article VII , Section C, 13, b, iii  
Summarize and Attach the Bylaw change(s) you are submitting:

This amendment would update the CSC surplus guidelines to direct the money to the Commission's transportation fund, fulfilling the original intention of the #Wellness referenda and diverting money away from Commission's scholarship which is not in need of funding.

"The Community Service Commissioner shall recommend to the council an allocation from the Community Service Commission Mandatory Student Fee Surplus shall be allocated to the Community Service Commission's fund for transportation for student service organizations, divided between the Robert S. Michaels Leadership in Service Award Endowment Fund, managed by the UCLA Foundation, and the John H. Sarvey Student Group Supplement Award, managed by Student Government Accounting."

- Johana motions to approve the bylaw change for CSC Transportation fund, Brandon seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, CSC Transportation bylaw change is approved

#### Continuing Academic Challenges throughout COVID-19

Broukhim

Brandon: I was talking with a few students today, but i got the full email from the math department, which basically told every student that all courses toward the pre-major, major, and minor requirement must be taken for a letter grade. That they are basically ignoring the UCLA policy. they laid out the entire requirement , the minimum requirement to enroll in a 199 series is still and A. The letter basically ended by mocking students, saying that they had more resources now than in normal circumstances. I'm very concerned that if we need to do something more aggressive with some of these lagging departments. To me it's unacceptable.

Robert: Yeah, I agree.

Naomi: I would say within the conversations that we have we eally have been really aggressive and I think that's why we've seen a lot of departments switch their requirements and a lot of departments have laxed a lot. But we are still really seeing struggles across different departments as well. Again I'm gonna echo what I said one or two weeks ago at council, if you know these departments the letters that we've been writing to the dean's and to the different academic departments have been very effective and we can do another one tailored to a specific department and send it to the chair and all the faculty that are voting members within that department as well. That's also something that was recommended to us by a few of the deans and specifically Dean Turner. This is something I brought up at every Academic Senate meeting that all of my Senators are vehemently bringing up and you know the Academic Senate and administration is fully aware every single one of the deans that we spoke to is on the same page as us, they want laxed requirements they want compassion. It's just really up to the individual faculty who have an extreme amount of academic freedom. So again I think we can strategize in specific ways for specific departments and I know Robert and I had asked which departments that you all know of that we still need to organize around so if you all want to create like a working group or like a working group chat where we can talk about this specifically for people who have been getting a lot of these concerns that would be great too.

Arsh: I just wanna echo everything that Brandon said. Some professors have been more strict for guidance for midterms. Just to make sure that it's not redundant I wanted to run it by you all.

Brandon: This wasn't meant to be a criticism of council. I just think it needed renewed attention. I think a working group is a great idea.

## **X. Adjournment\***

Watson

- Robert adjourns meeting at 9:48pm

### **Good and Welfare**

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