



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
January 19, 2021
7 PM PST
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

I. Call to Order

Riley

- Naomi calls meeting to order at 7:03pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via Google Docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Luong

- Strike TGIF
- Strike SWC
- Strike ASRF
- Strike TGMF
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Add discussion item for Comm Board Letter

- Emily motions to change Books for Bruins Bylaw Change to an action item, Jonathan seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, Books for Bruins Bylaw Change is changed to an action item

- Emily motions to approve agenda as amenda, Sachi seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, agenda approved as amended

III. Approval of the minutes*

Luong

1/12/2021

- Justin motions to approve 1/12/2021 minutes, Bakur seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, 1/12/2021 minutes are approved

IV. Public Comment

Riley

Lauren: Hi everyone, I hope you're all doing well. I did want to chime in today and express my immense support for the advocacy scholarship that the EVP office is hoping to present tonight and to utilize surplus funds. With everything that's going on, there's still students who are out there who are fighting for their communities and for the wellbeing of others. Advocacy is really a job of its own and we don't really acknowledge that, but the scholarship that we're proposing tonight has the potential to that. So I hope that we can democratize this year's surplus funds to honor that work. Thank you so much for giving me the time to speak.

Quinn: Hello everyone. Basically I just wanted to let everyone know that Zoom for licensed and pro users now offers free live captioning. So I made a little tutorial video on how to do it. I'm pretty sure that through all UCLA accounts you can do it, I've been able to do it and test it out. It's a really cool option, I encourage you all to use captioning. I'm gonna send out a video of me explaining it to all of you later tonight or tomorrow. I encourage you all to use it even if you don't necessarily know if anybody in your meeting or events are disabled, enabling these captions is super simple and its free so I think that normalizing captioning and if someone happens to be disabled or deaf or hard of hearing its really important to them and it shows a really great sign of inclusivity at UCLA. I'll email that out to all of you but I just wanted to stop in and let y'all know that that's a thing now. I hope that all of you can use that and I am a resource if you have any questions.

Carl: Good evening everyone, hope everyone is doing great. I just wanted to express my sentiment for the scholarship that the EVP Office is endorsing. As a prior enlisted Marine for the last six years before coming to UCLA, I was astonished and in awe of the work that the members of the EVP Office have conducted and continue to pursue. Though a member of the team for a short

period, I learned how draining advocacy work can be when you're a student on top of that, and a lot of these students are doing this work for free which is something that I just could not believe when I was first told this. I believe that using some of the surplus funds to invest in some of these future leaders would not only be a powerful way to show these students that the tireless work that they do doesn't go unnoticed, but it will also be an investment in UCLA, California, and the United States. Thank you.

Sarah: Hi everyone, I hope you are all doing well. My name is Sarah and I would like to voice my firm support of the Bruin Trailblazer Scholarship proposed by the EVP Office. As a member of three USAC offices and a full time student working two jobs I understand how difficult it can be to maintain the energy needed to create change in our community and how easy it is for burnout to occur. A vast majority of students fight for the causes they commit to because they simply can't afford to accept the status quo, which means that many of them are people of color, or come from low income or heavily marginalized communities. This scholarship helps validate the incredible work that they do and takes the financial burden off of these impacted students so that they can continue to make their community a better, fair, and more equitable place where people can thrive from all backgrounds. Thank you so much for your time.

Nic: Hi, my name is Nic. I'm a member at large for our CALPIRG chapter here at UCLA. I wanted to invite you all to our first kickoff meeting this Thursday at six. We're going to get 130 students in a Zoom to launch our campaigns to speed up our state's climate goals, make textbooks more affordable, make voting more accessible and end oil drilling. So if you want to come learn more about what we're up to this quarter so you can give feedback on the campaigns or if you want to work with us more, here is the RSVP link. Thank you.

Shay: Hi everyone. So I'm also here to speak about the funding proposal for the Trailblazer Advocacy Scholarship that the EVP Office is endorsing. Over the past week I had the opportunity to talk to a lot of freshmen, sophomore, and transfer fellows that our office brought in during the EVP Fellowship Program. These are all brilliant students, many of them came from low income households and a few of them have been directly affected by COVID and had to support their families in addition to supporting their own academic career and daily life. In addition to this, they are performing advocacy work for their communities and it can be draining both physically and emotionally, and therefore I think this scholarship is immensely important to allow our future student leaders to achieve their full potential in advocacy work and academically and therefore it's going to be an investment in those student leaders. Thank you.

Laura: Hi guys, I'm Laura, I'm the undergraduate representative in the Research Continuity Working Group. Basically at our last meeting nothing has really changed in terms of ramping up research, we're still in phase two which means that all UC campuses are working at 25% capacity right now as of two Fridays ago I believe there were 69 positive cases in the research community and that's been increasing just because of community spread. What this basically means for undergraduate researchers is that unfortunately they are still not able to return to lab as they cannot be added to the research operation plans and that for undergraduate researchers to return it is most likely that they will be required to be vaccinated. Thank you guys.

Angelina: So this is in regards to Books for Bruins. So I have applied for Books for Bruins in the past and many of my friends have as well and I just wanted to say that the subsidy has been such a huge help in alleviating a lot of the financial burden that textbooks have posed on me. I come from a low income background and for the past few years I have been the sole financial provider for my mom and my brother who are both unable to work due to medical conditions and disabilities and so I've been working three jobs just to support them financially. It's just been really hard to provide food and housing for them and just barely being able to afford food and housing has been such a huge stress and having this textbook subsidy has been such a huge help. I'm just really grateful for everything that Books for Bruins has done because it's really allowed by education to be possible and for me to a fair chance to succeed alongside my peers who can easily access these resources. It's just an amazing program for me and students like me who are going through similar things. I just hope this program can have enough funds to support students like me and other students.

- Public comment concluded at 7:21pm

V. Funding

Capital Contingency*

Minasyan

Contingency Programming*

Minasyan

Bruin Republicans:

- Total Requested: \$3,130.00
- Total Recommended: \$2,130.00
 - Justin motions to approve allocation of \$2,130.00, Sachi seconds
 - By motion of 0-13-0 the motion does not pass, allocation is not approved

Consult Your Community at UCLA

- Total Requested: \$70.00
- Total Recommended: \$70.00
 - Sachi motions to approve \$70.00 to Consult Your Community at UCLA, Alice seconds
 - By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, allocation is approved

Consult Your Community at UCLA - Winter Social

- Total Requested: \$225.00
- Total Recommended : \$216.67
 - Sachi motions to approve \$216.67 to Consult Your Community at UCLA - Winter Social, Justin seconds
 - By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, allocation is approved

3 Non-USAC Entities

- Total Requested: \$532.90
- Total Recommended: \$457.90
 - Sachi motions to approve \$457.90 to 3 non-USAC entities, Alice seconds
 - By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, contingency allocation approved

SFS Allocations#

Wisner

Total Requested: \$758.00

Total Recommended: \$59.00

1 Non-CSC entity

- No opposition, SFS allocation passes by consent

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Read

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

Arasasingham

ASRF Allocations#

Velazquez

AAC Travel Mini Grant Allocations#

Velazquez

ARCF Allocations#

Ogunleye

TGIF

Cooper

VI. Special Presentations

USAC Seat at the Table Initiative

Riley

WAZO Connect - Improving Mental Health at UCLA

Who Are We?

- Mission Statement: "Accessible Mental Health Support for ALL."
- Between friends and family and therapists and professionals

The Idea

- We noticed a problem - Five years ago, we realized many students who were seeking for mental health help were either not getting it at all or not getting the help they needed.

- Professional advice - For a year, we sought help from psychology professors and professionals to design our program
- Constant Improvement - we have now been active for four years and have constantly improved and expanded our program.
- Work together - We would love to work with you to better help our community.

Five Goals

- Connect - the students with their community and themselves
- Perspective- offer students with a different perspective on their problems
- Independence - help students feel independent through Wazo Wellness
- Complement - the help given by professionals
- Loneliness - reduce loneliness on college campuses

Our Program

1. Mentors Apply Online - Our online application is comprised of several questions to assess motivation and empathy
2. Mentor Interviews - We screen applicants' skills using role play scenarios
3. Selection - We carefully review all our applicants and accept based on:
 - a. Communication skills
 - b. Listening skills
 - c. Empathy
 - d. Supportiveness
 - e. Commitment
4. Training - Mentors receive 4 weeks of training:
 - a. Suicide Prevention
 - b. Distressed and Distressing
 - c. CARE
 - d. LGBTQ Ally
 - e. WAZO Welcome
 - f. Mentors are required to complete assessment forms after each training.
5. Mentees sign up online - We Accept 100% of UCLA students that request mentors
6. Pairing - We pair mentees with a personal mentor based on the mentee's preferences, interests, identities.
7. Program Starts - Mentors are given their mentees' contact to start the mentorship. Program lasts 6 weeks.
8. Mentor - Mentee Meeting - mentors meet with their mentee
 - a. One on one
 - b. 1-3 hours a week
 - c. Create SMART Goals
 - d. Set a weekly meeting time
9. Wazo Wellness - We bring in a professional to explore alternative forms of wellness. Wazo Wellness is open to all members of UCLA and are held at the RISE center on Tuesdays of odd weeks
 - a. Yoga
 - b. Meditation
 - c. Dance
 - d. Art
10. Mentor Meetings - Every two weeks mentors meet to practice skills and discuss challenges. We bring in a professional therapist to some meetings for Q&A.
11. Program Ends - After 6 weeks mentors and mentees finish the program and reflect on their SMART goals
12. Evaluation Forms - Mentors and mentees fill out evaluation forms at the end of every program.
 - a. Mentees have the option to stay

Wazo Wellness

- Every odd week on Tuesday 6-8pm
- Goals:
 - Self-Care
 - Self-Expression
 - Self-Compassion

- Self-love
- De-stress
- Confidence boosting
- Reflection

Transitioning to a Virtual Environment

- All meetings and wellness events conducted over Zoom
- Mentors and mentees communicate via text, Facetime, or preferred video calling platform
- Recruitment and outreach through social media (Facebook and Instagram)
- Internal communication through GroupMe

Challenges

- Fundraising
- Engagement
- Community

VII. Appointments

<u>Allanah Smith to the Student Code of Conduct Committee#</u>	Riley
- No opposition, Allanah Smith is appointed to the Student Code of Conduct Committee	
<u>Akunnia Akubuilu to the Student Code of Conduct Committee#</u>	Riley
- No opposition, Akunnia Akubuilu is appointed to the Student Code of Conduct Committee	
<u>Cymfenee Dean -Phifer to the Student Group Code of Conduct Committee#</u>	Riley
- No opposition, Cymfenee Dean-Phifer is appointed to Student Group Code of Conduct Committee	

VIII. Officer Reports

<u>A. President</u>	Riley
- Had a meeting with ASUCLA staff to talk about future of CAB	
- Discussions about campus safety with President Drake	
- Finished all of our appointments	
- Met with CPO administration, Student Affairs, VC Deluca to discuss violations in CRC and SIOC, first in a series of meetings that will be taking place	
- Working with ASUCLA staff to publicize the USAC budget	
- Jonathan and Amanda are serving as commencement spokespeople, figuring out how we can have the best commencement possible	
- Met with Dean Rush who agreed to join Student Advocate Board	
<u>B. Internal Vice President</u>	Luong
- Updating Student Worker Resource guide	
- Campus Safety Alliance meeting this Thursday at 4pm	
<u>C. External Vice President</u>	Arasasingham
- Bruin Advocacy Grant closed for the quarter, reviewing apps	
- Application for Student of Color conference has been extended	
- California budget came out last week, did a lot of work around that	
- Had a number of meetings last week relating to affordability issues that are ongoing	
<u>D. General Representative 1 Written</u>	Lee
<u>E. General Representative 2 Written</u>	Rodriguez
- Student Worker Resource Guide will be audited and re-released with new information in a week and a half from now	
- We will be releasing a survey in the next two weeks to figure out students' opinions and preferences when it comes to purchasing apparel	
<u>F. General Representative 3 Written</u>	Wade

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Velazquez

- Academic Senate - Continued to advocate, went to Teaching and Learning Task Force Committee
- Launching a Networking Night with BIPOC folks
- Going through Books for Bruins applications
- Hosting a space with Unica

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Naland

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wisner

- Sitting on the Commencement Task Force, we have a meeting on Friday at 10am
- This Saturday is Non-profit Networking Night

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Cooper

EXTERNAL

- TGIF
 - Funding will be made Wednesday 1/20/2020 and will be reported publicly next council due to the holiday weekend
 - New student positions will be hired Week 4
- CAE Redesign/ Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center
- Met with EDI to discuss DCC Proposal

CFCC

- Stricter requirements on filming on campus, and no filming near high density areas such as COVID testing sites

PROJECTS

Access on Board

- Finalizing projects for Winter 2021
 - Re-confirming partnership with USAC TSR
- Consulted on CAE Specialist Interviews this week and next week

Blank Space

- Organizing details on the three events that will be hosted this quarter

L.I.T. - Lighting and Infrastructure

- Re-confirming partnership with USAC TSR

L.I.T. - Transportation

- Re-confirming partnership with USAC TSR

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Garcia

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Read

- Health for Heritage Week will be held in Week 8
- Closing this Friday! Apply for up to \$100 through SWC Basic Needs Subsidy at bit.ly/swcbasicneeds
- Health Equity Video Series Week 3: Join BruinNecessities for a discussion focused on menstrual inequities, plus a giveaway!
- Check out Student Health Network's Equity Series for tips, resources, and prizes!
- Bruin Run/Walk is recruiting!! If you're interested in logistics, coordinating with artists, or recruiting participants, check it out!
- Sexperts podcast out now! Listen this week to learn about the history of women's sexuality

Week 4: BITF's I Love My Body Week

- Mon: Body Positive Art Showcase

- Tues: Guest Speaker Virgie Tovar "Lose Hate, Not Weight"
- Wed: Body Neutral Affirmations Workshop
- Thurs: Joyful Movement: Body Neutral Yoga
- Fri: Health Equity Video Release

Upcoming Events

- Wed Week 3 (1/20): Join EARTH for a sustainability trivia night to win prizes and learn more about sustainability!
- Thurs Week 3 (1/21): SEARCH is hosting We Regret to Inform You--an event dedicated to failure! Come listen and reflect with professors' experiences of failure and rejection
- Fri Week 3 (1/22): Come cook fried rice with EARTH at its biweekly Cook With Me, along with Swipe Out Hunger and Bruins Opposing Speciesism
- Thurs Week 4 (1/27): Join Active Minds for an art therapy event

N. Transfer Representative Spoken/Written

Bravo

O. International Student Representative Written

Madini

Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Champawat, Geller, O'Connor,

Perez

Jessica: You should be getting a notification soon for the email lists for your office and temporary passwords. We decided to create accounts for our USAC webmaster and USAC minutes taker, so they will have new emails as well.

Josh: We are holding a UCLA viewing party for the Inauguration.

IX. Old Business

USA Election Code Changes*

Riley

Final Set of Changes

2.3.1

The Elections Board Chair shall be nominated by the Undergraduate Student Association President and must be approved by the majority of ~~the present voting members of the~~ **of the present voting members of the** ~~of the quorum established by~~ the Undergraduate Students Association Council, herein referred to as the USAC, during the Summer quarters following the conclusion of Spring Elections. The appointment shall be made through an impartial selection of applicants solicited after the conclusion of USAC elections in Spring Quarter by the newly elected USAC officials. The Elections Board Chair will remain in office until their resignation or removal, or until the completion of the Spring Quarter.

2.3.3

During the Fall Quarter, or summer if a special election is to occur in the Fall Quarter, the Elections Board Chair shall appoint a Vice Chair who must be approved by the majority of ~~the present voting members of USAC~~ **the present voting members of USAC** ~~the quorum established by USAC~~. The Elections Board Vice Chair will remain in office until their resignation or removal, or until the completion of the Spring Quarter.

2.3.4

During the Fall Quarter, or summer if a special election is to occur in the Fall Quarter, the Elections Board Chair shall appoint Subcommittee Directors who must be approved by the majority of ~~the present voting members of USAC~~ **the present voting members of USAC** ~~the quorum established by USAC~~. These members shall serve until their resignation or removal, the dissolution of the Elections Board, or until the completion of the Spring Quarter.

3.2.3

Before the petition is circulated, the petitioner shall obtain the Elections Board's approval. The Elections Board shall approve the petition once it ~~as long as the petitioner informs the Elections Board in writing that the petition will be distributed and submit the language for the petition~~ **once it as long as the petitioner informs the Elections Board in writing that the petition will be distributed and submit the language for the petition**. The Elections Board shall approve the request for petition circulation within 48 hours. The Elections Board may only withhold approval of the petition if such language in the petition is libelous, contains false information, or poses a significant threat to campus climate or safety, **or if the proposal conflicts with applicable laws or University policies**.

5.2.2.e

Candidates shall have the option to display their major(s) and year on the ballot. The designation of the space for such items on the ballot shall be determined at the discretion of the Elections Board Chair.

9.2.2

1. Ballot Propositions Spending Limits
 - a. Campaign Representatives for a ballot proposition, will be allowed to spend up to \$1,000 on their campaigns.
 - b. Ballot propositions cannot be run under a slate nor receive slate funding.

9.3.5

- ~~2. Ballot Propositions Spending Limits~~
 - ~~a. Campaign Representatives for a ballot proposition, will be allowed to spend up to \$1,000 on their campaigns.~~
 - ~~b. Ballot propositions cannot be run under a slate nor receive slate fund~~

9.5 Fundraising Limits

1. Individual contribution limit
 - a. An individual contribution is defined in the Election Code as any contribution made by an individual towards a candidate or ballot proposition.
 - b. An individual contribution shall not exceed \$100 in overall value towards a candidate or a slate.
 - c. An individual contribution shall not exceed up to \$100 in overall value towards a ballot proposition.
 - d. Self-funded candidate contributions are exempt from fundraising limits.
2. Student organizations contribution limit
 - a. A student organization contribution is defined as any contribution from a student organization registered with UCLA SOLE. Student organizations not registered with SOLE are prohibited from making a contribution in elections.
 - i. A candidate, designated campaign representative, or a ballot proposition are responsible for checking the registration status of student organizations and may not accept any contributions from non-registered student organizations. Candidates, designated campaign representatives and ballot propositions found in violation of this are subject to sanctions, including potential disqualification.
 - b. A student organization contribution shall not exceed \$100 in overall value towards a candidate or a slate.
 - c. A student organization contribution shall not exceed \$200 in overall value towards a ballot proposition.
3. Political Action Committee (PAC) contribution limit.
 - a. A Political Action Committee (PAC) is defined in the Election Code as any organization that raises money to influence the outcome elections. Any PAC must register with the Elections Board in order to make a contribution towards any candidate or ballot proposition in elections. The Elections Board Chair shall publish the list of PACs to be made available on the Elections Board website.
 - i. A candidate, designated campaign representative, or a ballot proposition are responsible for checking the registration status of PACs and may not accept any contributions from non-registered PACs. Candidates, designated campaign representatives and ballot propositions found in violation of this are subject to sanctions, including potential disqualification.
 - b. A PAC contribution shall not exceed \$75 in overall value towards a candidate or a slate.
 - c. A PAC contribution shall not exceed \$150 in overall value towards a ballot proposition.
4. Business donation limit
 - a. A business donation is defined as any charitable contribution given by a business supporting a candidate or ballot proposition without requiring anything in return from said candidate or ballot proposition.
 - b. A business donation shall not exceed \$75 in overall value towards a candidate or a slate.
 - c. A business donation shall not exceed \$150 in overall value towards a ballot proposition.
5. Corporate sponsorship limit
 - a. A corporate sponsorship is defined as any contribution made towards a candidate or ballot proposition that comes with access to any commercial potential associated with the said candidate or ballot proposition.
 - b. A corporate sponsorship contribution shall not exceed \$100 in overall value towards a candidate or a slate
 - c. A corporate sponsorship contribution shall not exceed \$200 in overall value towards a ballot proposition
6. Other sources of contributions
 - a. Other sources of contributions are defined as contributions made by entities and actors not defined within the aforementioned provisions.
 - b. Any other sources of contributions shall not exceed \$50 in overall value towards a candidate or slate
 - c. Any other sources of contributions shall not exceed \$100 in overall value towards a ballot proposition

7. Reporting

- a. All contributions shall be clearly reported and indicated in sources of funding forms provided by the Elections Board Finance Committee at the discretion of the Elections Board Chair.

13.1.3

Emergency powers can be granted to the Elections Board Chair during times of unprecedented circumstances (flood, severe storms, earthquake, civil unrest, fire, IT systems failure, attacks, pandemic, etc) for a determined amount of time as approved by ¾ of the Elections Board Executive Committee and the President of the Association. Upon the granting of emergency powers, the University appointed advisor and USAC shall be notified, and the Elections Board Chair may impose temporary changes to the Election Code set to expire upon the expiration of said emergency powers, without the approval of Council, as deemed necessary to fulfill the Elections Board’s constitutional duties.

- If the President of the Association is unable to carry out the duties of their office in granting approval of such emergency powers, then the approval of the Internal Vice President or External Vice President of the Association shall satisfy the necessary requirements to invoke emergency powers. If neither the President, Internal Vice President, or External Vice President of the Association are unable to carry out the duties of their office in granting such approval of emergency powers, then the unanimous vote of the Elections Board Executive Committee shall be sufficient to invoke emergency powers as last resort.
- Emily motions to approve the Election Code changes titled “Final Set of Changes”, Bakur seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, Final Set of Election Code Changes are approved

X. New Business

Books 4 Bruins Bylaw Change*

Velazquez

- Vote tabled

ASRF Changes#

Velazquez

USAC Guideline Change Submission Form

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

Proposed Guideline Change submitted to USAC by: (if applicable)	Name: Breeze Velazquez Position: Academic Affairs Commissioner _____
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Proposed change(s) apply to the following sections (including sub-section(s)) of Guidelines:
Academic Success Referendum Section I Article D and Section II

Summarize and Attach the Guideline change(s) you are submitting:

(Additions should be in **bold** and removals should be noted with a ~~strikethrough~~)

I. About

A. Undergraduate Student Association Council

1. The Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) is comprised of 15 elected undergraduate members. USAC is the governing body of the Undergraduate Student Association (USA), which consists of all UCLA undergraduate students.

B. The Academic Affairs Commission

1. The Academic Affairs Commissioner is one of the 14 elected undergraduate student body officers. This officer is in charge of the Academic Affairs Commission (AAC), the liaison between the undergraduate body, USAC, the Academic Senate, and administration, in order to represent the Associated Students on all matters of educational policy and academic affairs. AAC is responsible for providing programs, initiatives, and activities that enhance the educational environment at UCLA.

C. Academic Affairs Commission Director of the Academic Success Referendum Fund

1. The Director of the Academic Success Referendum Fund is chosen by the Academic Affairs Commissioner each year. The Director of the Academic Success Referendum Fund is the governing body of the Academic Success Referendum Fund. The Director of the Academic Success Referendum Fund has 2 responsibilities: (1) deciding the allocations of applicants for both undergraduates and student groups and (2) overseeing the process of application for the Academic Success Referendum Fund.

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D. Purpose

1. The purpose of the Academic Success Referendum Fund (ASRF) is to fund and strengthen efforts promoting "academic advocacy" and educational programming for such issues as: curricular reform; more student initiated courses; lowering the student/faculty ratio; improving the quality of undergraduate education; fund the creation of academic support resources, such as the Professor and Course Evaluation Handbook for undergraduate students and so on.
2. This would additionally support the efforts of the growing student movements

for academic reform and improve the effectiveness of students serving on Academic Senate Committees.

3. In the case of a global pandemic or natural disaster, funds can be allocated towards initiatives that support students access to education

4. The Academic Affairs Commission is allowed to use funding for ASRF for the Books for Bruins program should there be a great necessity to service students.

II. Applicant Eligibility

1. All programs shall be initiated and implemented by currently registered and enrolled UCLA undergraduate students.

2. All groups applying for funding must be sponsored through the Center for Student Programming(SOLE).

III. Program Eligibility

1. Programs shall use funds to promote academic equity for students, including financial support for technological accessibility.

2. Technological accessibility DOES NOT include the purchasing of equipment such as Ipad, computers, mobile devices, and laptops.

3. No retroactive funds will be allocated.

4. ASRF does NOT fund any types of food, travel expenses, or instruction of non-UCLA students.

5. Please also note that ASRF does not fund trophies, charms, cameras, flowers & plants, candles, decorations, t-shirts; picture frames, personal gifts, compact discs (including DVDs), IM sports fees, plaques and engraving, parking citations, personal reimbursements of

USAC Guideline Change Submission Form

honorarium payments for UCLA faculties.

6. Applicants should provide a copy with required signatures at the hearing on the following Tuesday.

7. The maximum allocation is \$2000 per quarter and student organizations may only apply once per quarter.

- No opposition, ASRF Changes are approved

USAC 2021 Pandemic Relief Fund

Garcia

USAC 2021 Pandemic Relief Fund

Ask

- Students are in need of direct relief payments that can be used for educational expenses, rent, food, and other basic needs.
- \$125,000 total ask from surplus
- \$200-\$250 award amounts
 - 500 awards at \$250/award
 - 625 awards at \$200/award
 - Dependent upon amount of funding

Our Qualifications

- USAC COVID-19 Relief Fund
 - \$280,000 awards sent out to 1,120 students
- Organized diverse group of readers
 - Quickly and efficiently for two rounds of awards
- Handled the requisition forms
 - Collected and processed 1,120 requisition forms
- Point of communication
 - For students before, during, and after the application cycle

- Especially after the cycle with people who were awarded the \$250

Application Process

- Applicants will list their EFC, residency status, current sources of aid, specific needs, special circumstances, and write a short response on how this grant would help them
- Applicants will be chosen based on the criteria developed by the USAC
- The relief fund reading committee members will be chosen by councilmembers
- Each application will be blind-read (no identifying info) by 3 experienced readers

Logistics

- Create relief fund email, usacrelieffund@gmail.com, that will be moderated by 4 staff members to ensure rapid communication
- Improve upon previous relief fund application
- Relief Fund Co-Chair selected by Council
- Increase publicity efforts on different social media platforms, department listservs, and USAC pages

Summary Ask

- \$125,000 from surplus
- \$200-\$250 per award
- FSC has experience to lead the USAC 2021 Pandemic Relief Fund with the help and advice of council
- The Financial Supports Commission's main goal is to alleviate financial stress and we believe these \$200-\$250 relief awards will help students in need offset the financial burdens that they have accumulated during the pandemic

Books 4 Bruins Surplus Proposal

Velazquez

Books for Bruins Textbook Subsidy and Academic Materials Program Proposal for Increased Funding

Fall Quarter:

For this year, AAC originally allotted \$11,960.40 for our general programming fund. For the fall quarter, we allotted \$5,400 leaving \$6,560 and \$3,280 per quarter

- I. We have five gift card options, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$125, and \$150. Last quarter we received 515 applicants. This quarter we received 365 applications and we anticipate next quarter we will have around the same amount- 370. We already have 30 gift cards from last spring and \$975 from fundraising which is 13 gift cards which totals to 43 gift cards. $733-43=690$ gift cards.
 - A. 20 , \$150 gift cards= \$ 3,000
 - B. 15 , \$125 gift cards= \$ 1,875
 - C. 26, \$100 gift cards = \$ 2,500
 - D. 111 , \$75 gift cards = \$ 8,250
 - E. 345, \$50 gift cards = \$17, 250
 - F. 175, \$25 gift cards = \$ 4,375

= \$37,250 for the next two quarters

We will need **\$37,400** in order to fund 735 additional students both quarters. However, given that we will be changing our ASRF funding guidelines, I will only be asking for **\$25,000** and moving \$12,250 from the ASRF funds towards this initiative.

Bruin Trailblazer Scholarship

Arasasingham

Bruin Trailblazers Scholarship

A Perpetual Scholarship for UCLA Community Leaders, Activists, and Advocates

The Problem

- Most of USAC funding invests in: **PROGRAMS** and not **PEOPLE**

Because of this disconnect...

- Student **leaders, activists, and advocates** have opportunities to serve their communities but **limited support**:
 - High cost of attendance and living costs in Los Angeles
 - A basic needs crisis that has only been exacerbated by the pandemic
 - High barriers to leadership, activism, and advocacy for marginalized students
 - A lack of recognition to honor leaders, activists, and advocates past, present, and future

Imagine...

- Being financially compensated as a leader, activist, or advocate to pursue your work
- Gaining recognition for impactful community-based leadership, activism, or advocacy
- Connecting with an alumni network of trailblazers before you for advice and support

The Bruin Trailblazers Scholarship

- **Surplus Request**:
 - \$35,000 (Winter) + \$15,000 (Spring)
- **Annual Scholarship**
 - \$2,000 (Year 1), grows over time
- **Perpetual Growth**
 - \$50,000 in 2021 doubles and triples over time

In Closing

- Coupled with other **direct student aid** proposals for surplus, the Bruin Trailblazers Scholarship will meet **immediate needs** while providing guaranteeing **long-term support** to students and their communities.

Comm Board Letter

Riley

Naomi: I'm sure you all read the letter we received from the Communications Board. Emily do you mind pulling up the letter?

Emily: Yes, I can read it into the minutes. It reads: To the Undergraduate Student Association Council, we appreciate your interest and concern in safety regarding in-person photoshoots conducted by Student Media publications. We've attached the guidelines for photoshoots that BruinLife (and all other Student Media) photographers must follow. In addition, our photographers are trained to follow all COVID-19 guidelines set by UCLA, as well as Los Angeles County and city guidelines. UCLA Events and the Emergency Operations Committee have continued to grant photography permits to Student Media during this pandemic because of our commitment to student safety and the value our journalistic work provides the UCLA community. Regarding Sharon's award, we feel she has been disingenuous in her representation of her grievance to you. The application she submitted in June 2020 to BruinLife clearly states "selected winners will need to be photographed on campus no later than August 21, 2020 or they will forfeit the award." Sharon applied in full acknowledgment of this requirement, and has continuously petitioned to be excused from this requirement, even though the BruinLife editorial staff felt it would be unfair to award Sharon when other seniors who considered applying for Senior of the Year did not because they could not meet this requirement. This

requirement was put in place for a good reason: BruinLife and Student Media hold the copyright to any pictures taken by BruinLife photographers, which is not the case for photographs taken by outside photographers. Printing a photograph taken by another photographer could potentially open Student Media up to a costly lawsuit. In addition, the BruinLife editorial staff had a specific plan for how they wished to display their seniors of the year in the yearbook and felt that an outside photo would not be coherent with the photos they took of the other award recipients. Asking them to include a photo they did not wish to include in the yearbook would be akin to asking the Daily Bruin to revise a planned story - a grievance we examine with the highest level of scrutiny. The Communications Board strongly believes in the editorial independence of its publications and only demands revisions in the case of factual inaccuracies. In Sharon's case, this burden was not met. We agreed with the decision of the BruinLife editorial staff: while Sharon was clearly deemed an exceptional leader when she was selected for this honor, other campus leaders did not apply since they were unable to meet the required guidelines - it would be unfair to them to change the award's requirements for only one individual when they made the decision to follow the rules. During our November meeting that Sharon attended, she told the board that she wanted greater clarity around Student Media's safety protocols during this pandemic. As a result of her concerns, we created a comprehensive set of photography guidelines that are shared with all photo subjects before a shoot whenever possible. We thought the matter was resolved after our meeting with her in November and we were frankly surprised to hear from you that she obviously does not feel the same way. We encourage Sharon to share any lingering concerns about Student Media's photography practices with us either via email or in person at our next meeting and we will do our best to rectify them. Thank you, The UCLA Communications Board.

Naomi: Thank you, Emily. I just wanted to get all of your thoughts about that. I can share my thoughts. I thought the letter was very dismissive, I don't think that they acknowledged any wrongdoing to Sharon, especially the way that Sharon was treated while she was bringing up these concerns to the administrators especially. I'm also still concerned with the overall tone of the letter and not recognizing that they should be in compliance with public health guidelines. I think we should respond to this letter but I think we should also take this issue up to the Public Health Compliance Work Group and get their opinion on having students flying out to campus to engage in photoshoots. I get if you're living in Westwood, but we just rejected a proposal tonight for people flying to a conference, and I don't see why they would ask someone to fly out for this.

Sachi: Also earlier today we had discussions about how we want to advocate to professors and administration that if there is going to be in person classes that it's not required that a student come. I just feel like if we're not requiring people to come to school physically for literally the thing they're paying to be here for, I don't really understand why there wasn't flexibility in that guideline. I hear the part about the fact that upon applying to the award people knew the guidelines and knew what was required of them and then it would be unfair to those that didn't apply because of that, I see that logic but given that we're in a pandemic so much has changed for every person and entity and I don't think that's really a reasonable explanation for why there couldn't be not just more accommodation but more understanding of what goes into making a decision to travel for something like this.

Justin: I want to second a few points. It's such a disingenuous backtracking of like "well you should have known so you actually took opportunities away from other students." The second thing is that the copyright argument is a false [indiscernible] for what Bakur said in the comments about legal ways to maneuver their way out of that. That's not true. Like you said, Naomi they could've done a photoshoot online or something. That's not what they made her do, they wanted it to fit their aesthetic, that's what they said before. It's frustrating.

Naomi: Thank you Justin for pointing out those contradictions. It's very disappointing especially considering today we just hit 400,000 lives lost.

Bakur: In addition to the copyright thing. There's two things, the first thing is that we need to make sure that this doesn't happen again this year. So that's one thing. So in addition to whatever action you decide to do, whoever signed onto this letter and was appointed by USAC should be asked like why did they sign this letter. It's clear that the letter is not written in good faith, it undermines the issue and is insensitive.

Zuleika: I was actually gonna speak on that and I'm really glad Bakur brought it up. We appointed these students and if they did not stand up for another student I don't see why we appointed them if they're not doing their job of advocating for students in situations like this. Another thing I noticed is that they said how specifically in their guidelines you're "required" to come to campus but I know for a fact that they would never pay to send a photographer to wherever this student was. So if they're not gonna do it, then why should we put the risk on that other student as well. It just doesn't make sense that they didn't update their guidelines to work around things like this pandemic. A lot of us have been updating guidelines to address this pandemic, and the

fact that they haven't done so especially for a photoshoot in a pandemic is really telling of what is priority. Justin, I'm really glad that you brought up the aesthetics thing because apparently that's more important than the overall well being of a student. I'm really disappointed honestly. I was really disappointed to see students signing on to this letter, and the fact that it was not an apology, it seemed like they were trying to make a point or trying to prove us wrong because it was written in their damn guideline. A student's health is more important than your damn guidelines.

Promise: I wanted to echo everything that has been said. It's absolutely ridiculous that they cited their guidelines that were created during precedent times and we are experiencing such unprecedented times and Justin you hit it right on the nail, it's quite literally for aesthetics. They cited the fact that because it might not match their "aesthetic" that they were willing to put a student aside because they were either taking care of their family, could not afford to quarantine, so it's an accessibility issue. I think it's absolutely ridiculous that they even sent this email and cited their guidelines and said for the student to come back and air their grievances. I think there needs to be accountability for every person on this board including the students that we appointed. They need to answer for why they thought this was okay. They took no accountability. People are more important than aesthetics.

Naomi: I guess the resolution that we're coming to is that I'm going to take this to the Public Health Compliance as an issue. As for our appointments, I believe we should summon them next week. Emily would you be able to summon them for next week? We can bring them in and ask them a line of questions. I think from there, do we want to respond to the letter?

Bakur: I feel that we should summon the people next week and then just respond once.

XI. Adjournment*

Riley

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 10:40pm

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* Indicates Action Item
Indicates Consent Item
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