



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
June 2, 2020  
7 PM  
Zoom

## **I. Call to Order**

Riley

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm

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

- None

## **II. Approval of Agenda\***

Luong

- Strike ARCF
  - Strike BEST Program Presentation
  - Strike Federal Executive Order
  - Strike BAG
  - Strike Capital Contingency
  - Strike Travel Grant Mini Fund
  - Strike ASRF
  - Strike Resolution for Calpirg's New Voter Project
  - Strike Contingency Programming
  - Strike SFS
  - Strike Title IX Reform and Student Survivor Advocacy
  - Strike Campus Retention Program Appointment
  - Strike Student Initiated Outreach Committee Appointment
  - Strike g.ucla.edu email discussion
  - Add discussion item for Campus Safety and Dining Halls
  - Add discussion item for Student Legal Services
  - Add discussion item for Finals
  - Strike IVP officer report
  - Strike EVP officer report
  - Strike Gen Rep 1 officer report
  - Strike Gen Rep 2 officer report
  - Strike Gen Rep 3 officer report
  - Strike AAC officer report
  - Strike CEC officer report
  - Strike CSC officer report
  - Strike CAC officer report
  - Strike FAC officer report
  - Strike FSC officer report
  - Strike SWC officer report
  - Strike TSR officer report
  - Strike ISR officer report
  - Strike OCHC officer report
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- Emily motions to add action item for Empower FiComm Chair to Make Allocations Up to \$500 In Weeks Without A Council Meeting, Sachi seconds

- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, action item added to the agenda
- Sachi motions to add A Resolution Calling for Solidarity with the Black Community and Condemning Police Brutality and Anti-Blackness as an action item, Promise seconds
- By a motion 14-0-0 the motion passes, resolution added to the agenda
- Promise motions to approve agenda as amended, Breeze seconds
- By a motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, agenda approved as amended

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

Luong

- 5/26/2020
- Sachi motions to approve 5/26/2020 minutes, Alice seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, 5/26/2020 minutes are approved

### **IV. Public Comment**

Riley

- Hi my name is Lily, and I'm the former USAC Facilities Commissioner. I just came to say that the conversion of UCLA's Jackie Robinson Stadium from a COVID testing site to a holding site for peaceful protestors under arrest by LAPD is an egregious error by UCPD and UCLA administrators. Not only is it painfully ironic, it is disgusting and condemnable. I am ashamed to be a UCLA student right now, and I implore UCPD, specifically Officer Scheffler who is here tonight, to be fully transparent in explaining who made this decision and why no students were involved in this decision. Thank you.
- Hi I'm Grayson Peters. I just wanted to give you a little bit of an update about the protest that went down recently. It was largely peaceful, only one instance of small graffiti on Wilshire, however, once the protestors went up onto the 405 and blocked all but one lane, police opened fire with rubber bullets and tear gas and did make around ten arrests. I do not know at this time and I would be curious to know what the participation of UCPD was in that and what charges are being held over those students that were arrested. I'll echo Lily's concern about the use of the Jackie Robinson Stadium for both Coronavirus testing and now the holding of detained protestors. That is a terrible combination, both for our morals and for public health. Thank you.
- Hi, I would like to echo the concerns brought up about the Jackie Robinson Stadium. It really shows the amount of performative wokeness that our administration has been feeding us students as a form of pandering. I would really like transparency on how UCLA as an institution is collaborating with UCPD along with LAPD. In addition, I would also like transparency on how they're planning on handling finals, especially with a lot of professors that we've been seeing lately that aren't really understanding the no harm aspect of why we call for finals to be cancelled, delayed, etc. I'm calling for full transparency, full communication, for our students and especially our black Bruins at this time.
- Hi, I'm a student representative for the Academic Senate. I know that many professors when emailing students back regarding concerns over accommodations have cited the Academic Senate. I just wanted to get a census of how I can properly represent the student body in pushing for these finals accommodations. With everything going on, the military mobilizing in our community, you guys can reach out to me. I know that they have been citing the Academic Senate which is weird to me because they do have academic freedom to do whatever they want, and the fact that they are choosing to not accommodate us is really stressful especially for the black students on campus. Please let me know your thoughts and specifically what you want me to say.
- My name is Alberto, I'm a third year mathematics student at UCLA. I have two things to say. First, I was also very surprised and repulsed to hear that our own campus is being used to process detainees. I think especially for the Jackie Robinson center, named after one of the biggest civil rights icons in our history and activists, to know that administration is allowing that to go on, I think that unfortunately says a lot about our administration that was already being said and not being listened to. I hope this at least makes more people realize that the administration is not perfect.

I think USAC should make a statement about this, I think you should make a statement condemning the use of this center to process people arrested at these protests. Secondly, as for the UCPD, this is not a specific call out of your practices or anything specific that you've done on campus, I'm not really involved with that and don't know much about the history of UCPD, but I know that a lot of people right now are mistrustful of police and mistrustful of seeing police on their campus and want to feel like they're safe and like they're being heard. So I think that the UCPD should release a statement outlining what they do to be different from, say the Minneapolis Police Department, police departments that have a lot of problems with violence, specifically violence against black people and other people of color. I think they should be transparent and open about what they are doing to be proactively anti-racist within their department. I also think that they should make a statement about how they should be different from the LAPD and how they would be different from police departments across the nations that we see instigating violence against peaceful protesters. I think people have a right to know what would happen if the students at UCLA needed to protest about something like this in the future, how it would be handled better, how it would be handled differently. I think statements regarding those practices, what proactive measures the UCPD is taking to be better would go a long way in promoting trust and making the UCPD a trusted part of the community instead of a distrusted outsider. Thank you.

- Hi. I'd really like to challenge the hypocrisy and the fake performative wokeness by UCPD and Scott Scheffler in particular at the last Campus Safety Alliance meeting saying that UCPD doesn't tolerate racial profiling, when if you look at their stats and look at cases like the Roebling block party, they clearly target students of color and black students at a much higher rate than their white counterparts. I think that's absolutely abhorrent and I really would like to hear some accountability on that.
- Hi my name is Amanda, I also serve on the Academic Senate as well as I'm a representative of the Academic Affairs Commission and Office of the President. I just want to voice my opinion and my concerns on behalf of the black community right now but especially for administration and the way in which they're delegating and handling things like final examinations. I think administration should be held accountable for professors that are complacent, not being empathetic or sympathetic in any of this and blatantly saying words like the 'n' word in their lectures, and honestly not making any of these circumstances any better, and even bringing in some quotes from MLK that don't even reiterate or define what it was alluding to and questioning if people that are half black should get the same representation or accommodations that people that are 100% black should. I just really think that administration should be held accountable in this time. In fact, I think that resignations should be implemented as a result of this. For a university that prides themselves on diversity but can't find it in themselves to accommodate students as such, I think that that's such a devastation.
- Hi. So last night me and my sister went to go protest in Downtown LA in solidarity with Black Lives Matter movement. We got separated after tear gas was thrown at us, and my sister got arrested. She was actually taken to the Jackie Robinson Stadium. She actually got some recordings of what was going on. She told me that there was a girl on the bus that needed to use the restroom and LAPD refused to let her off and use the restroom. I'll play the audio so you can hear it. And there's one more video of LAPD drowning out cries with the radio on the bus. That is violence happening on our campus. Gene Block hasn't said anything yet, and we have to remember that white silence is violence. There was a faculty letter that was sent to the chancellor's office and I'm still curious why Gene Block hasn't said anything. My sister was held in there for hours, and she needed to use the restroom. Most of the people there were people of color, and Gene Block throws out some meaningless letter that he supports this movement. If there's someone that works with the Daily Bruin, can we please make a story for this to bring more attention to this, can people post this on their social media, because this is violence happening on our campus. Thank you.
- I just wanted to make the comment that it was a great failure on UCLA's behalf of not even addressing the fact that the National Guard was deployed to Westwood yesterday, and we didn't receive even as much as a statement from administration to not even tell students to stay safe. Not all students feel safe in the presence of police, and the presence of military, and we didn't receive as much as a statement from administration and I think that was a huge slap in the face, especially to black students that have been expressing to this administration how unsafe we feel in the presence of

police, how unsafe we've felt over the past few days, over the past week. As a student who is currently living in Westwood, I was too afraid to even step out of my apartment onto the street, because I didn't know if I was going to be in trouble, if anything was going to happen to me. That's the ongoing fear that black students have to live with. The fact that the administration didn't even see it fit to give us a message, we had to find out through social media and word of mouth from one another, and statements that the National Guard is here. We didn't even get a message from administration saying that they care about us, that they care about black students, I think is a huge misstep on their behalf.

- I think that it was really problematic that housing and res life didn't address the curfews and closures of dining halls in a timely fashion. The fact that students weren't able to access food or afraid to leave their apartments or afraid to leave the hill to access food in Westwood is simply unacceptable. I think there needs to be a lot of change, not only for admin, but housing, res life, all of that. All of these things need to be addressed as one.
- Hi, I'm Kendall. I'm on the North Westwood Neighborhood Council, and transportation and safety board as well as a student. I wanted to condemn UCLA and UCPD for not condemning what has been going on in the strongest possible terms. They are literally taking political prisoners right now. People have the First Amendment right to protest and to basically kidnap them for their right to protest is political imprisonment. They are using UCLA campus for that purpose. I would love to know for the UCPD, are they personally using rubber bullets, are they personally using tear gas. There's been improper use of these weapons, tear gas as a chemical weapon classified by the ICC crime committee not used in war, not acceptable in war but we are using it on our civilians, we are using it on our students. Rubber bullets can kill, they do kill, they maim, they blind. It is not okay that the university and the police department has been silent on these issues for whatever reason. It's not okay.
- I would like to speak on the communication of res life. I feel like there should not have been something that had gone out by housing stating that in lieu of the protests that dining halls hours were going to be changed when the protest was already cancelled. I feel like that should've already been made clear, so that students that didn't even know about a protest, students who wanted to join this protest not knowing it was cancelled still showed up. This is when situations like arrests happen. It was supported by dining facilities when students were trying to put posters up saying it was cancelled, and you have managers taking them down and throwing them away right in front of your face. I would also like to second what Kendall was saying about rubber bullets and excessive force and things like this, because not only have the rubber bullets caused blindness, but also the tear gas for students and people who are wearing contacts because it burns into your eyes and causes blindness. So I would also like to hear about the use of those as well. Thank you.
- I would just like to say, as far as I know, the UCLA Jackie Robinson baseball stadium is owned by the Veterans Affairs, the VA hospital and isn't actually controlled by UCLA despite the name. If you have grievances about the ways it's being used, you should contact the VA hospital.
- Hi everyone. I just wanted to make a statement after what they just stated whereas, if we can make the excuse that the Jackie Robinson stadium isn't actually the property of UCLA, why can't UCLA administration make a statement about the property they do have. I understand that we are a public university and people have the right to protest, but UCLA has actively rented out spaces to anti-black speakers and have made it completely available for LAPD to show up in full riot gear, and they're not here to protect students, they're here to protect whoever has these types of events on campus.
- Hi guys, just really quick. Any passing off of responsibility by any members of UCLA's administration for any reason, because this institution or that institution is accountable for this or that is bullsh\*t and frankly, just a very explicit maintenance of white supremacy and shows the values of all the folks that are on UCLA's payroll and so any sort of pointers about 'this person is responsible and this person isn't' is bullsh\*t. The only other thing I wanted to say is thank you to everyone on council who has put in so many hours, emotional and physical labor and time, thank you for being the leadership that our campus needs at this time.

- Concluded at 7:40 pm

### Student Legal Services

Kemper

Bakur: Thank you for coming here on such short notice. So students have a group of questions regarding their legal rights, especially international students, that's like a major issue. I understand that you won't be able to comment on immigration related issues since you are not an expert in the matter and you said that you will have the immigration attorney answer those questions on Wednesday so thank you for that. If you could speak about what services or legal services that can be provided to students protesting.

Liz: Hi, I'm Liz and I'm the director of Student Legal Services and we can help students with pretty much any sort of legal issue they encounter. As Bakur noted, we have an immigration attorney, SFAC funded us, she started in January of 2019 and she will be able to provide the guidance for the international students. There are three other attorneys, we do general work, like I said we do pretty much any type of legal issue. So we've been seeing a great deal of landlord/tenants issues, students wanting to break their lease and not knowing what to do, we've been trying to support them. We are fully operational, we are conducting confidential Zoom appointments with students. We are actually seeing more students than we normally do because there are so many different issues that students are facing. They're not just landlord/tenant issues, they're employment related, we have issues with consumer issues. Unfortunately, we've been conducting the scammers have been working really hard in both the sublease situation and the employment area. I've been developing FAQs and guidance which are on our website for students who want to terminate their lease early, the eviction moratorium, the rent protections that are for apartments that are under rent control. I've been trying to stay ahead of the game and provide assistance to students both in person and by providing FAQs. We have waived all of our fees because we want to make sure all students who need assistance can get assistance. With the protests now, we encourage students who have been arrested or have issues related to the protest to contact my office, we would be happy to provide support. This is such an important time and the protests are crucial and we want to help students who are engaging in their First Amendment right to protest.

Sachi: I think it would be great if you could just briefly outline what services you can provide to students who are arrested at protests. As a further question, can you provide legal services for students that are harmed by the police or harmed by other state organizations who wish to seek justice against those organizations.

Liz: Absolutely. We can support those students. We just don't go to court because we are four part time attorneys. What we do in criminal cases where students have been injured by the police, we fully discuss their options, we have referrals for them to criminal defense attorneys or to attorneys who can handle police misconduct issues. We have a great deal of experience. We can help give students the information that they need and then help guide them to a good resource who can actually represent them in court.

Sachi: Is there any support for students financially? Once it goes beyond legal services, there are a variety of legal fees that students might have to pay. Once they're referred out, are students able to access free services or affordable services?

Liz: Well the criminal defense attorneys with who we work do give a favorable rate to UCLA students. We work with them and they know that students have financial issues. In terms of police misconduct issues, those cases are usually handled on what's called a contingency fee basis, which means that the students don't pay the money upfront, the attorney just gets a percentage of whatever the student recovers. So criminal defense is handled in one way and police misconduct cases are handled in another. We try to give the best rates possible because we do have attorneys who work with UCLA students frequently and are willing to give a reduced rate.

Bakur: Do legal services provide bail support or can you link students who need that to bail support organizations?

Liz: We do have an extensive community resource list on our website of legal services and government service offices that can support students and if students reach out to us, we can help them identify the appropriate organization that can assist them. Frequently there are organizations that are available to assist students for a reduced or free service. I would encourage students to look at our website because I have the FAQs regarding Covid related issues that I've discussed before, we have the community resource list. I also have articles that have been written on legal issues that are important to students. It is a very robust website and that's a good start. If students want to request an appointment with us, if you go to the homepage in the upper right corner, it says 'appointments' and then they fill out a form, and then we're able to reach out to them and schedule an appointment with one of our attorneys.

Justin: You talked about tenant services and specifically scammers being very prevalent during this time, landlords in general being not so great. I was wondering if you could go into detail of what types of services you provide and what that looks like. Secondly, if you are collaborating at all or have heard about students reaching out to you for tenants rights.

Liz: Well we do a lot of work with tenant rights, that's about 30% of our case load is landlord/tenant. Since the emergency orders have been in place, it's more than 30% of our case load. Unfortunately, landlords have not been cooperative. Helping tenants with reduced rent or early termination from leases, we have had a few surprisingly who are, but it's certainly not the norm. We not only advise students in those cases, but if there is a particular reason why the student needs to leave the apartment because let's say they're immunocompromised, they have lupus, or they have another serious illness that means that they should not be in an apartment with five other roommates, we can try to help them work with the landlord, reach out to the landlord to make these arguments. It's a challenging time for everybody and honestly the landlords have to pay their mortgage and their insurance. I will say the city of Los Angeles has the most robust eviction moratorium. What means is tenants ultimately will have to pay the rent, but if they don't pay the rent they have up to one year after the emergency order is ended to pay the rent and the landlord may not commence eviction proceedings. It's true for everyone no matter what their immigration status is, it also applies to not only non-payment for Covid reasons, but if there are unauthorized tenants or pets there, they cannot evict for that. Or if they evict to move in a family member or a resident manager. So it's a pretty strong moratorium, while tenants will eventually have to pay, right now they are protected they cannot be evicted, if they are not paying their rent in the City of Los Angeles. The state moratorium is not nearly as extensive.

Aidan: I wanted to ask, do you provide any kind of legal observer services or know your rights services for students who plan to exercise their First Amendment Rights to assemble on campus or participate in the protests off campus.

Liz: I do offer know your rights workshops and I'm able to offer them from Zoom now. We don't provide legal observers, but there are plenty of other groups that do. We need to sort of walk a fine line. We want to be able to support students, but given the fact that we are so minimally staffed for the 40,000 UCLA students, the observers service is not something we have the ability to do. But certainly any student group that wants me to talk to them about their rights and protest issues, I would be happy to do that. They just need to reach out to me.

Noe: Do you provide assistance for those seeking unemployment or direct them to other resources that can help them with that?

Liz: Yes, we can help students with that. I'll be honest with you, unemployment benefits has not been a very big area for us before now. But we certainly want to provide whatever support we can to students.

Naomi: I just wanted to ask about the turnaround time.

Liz: Well, it's a little longer than I would like, it can be as long as two weeks. But if we have someone with a very time sensitive case, like a landlord that's trying to evict them improperly, then we try to give appointments. But it is a little bit longer than I would like because we have so many more students seeking our assistance but, it's not as long as CAPS. Normally, before the emergency order, we were generally a week out or two weeks out. But if something is urgent we will get that student in.

Zuleika: I'm interested to know if there are any services that help students that were formerly incarcerated who are being detained, or that were arrested by either UCPD or LAPD?

Liz: That's a very good question. As with any criminal case, we will help these students. One thing that is different with formerly incarcerated students is we would explore the opportunity to expunge their record, which could help them. The problem with expungement, however, is that law enforcement will always know the true record. It can be expunged for employment purposes or other purposes, but there's no way to expunge it from law enforcement purposes. Again, we would want to hook these students with criminal defense attorneys who could provide support for them. I've been very impressed about what our criminal defense attorneys are able to do. Thank you for having me. I will put my email in the chat so that if folks want to reach out for workshops, please do. Absolutely we just wanna be there to support students.

Capital Contingency\* \_\_\_\_\_ Minasyan

Contingency Programming\* \_\_\_\_\_ Minasyan

Empower FiComm Chair to Make Allocations Up to \$500 In Weeks Without A Council Meeting\*  
Minasyan

- Tabled vote

SFS Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Wisner

SWC Programming Fund Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Read

Total requested: \$750

Total allocated: \$750

- No opposition, SWC allocation passes by consent

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Arasasingham

ASRF Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Velazquez

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Velazquez

ARCF Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Ogunleye

TGIF \_\_\_\_\_ Cooper

Total Requested: \$35,000

Total Allocated: \$10,000

## V. Special Presentations

### Media Expectations Presentation

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Marilyn: Hi I'm from Daily Bruin. My name is Marilyn Chavez, I'm the outgoing campus politics editor at the Daily Bruin. I just wanted to introduce Genesis, who is the incoming campus politics editor in order to facilitate communication with the Daily Bruin News section, not only for student officials but all members of the UCLA community here today. I'll let him give more specific information.

Genesis: Hi everybody. My name is Genesis, I'm a second year poly-sci and statistics student. I will be the 2020-2021 campus politics editor. Just to distinguish myself, I'm from News, I'm not associated with opinion or any other sections. We would like USAC to reach out to us. If USAC offices have any specific insights related to the UCLA administration or a UCLA organization, we would really appreciate it if you guys could email me or any other news editors. Or if USAC is considering us covering an event, we would also love to cover it. If any usac offices complete a platform, that would be an opportunity for DB coverage as well. The most important part of this presentation is that we really want to facilitate a direct line of communication between the Daily Bruin and USAC.

### Title IX Reform and Student Survivor Advocacy

— Ivey

### Bruin Excellence and Transformation Grant Program

— Elzein

### UCPD

Scheffler

Scott Scheffler: I was asked to be here last week primarily because of an incident that occurred last Thursday night on the West side, but clearly a lot has happened since then. I was originally asked to talk about that incident on Thursday. First, I wanna address a couple other things and some of the comments that have come through. I know there might be a level of distrust between students and the police and you don't have to trust me just because I'm from UCPD. I hope over time I can earn your trust based on who I am. There were a lot of comments in the public comments, I was listening to all of them and I want to address all of them. But first I wanna make a very clear statement; there is no place in our society, there is no place at UCLA for police brutality, for excessive force, for discrimination, for criminal acts by the police. It's unacceptable and it's not to be tolerated. There was a statement from campus leadership this week, it was signed by the USAC President, by the Chief of Police. It declared that we believe deeply that equity, respect, and justice are central to the character of our institution, to the wellbeing of our democracy, to the wellbeing of our world, but like that statement said, we have to do better. We're all here to work together to accomplish that, it's not necessarily going to be accomplished overnight. We all have to work together, it's a problem and we need to do something. Let me get to some of the comments specifically. On the comment of tear gas and less lethal weapons, those would never be used on peaceful protestors, never. There's very specific circumstances that those are to be used, clearly there are police departments in the area that have them. UCPD, we do not have tear gas. But there are laws, and I'm sure any police force that uses tear gas or less lethal weapons on a peaceful protestor, they are going to have to answer to that in court, it's illegal and unacceptable. As for Jackie Robinson, LAPD used the Jackie Robinson stadium parking lot for their booking process. They coordinated with the VA directly. It's our understanding they did that and it was an agreement with the VA, we did not approve it, they didn't ask us. But that is all VA property. Their arrests and the incident that happened on the 405 yesterday, that was LAPD. We did have officers on standby for the protest, we had officers ready in case protestors became violent and they threatened UCLA property. As you guys saw, that didn't happen. It was a peaceful protest and we didn't get involved in any of the police activity. Anything that happened with arrests was by LAPD. I believe it was Alberto who had quite a few comments, and I really appreciate what he said and those questions, and those are the types of questions we all need to work together on, things like what are we doing that's different from other police departments, how are we different from the police department in Minnesota, how are we different from LAPD, what are we doing that is proactive, what steps are we taking to address the issues that are confronting our society, what are we doing, and what makes UCPD different and better than the rest. Those are things that we're working on to put in a statement and be more transparent. There was a comment about students not feeling safe. I was



a student at UCLA and it pains me to hear that a student doesn't feel comfortable going down to Westwood to get food. I just can't imagine the feeling of not being comfortable in your own backyard to get food. We want to be partners to address those concerns, we want to do what it takes so that students feel safe in their own community. I'm willing to commit to meeting as much as it takes to accomplish that goal. I want to talk briefly about the arrest. So there's a one minute and fifteen second video that was posted to Twitter on Thursday night. There's a little more to the story. So on Thursday at about 2:35 in the afternoon, we got a call of assault with a deadly weapon that happened on Gayley Ave. The victim reported that a suspect approached him and started yelling and pointed a pair of needle nosed pliers about an inch from his face and threatened to stab and kill him.. That victim who was a staff member was basically terrified, suspect started to walk away, he threw something at the guy, hit his leg, it caused a bruise and so that staff member called us. He starts giving us a description and our officers start responding to look for the suspect. While the officers are responding, a second victim calls our dispatch center and reports a suspect with a similar description, had approached her at Gayley Ave and Leconte. She reported that the suspect approached her, spit in her face, started yelling at her, and said he was going to kill her. She is a UCLA student and she was terrified. So the suspect was last seen running North on Gayley, and we have multiple officers that were looking for him to try and apprehend him. The officers went to kelton Ave and they contacted Mr. Timothy Johnson who was a male non-affiliate, he was 34 years old. That was right around 2:40 in the afternoon. He matched the description of what the two victims have reported, due to the severity of those crimes, the officers ordered him to get on the ground, he didn't comply and started yelling, it's right around then that the video started. So the officers continued to give commands, then what happened is the officer on the right, he activated a visible and audible warning on his taser device so no probes or cartridges were actually fired, it was just a sound and a visible sparking that came out of the device. During the warning that officer was several feet away, at no point did the taser make contact with Mr. Johnson, he wasn't harmed and right around then, when he heard that sound, is when the video cut out. Immediately after the video cut out, he immediately complied with the officers. He turned around, he put his hands behind his back, he allowed himself to be handcuffed, and he was arrested. It's really unfortunate that the video of that incident was posted prior to the conclusion of that arrest, because if the public could have seen the rest of it they would have seen the officers using a great deal of restraint. He was arrested with felony assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threat, couple other charges, he was taken to jail. We received quite a few requests for body camera footage. We don't have body cameras yet, we're in the process of deploying them to our officers but it just hasn't happened yet. There is dashboard camera footage but we can't release that because of the active investigation. That footage is part of that criminal case. So in summary, we had two members of our UCLA community who were assaulted, they were threatened in unprovoked attacks by a non affiliate right next to our campus.. Our officers were able to quickly apprehend the suspect, take him into custody safely without using force. Our mission is to provide a safe environment to the UCLA community, in my opinion, this incident exemplified that. I completely understand the level of concern that was caused by the video. This summary hopefully helps everyone understand what happened. There was a question about First Amendment rights. We recognize the right of all people to assemble and engage in the public for the purpose of peaceful and public discourse and protest. That is the first amendment right of everybody. You have the right of free speech. Finally, we wanna be part of the solution, not part of the problem. I hope that we can have meaningful collaborations and conversations. I look forward to working together with you in the future.

Justin: Regarding the incident on Thursday. I think what I was most frustrated with was the lack of an update that generally UCPD seems to give. It's my understanding that assault with a deadly weapon, would require an update. I'm frustrated that you talk about the frustration of the video stopping, when it was like 9-10 hours before the UCPD issued anything, or said any comment and that was on the Daily Bruin. I was wondering if this decision was made with the intent you say is to make better relationships with students, wouldn't you be honest with students, or were you protecting PR. There's a couple of questions in there but I guess start off with why there wasn't an update.

Scheffler: The reason we would send a timely warning is if there is a threat to the community. When the suspect in the crime is arrested, there is no longer a threat. Because this person was arrested, we did not issue a warning. There are a number of factors as to why information doesn't get released quickly or at all.

Promise: I know you talked about the officers giving this man orders to get on the floor. I think the biggest issue with police is that you choose not to understand community conditions, with days prior with a black man who was on the ground who literally died because he got on the ground, wouldn't it be understandable why this black man would not want to get on the ground? And

why is that not taken into consideration? Why is a taser still being used to scare him? You talk about wanting to be different, and wanting to make connections, and wanting us to trust you when you don't even put community conditions into account. That continues this issue. Until you address that, I do not and I will not believe that you actually care. I would like if you could address that as well.

Scheffler: I'll do the best I can to address your question. Getting on the ground is a standard police tactic. Putting an officer's knee on the neck is not. There are safe and proper ways for police to restrain people and that is how we are trained. In the officer's mind and in the big picture of the community, they were trying to apprehend someone who has violently assaulted two people with a weapon. There are a variety of things they have to take into consideration. As for the taser being used as a scare tactic, I just wouldn't characterize it as a scare tactic, it's a warning and a de-escalation tactic. We are ultimately trying to gain compliance, we don't want to use force or weapons. So if someone will comply with us, that's great. I understand in the context of going on, I understand what you're saying.

Breeze: First off I wanna start off by saying that I think, so you're supposed to be speaking to the community and I guess you're like the community chief, you're supposed to be communicating with students. So my question is, how do you not know about the incidents, you mentioned that you didn't know the story fully, how do you not know about the story fully if you're the one that's being sent to communicate with us?

Scheffler: I know the fact that it happened, but I don't have all the specific details. I was aware of the incident, I don't have the specific investigative details.

Breeze: But why is that the case? Because I feel like if you're speaking to us, you should know about the police report and be able to present it to the students who you're supposed to be serving.

Scheffler: I have most of the information, I'm just saying I don't have all of the investigative details. Some of the investigative details are kept to the detective unit.

Breeze: I'll start off by asking, I kind of want to second kind of what everyone has been saying, why was the taser being used if the individual that was being targeted already said that they were scared? If they weren't aggressive, why are these fear mongering tactics being used? I get it, he might have been, but you need to think about alternatives, why are these tactics being used?

Scheffler: So the taser was not used on him. The warning was activated because he was a violent felonious suspect who had a weapon who was not complying with the officers commands.

Breeze: He said that he was scared and his hands were behind his head, what about that was not compliant?

Scheffler: The officers were ordering him to get on the ground. So it's our responsibility to take him into custody.

Bakur: First of all, since you've mentioned UCPD don't have tear gas with them, I'd like to ask about rubber bullets, were UCPD equipped with that or not? And then moving on to my other point, which is the VA lease. To my knowledge, the parking lot is also part leased to UCLA, so UCLA is actively paying for it. So how was UCLA not actively consulted? Our university logo is out there and this does not represent us and does not represent our university. In addition to that, can you please describe the presence of UCPD, LAPD, and National Guard on campus and around it and what type of gear they're equipped with. Has lethal force been authorized to enforce curfew? What circumstances is lethal force authorized to be used on campus. The last question I have is on body cams. You said that you're in the process of deploying body cams to UCPD officers, so what is the time frame for that?

Scheffler: So rubber bullets, we don't use that terminology, but we do have less lethal weapons. There's a certain list of certain weapons we have and they are allowed for the use in certain circumstances. Our use of force policy and our controlled device

policy are on our website. So we do have some less lethal weapons at UCPD. As for the VA lot, I don't have information on the lease or the lot. I don't have that information. Your question about if lethal force is authorized on curfew violations, the answer is no. The only time lethal force would be authorized is to defend against a threat of serious bodily injury or death. On the body cams, I acknowledge the frustration, we are just as frustrated with the process of rolling out our body cams. It was a system wide project with the Office of the President, so all ten campuses got body cams. Unfortunately when it comes to system wide projects, things get in the way. We have the hardware, we have dates scheduled to install software, we were ready to schedule dates for the training, but then coronavirus happened, so we had to cancel training dates. As for LAPD and other entities, I can't speak to their policies. So UCPD did not have any involvement with the National Guard. That was based solely on the City of Los Angeles's request. LAPD is responsible for the City of Los Angeles and Westwood, so they were and are in the area. As for general deployment, I can't speak for LAPD or the National Guard. For us, we have gun belts, we have guns, pepper spray, tasers, we're in patrol cars.

Promise: I just wanted to address what you said at the beginning of your statement, talking about wanting students to trust you. I just wanted to address the fact that I think it's very irresponsible for you to say something like that, and in your entire statement not once did you even affirm that a lot of these injustices are continuously happening to Black folks and students of color and people of color across the country. You said that a police officer using rubber bullets and using on tear gas on peaceful protestors is against the law, yes it is against the law but it is also happening. For you to not even acknowledge that happening is really irresponsible. You cannot say that you want to mend relationships, you cannot say you want to build relationships if you're not even acknowledging the experiences of the people that you're trying to build these relationships with. Constantly being pushed to the side, constantly being gaslit as a Black person on this campus, and our issues are not even being acknowledged. During public comment I expressed how unsafe I felt even in my own apartment in Westwood, I did not leave my apartment once yesterday. That shows the severity of how terrible this relationship is and how terrible it would continue to be until you hold other officers accountable. It is not enough to say you want to change, you have to acknowledge these things and take responsibility.

Scheffler: I apologize if I'm not acknowledging what's happening. If police are causing the problems-

Promise: Can I stop you right there. Saying "if" is unacceptable. You're sorry *that* it is happening, not "if" it is happening, it is happening.

Scheffler: Okay, but I will challenge you that it is not always the police causing the problem is it? When the police cause the problems, it's wrong. The police causing the problems is wrong and unacceptable. The police should not and must not insite peaceful protestors, they must not and can not be the ones instigating and causing peaceful protests to turn into non-peaceful protests and then using that as a reason to arrest people. I just can't say that that is always the case. There's no question that police are part of the problem. And you may challenge me and say that police are the entire problem. I will say that the police are not the entire problem. As a society, we need to address that. But we do listen. I do want to listen and hear the Black student concerns. We have been to meetings, we have attended Afrikan Student Union meetings, we have met with students in groups, we have reached out to underrepresented communities. We have to start somewhere, and we're not perfect. What I say is probably is not gonna be good enough, maybe after more discussions and hearing first hand from more people who are personally affected how I can communicate police department feelings will change. I can only hope that working together over time we do better.

Naomi: I wanna read a statement that was sent to me by an anonymous student that was detained at the protest yesterday, and then I have a question to follow up. "On Monday June 1st, 2020 around 100 protestors including myself were taken into custody on Wilshire Blvd. while participating in a peaceful protest shortly after curfew was enforced to stay inside. I have been to several of these protests over the past couple days and this is the first time I witnessed an entire crowd get arrested without warning. We were walking up Wilshire toward Beverly Hills city line and became blocked off by the Beverly Hills PD. When we turned around, several LAPD police cars and undercover vehicles pulled up to the scene and blocked from the opposite direction entrapping us on one street. On our left and right we were blocked in by gates and fencing so there was no exit room. This is a common tactic known as kettling which happened to DC protestors last night. We asked to be released with a warning and agreed to peacefully disperse. This was the smallest protest I've been to over the past three days, it would've been possible to peacefully

disperse in small groups. LAPD stated that we were going to be released with a warning. When we stood up to leave, we were told to get back down because we were under arrest. LAPD and Beverly Hills PD were going back and forth discussing what was going to happen to our group. Clearly, there were other things going on in the city during the time that were not peaceful. After they deliberated, it was announced that we were under arrest. No body cams were on, and although they attempted the media wasn't allowed to come and document the arrest. One by one we were removed down the hill and lined up to be searched. They did temporarily pair us up and cuff us to each other by our upper arms. Then they were instructed that they were to unlink us because it wasn't protocol. The zip ties used to restrain us were extremely tight on some members of the group and they weren't adjusted throughout the night. Protestors had to relieve themselves at the scene in the bushes. No one was carrying any weapons and none of us resisted. We were not told what they were charging us with initially. About an hour later, the first bus pulled up and they loaded eighteen members of the group and told the crowd that we were getting taken to the Hollywood precinct. Another hour goes by and no buses were sent. We were still under arrest on the side of the road. They then told us that we were going to be given a citation for being out after curfew and that we were going to be released. It took about another hour for this to be confirmed. They began uncuffing and giving citations to non-Black individuals while another bus pulled up. Myself and several other Black people were still in cuffs and we asked why a transport bus was approaching if we were being released. They stated that there were not enough officers to ticket us in a timely fashion in that vicinity, there were about 50+ police officers at the scene. They told us we were going to be transported to their local temporary headquarters in Westwood and released immediately after being processed. There were several protestors of color on the bus, several UCLA staff and students were part of this arrest. We were taken to Jackie Robinson Stadium. There were hundreds of cops standing around and about ten buses filled to capacity. We were in the back of the bus line. We saw that the protestors who had been bussed to Hollywood hours ago were actually in Westwood still in their bus, still cuffed. We started going back and forth with the officers about how we had been brought there under false pretense, that we were going to be released immediately. We demanded that anyone in the bus line from our protest be cited as well. We had been cuffed for over four hours at this point. The ten buses remained at Jackie Robinson awaiting release when we left this location. We were then taken to another location to a parking lot off of Veteran, south of Wilshire. We were given citations for disobeying the curfew order and were released. All individuals had to find their way home late at night. It was almost 11pm when I got back to my residence. Some of the protestors phones were dead and they were struggling to find their way home. There was limited air on the buses and they were packed to capacity in the midst of a pandemic which is an extreme health hazard and violation of the social distancing orders. Most of the police officers were not wearing masks and they did not provide them for protestors without a covering. The amount of time we were kept in closed quarters was excessive, especially because we had seen over half of our arrest group get released an hour or more before us. The dehydration, exhaustion, and anxiety from the protestors in our buses and the buses around us was very apparent. People were having panic attacks from the stress of the situation. Officers used the buses as a way to corner us and coerce dialogue. There were several remarks made about how the country has an economic problem, not a police problem. Myself and several others feel that the location of the current police base needs to be changed immediately if it is not already done. It's disrespectful that Westwood is being used for this in general and that UCLA property, especially a stadium named after Jackie Robinson, which is a well known location. The entire incident revealed how disorganized the police force is at this time and confirmed the recurring entrapment of protestors. The police departments clearly lack communications among each other if they have to argue about arrests. There were several city buses used to transport protestors in custody. The temporary location use of Jackie Robinson stadium further cements the intentional anti-black violence of police officers, given that this space was used to honor a black man who stood against injustice. The inhumane treatment of arrested protestors is unacceptable. I would like the immediate cessation of such use of UCLA facilities and concrete steps towards divestment." That was the end of the statement. I wanted to ask, what tangible action has UCPD taken to ensure the safety of Black students? And what is your alls relationship with LAPD and the National Guard?

Scheffler: I listened to that and it shouldn't have happened that way, it's not right. I'll address your second question first. So LAPD and UCPD, we do occasionally work together. LAPD generally will not come onto campus. If there is an event on campus or we need additional officers we will primarily request other UCPD officers from other campuses because other UCPD from the other campuses are familiar with the nuances of working on a university in a university environment with students and staff. With that said, when there is an event or something happening in the City of Los Angeles, LAPD has primary jurisdiction. So generally they will have personnel and if it is something that could also affect the university we will liaise with them so we're aware of what is going on and what they are doing but we generally do not work together. LAPD is a large organization they do things a

certain way, we do not necessarily do things the LAPD way and when they operate they do things they tend to just bring their own people from throughout the city and they they do it themselves so you won't see officers or our officers with their officers on a squad operating together. As for the National Guard, we have no connection with the National Guard, we didn't request them they didn't come on a campus. We believe that the only reason they were here in the area was because of the city of Los Angeles requesting. You asked for what we're doing to protect Black students so specifically for the police we talk amongst ourselves we talked about current events we know that there are problems in law enforcement and we want to be better than the police departments in the nation that are in the news doing things that they should not be doing. It starts early on to be completely honest. It starts with hiring, we hire people and we go we put them through a background check. We want to make sure that we hire people that are of a higher caliber than any other police department. We prefer college-educated, even better if they had gone to UCLA or UC because UC educated students if they become police officers they will understand being a college student and living in and being around the UC environments. In training we talked about the university and students and in training the unique circumstances that confront us but of course the issues that confront us here at UCLA are not necessarily unique these are issues that law enforcement Nationwide need to address, that law enforcement Nationwide are dealing with whether other agencies can control that. We have profiling training, we have implicit bias training, police legitimacy training where we officers we talk about the law and discrimination. I mentioned it earlier and I mentioned last week the fact that certain conduct is illegal as policy when it comes to protest. Everybody has the right to assemble and have free speech. We communicate to all of our officers that free speech is paramount. There's a variety of things that we're doing on a day-to-day basis. We ensure that our officers don't treat people differently based on the color of their skin or their sexual orientation or their gender identity and if complaints come in, if we learn that someone is alleged to have violated a policy or treated someone differently we investigate it and if found is the case there's discipline. I mentioned earlier it's it's not a one-stop we just do one thing and and that's what we do to protect Black students, it's kind of comprehensive, we start at the very beginning and it's something that we're talking about early on and it's ingrained in what we do and how we go about conducting our community oriented policing and interacting with our community.

Emily: I'd like to cede my time to Andrew Guerrero.

Andrew: Hello. I'm an alum and I've done a little research on the UCPD. You mentioned that you had implicit bias training. I'd like to know what kind of training it is because from speaking with former officers, they mentioned that a majority of the UCPD training is what they refer to as paramilitary training, and I found that interesting. Why are campus police getting that type of training? As far as working with students of color and black students, I would really like UCPD to speak on the vast disproportionate targeting of Black folks in Westwood. Through some of the data I've analyzed, Black folks are very disproportionately represented in the arrests data, and in 2018 the Black population in Westwood is around 2%-3% and yet they comprise around 31%-32% of the arrests. I would like to see that addressed and for what people are being arrested for, a majority of arrests, the top charge is warrants, and I would like to know what does that communicate from the department to the community. Also, the targeting of houseless folks, that's one of the biggest shocks when sifting through the arrest data. Around 35% of all the arrests were of houseless folks, and I feel that when working with the student body and also the larger community, this is something that needs to be addressed.

Scheffler: On the first couple questions on percentages, I don't have percentages handy but I can try and get that information. On the percentage of arrests vs. the population. There's a number of factors that go into who gets arrested. The demographics of the area are difficult to calculate, but yes when you look at the numbers it's probably higher than the percentage of Black people that are living in the area. Why is that the case? I'm sure there are a number of factors and that is something we're trying to identify. If we get complaints of racial profiling, that's something that we would investigate. If complaints of racial profiling were sustained, we would take action. As for warrants, those are basically an order for us to arrest. Same for the houseless folks. Occasionally they commit crimes or they have warrants and occasionally we contact them and they get arrested.

Elijah: If a UCPD officer observes an event of police misconduct or violence from a fellow officers or by LAPD, what are your officers trained to do, and have they ever stopped in to intervene or will they?

Scheffler: Thank you for that, it's an important question and it's important to address. As for UCPD, it's in our policy which is on our website. We all have a duty to step in if there is excessive force being used in any situation.

Elijah: You mentioned weapons in a few of your answers and I'm wondering, is there any information on weapons purchases or anti-racist training done by the UCPD? Where is this information presented to us if there is?

Scheffler: I don't think we have any of that immediately accessible on our website. I think if you submitted a request specifically requesting for what you're looking for we would process that accordingly.

Zuelika: I'm just really frustrated with some of the semantics of your responses, saying that "we don't use the term 'rubber bullets' we use the term 'non lethal weapon'" or whatever you may call it. To me, this is a PR stunt on behalf of UCPD seeing that you aren't representative and a lot of the answers that you give, you're not really aware of. I do want to see that I don't see this as cooperation on your part or UCPD, and I don't see this as UCPD being transparent given the lack of understanding. Trying to get answers out of you is really frustrating. As far as I'm aware, given the history of excessive force that UCPD is known for, the targeting of students of color, I see no difference from LAPD and UCPD. On top of that, if there is no difference, I don't see why UCPD should exist and it should be defunded. So, I'm interested on your answers and how you would differentiate how you structure differently than LAPD.

Scheffler: Well we have a smaller police department, we have similar training in the police academy which is set by the state of California, but once we get out of the police academy our training program is primarily focused on how to be a police officer in the UCLA community. So LAPD does not necessarily learn the nuances of university policy and students living in res halls. LAPD quite honestly wouldn't have a clue what USAC is and what you do, they may not even care. We spend an extraordinary amount of effort to work with students and staff and faculty and student organizations to work together to try and keep a safe community in the UCLA area. When it comes down to it, LAPD, they are responsible for the entire city of Los Angeles. UCLA is in the West Los Angeles division and UCLA is in one of the safest parts of the West Los Angeles division. So, they really don't devote a whole lot of resources to this area. We focus our efforts on UCLA and the UCLA community and LAPD focuses their efforts on areas where there is much more violent crime. Without UCPD, there would be slower response times, if ever, for certain types of crimes, you would have less of a personal interaction with community type relations. I don't think you would have the type of one on one interactions as you do now, with officers serving as mentors to student athletes. I think there is a significant distinction between UCPD and LAPD.

Justin Jung: Hi Scott I'm Justin Jung with the Daily Bruin. I called you a few times already this weekend, but I just had a few more questions, specifically relating to the detainment center. My first question is when did LAPD notify UCLA and/or UCPD that the stadium was going to be used as a detainment center?

Scheffler: I don't have that information, I have to check.

Justin Jung: Can you at least tell me if it was before or after detainments started taking place?

Scheffler: I don't know if LAPD notified us that they were using it as a detainment center.

Justin: Can you comment on the conditions the detainees faced at the stadium?

Scheffler: It sounds like it was inappropriate, but I don't know the circumstances of what LAPD did first hand from the officers and it really wouldn't be appropriate for me to say why they did what they did. I really would direct you to LAPD.

Justin: Will LAPD or any other law enforcement agencies be using the stadium for a detainment processing center?

Scheffler: I don't know.

Ruther: Hello Scott, I'm a first year here at UCLA and this year I served as an on campus housing representative for the community of delta terrace on the hill. Since I'm a representative, I have to go to meetings every Monday. And these were meetings in which the heads of IT, sustainability, and dining and heard these complaints from residents in order to be able to present them to the heads of departments. But the sole department that was never present during the entire year was UCPD. The only time they were present was during town hall meeting which happened once every quarter. So on the topic of building relationships, can you commit to actually having a UCPD officer attend those meetings, as they did attend them years prior.

Scheffler: I can't commit to have an officer there, but i can commit to talking to my supervisor. We'll do everything we can to make it happen.

Emily: I'm sorry for everyone who had questions that we didn't get to, but tomorrow we'll be having a Campus Safety Alliance Meeting at 5pm PST and I encourage everyone to come.

Naomi: Thank you for everyone who came out for this topic and thank you Lieutenant Scheffler for coming and speaking to us.

## **VI. Appointments**

### **Campus Safety Alliance Vice Chair#**

Luong

Matthew Richards

- Aidan and Justin raise opposition to the appointment
- Vote tabled

### **Finance Committee Chair\***

Riley

David Minasyan

- Promise motions to appoint David Minasyan as Finance Committee Chair, Aidan seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, David Minasyan appointed as Finance Committee Chair

### **Budget Review Director\***

Riley

Kayla Rafanan

- Promise motions to appoint Kayla Rafanan, Noe seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, Kayla Rafanan appointed as Budget Review Director

### **Campus Retention Committee\***

—Riley

### **Student Initiated Outreach Committee\***

Riley

### **ASUCLA Board of Directors\***

Riley

Zeyna Faucette:

- Aidan motions to appoint Zeyna Faucette to ASUCLA Board of Directors, Noe seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, Zeyna Faucette appointed to ASUCLA Board of Directors

Arsh Gupta:

- Promise motions to appoint Arsh Gupta to ASUCLA Board of Directors, Justin seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, Arsh Gupta appointed to ASUCLA Board of Directors

## **VII. Officer Reports**

### **A. President**

Riley

- Breeze and I met with the Academic Senate, the senate cannot and will not cancel finals, still advocating for leniency
- Future planning task force is still convening

- B. Internal Vice President —Luong
- C. External Vice President —————Arasasingham
- D. General Representative 1 —Lee
- E. General Representative 2 —————Rodriguez
- F. General Representative 3 —Wade
- G. Academic Affairs Commissioner —————Velazquez
- H. Campus Events Commission —————Naland
- I. Community Service Commissioner Wisner
- J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner —————Ogunleye
- K. Facilities Commissioner —Cooper
- L. Financial Supports Commissioner —Garcia
- M. Student Wellness Commissioner  
Read
- N. Transfer Representative —Bravo
- O. International Student Representative —————Madini
- P. OCHC Representative —Gupta

Q. Administrative Representatives Alexander, Champawat, Geller, O'Connor,  
Perez

Josh: Congrats to the newly appointed folks. One additional resource that we have if any students are in financial crisis due to legal expenses, they can always contact ECRT and there is financial support there as well.

Fernando: I updated my number so feel free to use that for urgent or non-urgent communication.

**VIII. Old Business**

- none

**IX. New Business**

FAC Bylaw Change\* Cooper

**USAC Bylaw Change Submission Form**

Was Bylaw Change forwarded from Constitutional Review Committee (CRC)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Record of CRC vote:	For: 3	Against: 0
Abstain: 0		



Proposed Bylaw Change submitted to USAC by: (if applicable)	Name: <u>Sachi Cooper</u> Position: <u>Facilities Commissioner</u>
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**Proposed change(s) apply to the following Article(s) (including section(s)) of USAC Bylaws:**

Article II, Section C, 4, item h, ii.

**Summarize and Attach the Bylaw change(s) you are submitting:**  
(Additions should be in **bold** and removals should be noted with a ~~striketrough~~)

**Article II, Section C, 4, h.**  
ii. The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) Undergraduate Student Representatives: two (2) **stipended** at-large appointments for a one (1) year term ~~receiving honorarium payment~~ and two (2) **stipended** appointments from the Student Sustainability Leadership Council (SSLC) for a one (1) year term ~~receiving honorarium payment~~.

- Promise motions to approve FAC bylaw changes, Breeze seconds
- By a motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, FAC bylaw change is approved

On Campus Safety and Dining Halls

Madini

Bakur: For context, I've been contacted by students regarding current situations specifically with dining halls and imposed curfews in LA County. Also some students have contacted me saying that they fear going on the hill and walking around, they fear the presence of police and the presence of other law enforcement agencies. The long dining hall waiting lines, students had to wait for long times. Information was not relayed in a timely manner. With the change of operating times, students are having a hard time securing food. Several students have tried delivery services but they cancel so what are the alternatives? Also, general student safety. So those are the points I wanted to address.

Josh: I definitely hear your concerns and you are accurate. We are in a difficult situation. When the LA County puts a curfew in place, we unfortunately do have to get our dining workers home before curfew goes into place. Today, we altered our dining hall hours, from 4-6pm. We put adequate notice to make sure residents knew very early. We'll probably do the exact same thing tomorrow since the county already made an announcement that tomorrow there will also be a curfew that will be starting at 6pm. It is difficult, we are trying to our best to make sure we do feed everyone, while also making sure our dining workers that don't live close to campus can make it home safely before curfew does go into play. There were some difficulties that happened a couple weeks ago that I am aware of. We are trying to get the word out to students. We send out personal emails to every single student that is living with us to make sure that they're aware. On Monday, the curfew did catch us off guard, so I agree there was not adequate notice. Tomorrow we'll send a notification as well. The safety piece of students fearing police presence on the hill, I might need a little more information on that.

Jonathan: Today, with the dining thing, it was a lot better today than it's been in the past few days. Besides dining, I think that residential life has really failed every single resident on the hill in the past week in two major ways. The first major way was with the Daily Bruin article that came out on Wednesday with the first confirmed Covid-19 case on the hill, and there is still radio silence on that regard from res life or housing. I personally know the things that are put in place to keep students safe, but no one else does and that's wrong. I think that's something that still needs to be addressed. Second, with everything going on now with curfew, I think the radio silence from res life and housing is deafening. We really need to realize that in this time, students need as much information as we can give them and res life has extremely failed us in this regard. I have met with my supervisor to be met with very dismissive comments, and was told that someone would reach out to me from higher up and that never happened either. I think that res life and housing really need to step up and take the safety and well being of their residents into mind and let them know what is going on. I've been really frustrated with res life's lack of communication this week and to me it just shows an inherent lack of respect for students.

Josh: I'd be happy to set up some time to talk to you about all of this and set up some sort of communication plan about how we can all improve. Again, it's my team, it's my unit, if there are areas that we are missing the ball on, that is definitely something we wanna see.

Jonathan: I would love that, thank you.

Resolution for CALPIRG's New Voter Project\*

Ogunleye

G.ucla.edu Emails

Riley

Federal Executive Order Impacting International Students\*

—Arasasingham

A Resolution Calling for Solidarity with the Black Community and Condemning Police Brutality and Anti-Blackness\*

Cooper

**A Resolution Calling for Solidarity with the Black Community and Condemning Police Brutality and Anti-Blackness**

**Sponsored by:**

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*Aidan Arasasingham, External Vice President*

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*Sachi Cooper, Facilities Commissioner*

*Zuleika Bravo, Transfer Student Representative*

**WHEREAS**, the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, David McAttee, Tony McDade, Ahmaud Arbery, Yassin Mohammed, Finan H Berhe, Sean Reed, Steven Demarco Taylor, Ariane McCree, Terrance Franklin, Miles Hall, Darius Tarver, William Green, Samuel David Mallard, Kwame Jones, De'von Bailey, Atatiana Jefferson, Christopher Whitfield, Anthony Hill, Eric Logan, Jamarion Robinson, Kayla Moore, Gregory Hill Jr., JaQuavion Slaton, Ryan Twyman, Brandon Webber, Jimmy Atchinson, Willie McCoy, Emantic Fitzgerald Bradford Jr., D'etrick Griffin, Jemel Roberson, DeAndre Ballard, Botham Shem Jean, Robert Lawrence White, Anthony Lamar Smith, Sandra Bland, Ramarley Graham, Manuel Loggins Jr, Trayvon Martin, Wendell Allen, Kendrec McDade, Pamela Turner, Larry Jackson Jr, Johnathan Ferrell, Jordan Baker, Victor White III, Dontre Hamilton, Eric Garner, John Crawford III, Michael Brown, Ezell Ford, Dante Parker, Kajieme Powell, Laquan McDonald, Akai Gurley, Tamir Rice, Rumain Brisbon, Korryn Gaines, Jerame Reid, Charly Keunang, Tony Robinson, Walter Scott, Freddie Gray, Brendon Glenn, Samuel DuBose, Christian Taylor, Jamar Clark, Mario Woods, Quintonia LeGrier, Gregory Gunn, Akiel Denkins, Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, Terrence Sterling Crutcher, Natasha Terence, Keith Lamont Scott, Alfred Olango, Jordan Edwards, Stephon Clark, Danny Ray Thomas, DeJuan Guillory, Patrick Harmon, Johnathan Hart, Maurice Granton, Julius

Johnson, Jamee Johnson, Nia Wilson, Oscar Grant and Michael Dean represent just a few of the countless systemic murders of Black people at the hands of the police and white supremacists; and

**WHEREAS**, from 2013 to 2019, the LAPD killed 124 people, with Black people killed at 4.2 times the rate of white people;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles community has gathered to exercise their right to protest these injustices and has been met with violence from the LAPD such as rubber bullets, tear gas, mace, and flashbangs,<sup>2</sup> signifying a lack of de-escalation and a failure to address a deep history of brutality;<sup>3</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the National Guard has been deployed to police the Westwood community,<sup>4</sup> creating fear among student residents that prevents them from accessing already scarce basic needs amidst a global pandemic that disproportionately affects the Black community;<sup>5</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, UCPD has shown itself to be complicit in this system through its ongoing collaboration with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and its failure to address the concerns of Black students;

**WHEREAS**, UCPD has used excessive force in the past and has shown no tangible steps towards improvement;<sup>6</sup> and

**WHEREAS** Following a letter of demands<sup>7</sup> brought to the administration by Student Body President Jael Kerandi, and signed by over 2,000 students and community members in response to the horrific murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis PD Officer Derek Chauvin, the University of Minnesota announced on May 27th that it will be cutting its ties to Minneapolis PD,<sup>8</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the parking lot of the UCLA Jackie Robinson Stadium, a UCLA affiliated facility, was used by LAPD to detain and process peaceful protestors, including student protestors;<sup>9</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, instances of racism and anti-Blackness in blatant and discreet forms continue to exist among the UCLA student body, faculty, and administration;<sup>10</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, UCLA has stated that they will “search for solutions” in many ways, including “working with student government”<sup>11</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://mappingpoliceviolence.org/cities>

<sup>2</sup> <https://laist.com/2020/05/30/los-angeles-george-floyd-protests-day-four.php>

<sup>3</sup> [nlg.org/nlg-condemns-violent-police-response-to-black-lives-matter-protests-nationwide/](http://nlg.org/nlg-condemns-violent-police-response-to-black-lives-matter-protests-nationwide/)

<sup>4</sup> <https://dailybruin.com/2020/06/01/usac-leadership-requests-immediate-removal-of-national-guard-from-ucla-area>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.npr.org/2020/04/08/829575332/how-is-the-coronavirus-affecting-black-americans>

<sup>6</sup> <https://dailybruin.com/2013/11/25/la-judge-files-excessive-force-complaint-against-ucpd>,

<https://dailybruin.com/2007/01/17/student-files-lawsuit-over-tas>,

<https://dailybruin.com/2006/11/16/editorial-ucpds-use-of-force-d>,

<https://dailybruin.com/2000/05/24/university-investigates-compla>,

<https://dailybruin.com/2009/12/06/iucpd-abuses-protest-must-be-recognizedi>,

<sup>7</sup> [https://docs.google.com/document/d/16gq6ZoClvu5SvEmzQig\\_rlm68qslGxdT2tfwpc73kpg/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16gq6ZoClvu5SvEmzQig_rlm68qslGxdT2tfwpc73kpg/edit)

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2020/05/28/university-minnesota-limits-ties-minneapolis-police-department-after-death-george-floyd/>

<sup>9</sup> [https://m.box.com/shared\\_item/https:%2F%2Fucla.box.com%2Fs%2F8q008x846dk501eifs45bq7xxuljxt3v](https://m.box.com/shared_item/https:%2F%2Fucla.box.com%2Fs%2F8q008x846dk501eifs45bq7xxuljxt3v)

<sup>10</sup> <https://escholarship.org/content/qt03j4d80q/qt03j4d80q.pdf>

<sup>11</sup> <https://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/ucla-leaders-express-solidarity-with-the-protests-against-systemic-racial-injustice>

**WHEREAS,** a failure to practice meaningful and non-performative allyship to the Black community now and forever is detrimental to the proliferation of peace and prosperity;

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the USAC stands firmly in solidarity with the Black community and unequivocally supports the efforts of Black Lives Matter;

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the USAC demands that UCLA administration prevent the future use of UCLA facilities to repress student voices and police Black bodies by holding organizations that use the space accountable for their actions by cutting ties with associated entities and by maintaining transparency with the student body;

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the USAC demands<sup>12</sup> from Governor Gavin Newsom, Mayor Eric Garcetti, and the UCLA administration to demilitarize Westwood through the immediate withdrawal of National Guard officers from our community and calls for the immediate release of peaceful protestors arrested in Westwood;

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the USAC joins the UC Student Association and UCLA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Student Advisory Board<sup>13</sup> in calling for full data transparency in UCPD stops, uses of force, and arrests under state law SB 1421 and revision in the racialized methods of reporting Clery Timely Warning notifications to the campus community;

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the USAC demands that UCLA, similarly to the University of Minnesota, cease contracting with the Los Angeles Police Department for large events, such as football games, concerts, and ceremonies and that UCLA will direct the UCLA Police Department to no longer use the Los Angeles Police department when specialized services are needed for University events;

**FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the USAC will hold UCLA administrators and UCPD accountable to translate their statements of support into meaningful action by making an active effort to listen to, be transparent with, and be held accountable to work with and support Black students and Black student organizations, specifically by acting on the most recent asks of the Afrikan Student Union<sup>14</sup>.

- Promise motions to endorse A Resolution Calling for Solidarity with the Black Community and Condemning Police Brutality and Anti-Blackness, Elijah seconds
- By a motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, A Resolution Calling for Solidarity with the Black Community and Condemning Police Brutality and Anti-Blackness passes

## Finals

Riley

Breeze: I did tell a lot of students to reach out to me and I'm currently in the process of letting them know what the process looks like and how, based on our meeting yesterday, I know that there's been a couple of professors lately that have been circulating and those are being handled. Other ones I have to reach out to them and make sure that they know that it's kind of out of our hands and it's up to Academic Senate and based on what comes out in the coming days, then the professors could make modifications, but ultimately there's not much on our end that can be done. I think it's just been a lot of transparency.

Naomi: I know you were all briefly working on a document, do you want to talk about that too?

Bakur: So we had a call today, we agreed on certain things. Part of it is contacting deans. The main thing is to support what students are currently doing and try boosting what they are doing. One of the things that we were talking about is if we can send a

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<sup>12</sup> [bit.ly/NationalGuardOut-Letter](https://bit.ly/NationalGuardOut-Letter)

<sup>13</sup> <https://docs.google.com/document/d/16u5ZXXis1xS2Qqiarb55c-4Wxf6A3ZBYoxhmvPd-H4/edit>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/p/CA9b5AtliwE/>

letter to individual deans with USAC's seal, we potentially wanted to ask Dr.Geller if that's okay, but she's gone so maybe we can email her. Other than that I think Justin has it more summarized.

Justin: So we had the call, we basically talked about signal boosting, amplifying the advocacy that students have already taken upon themselves to do. There's petitions going around, there was a letter about good and bad professors during this time. The five of us who were on that call were talking about writing a statement on behalf of USAC and how that can be used in addition to what the Academic Senate did. If we can't write an email, we could write a statement. And that's the main action item we could do as USAC.

Naomi: I do recommend at this point, as of right now it's up to the professors whether they want to allow flexibility and to accommodate their students. I don't think it would be productive to write a letter to the Academic Senate. It might be productive to email the deans but the way I've really learned this structure is that faculty are going to listen to deans but they are within their rights to teach their class how they want. I wanted to ask if y'all wanted to write a statement that students can attach to the emails they're sending, or sending an email that we could ask to be forwarded to their faculty within the departments.

Breeze: Currently, that's what my office has been trying to do.

Naomi: What we did last quarter, was that one of the letters that we sent, we sent it to all of the department chairs. I believe it was IVP who had a list of all the department chairs and we were able to send it that way. Then we can ask them to forward it to their faculty. The reason why I was thinking we could go that way is because I was thinking it might look a little bit more unified and professional than just if students were attaching a statement.

Breeze: A unified USAC statement seems more legitimate. So I guess yeah, that makes more sense.

Naomi: I don't know if you all want to hop on a call tomorrow and write something.

Justin: Yeah I think that's a great decision. I'm down to hop on a call tomorrow. I think it would be best to come out with a unified statement.

## **X. Adjournment\***

Riley

- Naomi adjourns at 1:17am

### **Good and Welfare**

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