



AGENDA
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
 January 26, 2021
 7 PM PST
 Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

I. Call to Order

Riley

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

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via Google Docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Luong

- Strike ARCF
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Strike BAG
- Strike CAC officer report
- Add SWC spoken officer report
- Strike USAC Seat at the Table Initiative
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike ASRF
- Strike TGMF

- Emily motions to amend the agenda to include an E-Code change and an executive session item before adjournment, Zuleika seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is amended

- Promise motions to approve agenda as amended, Justin seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

III. Approval of the minutes*

Luong

1/19/2021

- Sachi motions to approve 1/19/2021 minutes, Noe seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, 1/19/2021 minutes are approved

IV. Public Comment

Riley

Jason: Hi everyone, my name is Jason pronouns he/him/his. I'm a fourth year Global Studies and Asian American Studies double major and I am the current President of the Vietnamese Students at UCLA. I'm here today to voice my support for the Resolution commemorating former VSU President Thien Minh Ly on his twenty-fifth death anniversary. This Thursday marks a day of mourning for our community, a day when the bitter hatred of white supremacy took the life of former VSU Bruin and president Thein Minh Ly. Thien was a brother, a son, and a leader in our community, he was an English and Bio double major, a scholar and athlete, someone who was spoken highly of by his friends, teachers, and loved ones. He was someone whose life was taken too soon, and now here we are twenty-five years later and we still see so much of that today and that so much work continues to need to be done. In the wake of the brutal police killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless other Black lives, as well as the rising anti-Asian racism under the ongoing pandemic, the memory of Thein Minh Ly remains especially relevant to remember and honor today. To commemorate his life is to work towards the progress and advancement of our communities and the collective power will be [indiscernible] together. For this reason, I ask the council to support the resolution that will be presented today. Thank you for your time.

Nina: Hi everyone, my name is Nina Long, my pronouns are she/her/hers, and I'm a fourth year Public Affairs major and Asian American Studies Minor. I am the former Political Advocacy Coordinator for the Vietnamese Student Union and today I am asking on council to support the resolution presented by VSU to honor the memory of Thein Minh Ly. I live in Tustin and the

brutal hate crime that took Thein Minh Ly's life occurred at my hometown high school by white supremacists. I think it's especially important on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his death to remember his life as well as what happened to him so that we can understand the urgency of why the Asian American Coalition exists and understand why collective efforts for racial solidarity are so important. To conclude, I just want to thank you all and to support the resolution to honor Thein Minh Ly.

Miranda: Hi everyone, my name is Miranda and I'm the Assistant Commissioner for the Student Wellness Commission. I just wanted to give a quick presentation about the Wellness and Work Expectations Group that I've been part of. So basically what we are doing, I'm the only student on board so I kind of wanted to come to you and ask you guys for some input in terms of what I should bring up in the future meetings. This work group talks about ways we can help improve work conditions for student employees and regular staff at UCLA. So these are the different task forces, I'm on the Wellness and Work Expectations one but headed by Dr. Wendy [indiscernible] and Christina is on the Symptom Monitoring and Testing one. So this is a charge we received and these are all the people that are a part of this work expectation group. These are the main topics we've been discussing so how to take care of friends and family, how to have a work life balance, communication between employers and employees, and then managing the work load in a virtual setting. So I just wanted to show you guys what we've been talking about and then ask you guys if there's anything I could say on behalf of student workers because it really isn't super represented right now as most of the attendees are upper admin. So if any of you guys have suggestions or have anything you want me to add to the discussion please feel free to message me in this chat or email the SWC email. Let me know if you have any questions.

Kristi: My name is Kristi Mai, my pronouns are she/her/hers and I'm fourth year serving on the board of the Vietnamese Student Union as the External Vice President and on the Asian Pacific Coalition as the Community Advocacy Coordinator and I'm here to voice my support for the resolution commemorating Thein Minh Ly's death. Thein Minh Ly's life was taken too soon as a hate crime at the hands of white supremacy and his story is near and dear to my heart. As he was the President of VSU so many years ago, I just can't help but draw connections to VSU today, I would be devastated to lose Jason Vu the current president and my close friend, and I can't imagine how much loss students here must have felt. In commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of his death we see that we still have so much work to do especially after the brutal killings of George Floyd and countless other Black lives lost to the violence of white supremacy in our institutions. By commemorating his life, we can continue working towards racial solidarity and coalition building between marginalized communities of color. I ask that council support this resolution and thank you so much for your time.

Amy: Hi everyone, my name is Amy and I'm a fourth year Political Science major. I am currently serving as the Internal Assistant Director of Asian Pacific Coalition. Like Kristi and Jason, I'm here to voice my support for the resolution commemorating the twenty-fifth death anniversary of Thein Minh Ly. Kristi and Jason have touched upon a lot of important points and I don't want to take away any more of your time but I think that, like they mentioned, the past year we've seen more emphasis on racially meditated hate crimes and nothing has been done to truly acknowledge and combat these feelings of hatred and violence against communities of color. I think that this is really important to acknowledge this year especially. Thank you for your time.

Jamie: Hi, I'm Jamie and I'm a second year student and I use she/her/hers pronouns. I'm currently the Political Advocacy Coordinator for the Vietnamese Student Union. I'm also here to voice my support for the resolution for the commemoration of Thein Minh Ly's death. Despite the hate crime that led to his death in 1993, I believe it still resonates with the Southeast Asian community and broader communities as well. Even twenty five years later, a lot of us are still facing racial turmoil and this resolution not only addresses the hate crime that happened in the past, but also the many racial issues that people of color continue to face today. I believe that this commemoration holds power in specifically honoring his death and legacy while also urging us to stand in solidarity with other communities of color. While this resolution also serves to educate the community about his wrongful death, it is also a reminder that racism from the past still continues in the present today. For this reason, I ask the council to pass this resolution. Thank you.

Adela: Hello, I'm Adela, the ICC of VSU and I'm here today to also echo what Jason, Kristi and all the other people have said in support of the resolution commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Thein Minh Ly's death. I wanted to acknowledge our work in trying to push for the furtherment of our communities of color here on campus, but I think that it's very important that in order to do this we have to look back into the past and learn more about what has affected our communities. I think one step towards that is to acknowledge this. As a Vietnamese American person myself, it's a surprise to me that I haven't even heard of this incident until my involvement in the VSU space here on campus. I feel like a lot of other students haven't heard of this incident either. So I think in order for all of us to have a better understanding of what has been going on in our campus, both in

the past and not even in the far past, but only twenty five years ago and is also affecting us today, I think it'd be a good motion for USAC to formally acknowledge this. Thank you for your time.

Vivian: Hi, my name is Vivian Do and I currently serve the Vietnamese Student Union as Internal Vice President and my pronouns are she/her/hers. Like many fellow students here today, I'm here to voice my support for the resolution to commemorate Thien Minh Ly's death. Here at UCLA we pride ourselves a lot about diversity and inclusion, but like Adela and many others have said, we cannot do so without acknowledging hate crimes and historical acts of prejudices that have paved the way for more inclusive policies for our institution and began a conversation geared towards empowering marginalized communities of color. Oftentimes we are taught about racial prejudice as a historical issue, but like everyone has shared Thien Minh Ly's death happened less than thirty years ago and other acts of racial prejudice has been present in recent years at UCLA, such as a 2011 video showing racist flyer postings on the Vietnamese Student Union's office as well as anonymous letters sent to the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. This continues to be a problem as we are in the Covid-19 pandemic with hate crimes towards Asian Americans, and like everyone has been saying, I just want to echo that this continues to be an issue and it's important for us to formally acknowledge this, not only to educate others but also to open the conversation to empower more of our marginalized communities. I just wanna thank everyone for their time and ask the council to support this resolution.

Ngoc: Hi everyone my name is Ngoc, and I'm a current UCLA senior as well as former president of the Vietnamese Student Union. I'm here today like other folks to make public comment about the resolution that was brought forth to commemorate the twenty-fifth death anniversary of Thien Minh Ly. Everyone else already described what happened, Ly was the victim of a hate crime in 1996 when he was stabbed and killed by two white supremacists. I think this incident was something that was really personal to me and other Vietnamese Americans in so many ways, especially in this political climate where we continue to see a rise in hate crimes among Asian Americans and communities of color. I think this is something beyond that. This incident has shown how white supremacy continues to be the driving force behind violence that communities of color experience in this nation. I really hope that USAC will make a stand in support of this resolution and really make a stand against hate crimes affecting the broader communities of color and especially Asian Americans. Thank you so much for your time.

Prab: Hey everybody, my name is Prab, for those of you that don't know me I'm a fourth year History major, but I'm also the CALPIRG chapter chair. As you all know, CALPIRG is a statewide student org at eight UC's that works to advocate for students on issues that we care about the most, so protecting the environment, supporting basic needs, and getting out the youth vote. I just wanted to give you all an update about what we've been up to the last four weeks. When I was here with the rest of our board for our presentation to council, we mentioned that as a stateboard we voted to make 100% clean energy by 2030. We actually just ended our recruitment drive last week, we run a recruitment drive the first two weeks of each quarter because in order to actively train the next generation of student activists, we need to have students involved to train. Plus we have some pretty big goals of accelerating California's transition, making textbooks affordable, ending oil drilling, as well as institutionalizing voting. So we do need people power to make that happen. We had our big kickoff meeting last Thursday to launch our campaigns and we had 183 students there, we actually broke our campus record from 1996, and we hired 116 interns to work on our campaigns. This week we're taking part in a huge week of action for our 100% campaign. We know that Governor Newsom cares about his constituents and his image and needs to see tons of support in order to convince him to take action on the issue. So all across the state this week our chapters are working to get 9,000 petitions to show all the student support to get California to 100% by 2030. We'll be taking all those petitions with us when we all go and lobby Governor Newsom in March virtually. I do want to ask you all if you could all sign the petitions yourselves, that would be great. It'd be awesome if you could share it with your office GroupMe's or Slacks. I hope you guys have been doing well.

Cassandra: Hi, I'm just here to give public comment and share my support in favor of the Rent Relief Award that's spearheaded by the IVP Office will be presented tonight. I think it's very important that we support this project because we need to support Bruins that are struggling during the pandemic. The pandemic has obviously taken a toll on peoples well-being and housing is a basic necessity that is very important for all students and without having money to put forward for rent, then it's really hard to focus on academics and all of that.

- Public comment concluded at 7:27pm

V. Funding

Capital Contingency*

Minasyan

Contingency Programming*

Minasyan

Total Requested: \$683.23

Total Recommended: \$667.43

5 non-USAC entities

- Sachi motions to approve \$667.43 to 5 non-USAC entities, Emily seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, Contingency allocation is approved

Contingency Guidelines#

Minasyan

2020-2021 year.

All allocations will be made without regard to viewpoint and will be based solely upon viewpoint-neutral criteria. Only registered undergraduate student organizations with a signed statement of non-discrimination on file can qualify for USA Contingency Funds. Contact a student organization advisor for more information.

****At this time, the Finance Committee will not be allocating funding towards travel expenses or any in-person events. We will only consider applications for virtual events and online initiatives.****

1. Daily Bruin Advertising, Newsmagazines

Allocation of contingency funding to the Advertising line item shall not exceed the cost of a third of a page Daily Bruin advertisement. The cost of a third of a colored page ad in the Daily Bruin for 2018-2019 is **\$500.00 per program**. The Daily Bruin advertising cost shall serve as the cap for all other types of advertising (i.e. newsmagazines).

2. Graphics

Allocation of contingency funding to the Graphics line item shall be limited to **\$500.00 per program**. All graphic designs must include a "Paid for by USAC" logo. Logos may be found on the following website:
<https://usac.ucla.edu/funding/sgausaclogos.php>.

3. T-Shirts

Allocation of the contingency funding to T-Shirts, tank tops or polo shirts must promote the organization, not a specific event and shall be limited to **\$500.00. Only one design is permitted per group per academic year**. An approved license vendor from the following link must be used: <https://asucla.ucla.edu/licensing/licensed-product-resources/>
All T-Shirt designs must include a "Paid for by USAC" logo found on the following website:
<https://usac.ucla.edu/funding/sgausaclogos.php>.

4. Facilities

Allocation to the Facilities line item shall include, but not be limited to, venue, rental equipment, and hired staff. The Finance Committee shall deem the appropriateness of any additional Facilities line items. Allocation of contingency funding to the Facilities line item shall be limited to **\$750.00 per program**.

5. Honorarium

Allocation of contingency funding to the Honorarium line item shall be limited to **\$600.00 per program**. This cap includes the cost of the honoraria's travel and hotel stay. A performer may receive an honorarium a maximum of *twice per quarter*. The Finance Committee shall record the number of times an honoraria receives a payment from Student Government Accounting. In addition, the Finance Committee will notify Student Government Accounting regarding the ineligibility of the performer at least 5 days prior to the event.

6. Hospitality

Allocation of funding to the Hospitality line item shall be limited to the Punch and Cookie rule except under unique circumstances, such as the attendance of high school or elementary school students at the program. If high school or

elementary school students will be attending a program sponsored by the USAC contingency fund, then the group that receives consideration for contingency funding shall be eligible for hospitality funding as required by California State Law. Allocation of contingency funding to the Hospitality line item shall be limited to **\$500.00 per program**.

7. Supplies

Items essential for the success of an event including but not limited to: utensils, napkins, plates, certain office supplies, and other event-specific needs which shall be allocated for at the discretion of the Finance Committee per our bylaws/guidelines.

Per UCLA's new Sustainability Policy around phasing out [Single-Use Plastics](#), the Finance Committee highly encourages the use of and shall prioritize funding for paper, bamboo, or other reusable/compostable alternatives to single use plastics whenever appropriate. Please consult with the Zero Waste Task Force via the Office of Sustainability (sustainability@ucla.edu) for alternative solutions or exceptions for specific events.

- I. Supplies that are not funded
 - A. Items included but not limited to charms, pens, trophies, stickers, or other charms and memorabilia do not qualify for supplies funding under the USAC Bylaws.
- II. Shipping Costs
 - A. Allocation of shipping costs under the supplies category shall be limited to **\$200.00 per event per organization**.
 - B. Items that are not funded under the supplies category by the contingency fund (i.e. goodie bags, charms, etc.) may be considered for shipping costs considering the remote setting we are in.
 - C. The only exception will be the shipping of individual food items which will be considered in the cost of the Food category.
- III. E-Supplies
 - A. Subscriptions to websites for yearly plans shall be limited to a total of **\$275.00 per organization**.
 - B. Funding for online workshops that are essential to the organization shall be limited to a total of **\$500.00 per event**.
 - C. All other online subscriptions or services will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

8. Incentives

Incentive allocations are for prizes and giveaways at events put on by student organizations. Overall allocations to incentives shall be limited to **\$100.00 per event per organization**. When submitting requisition forms with Incentive funding, we require that you submit the name and UID of the recipient of the prize or giveaway in addition to the regular cost documentation that is required.

9. Parking

Parking costs shall be limited to **five (5) spots per group per event**.

10. Retreats

Allocation of contingency funding for the Retreats line item shall be limited to **\$500.00 for a retreat with less than 15 students in attendance, \$650 for a retreat with 15-25 students in attendance, and \$750 for a retreat with 25+ students in attendance**. Each group or office shall be allowed to receive funding for up to two (2) retreats per quarter.

11. Travel

- a. **Ground Travel:** Ground travel is defined as the usage of an individual's personal vehicle for transportation. Allocations for ground travel shall not exceed the mileage costs calculated at the 'charitable organizations' rate, as suggested by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Multiple vehicles shall be calculated at five (5) persons per one (1) vehicle. ****Ineligible for funding at the moment****
- b. **Registration:** Allocations for registration fees shall not exceed **\$750.00 per group per event**. ****Eligible for virtual events only****
- c. **Accommodations:** Allocations for accommodations shall not exceed **\$150.00 per room for up to four (4) rooms** for a maximum total allocation of \$600.00. ****Ineligible for funding at the moment****

- d. **Van and Air Travel:** Van rental travel and air travel shall be determined and allocated based on demonstrated need as evaluated by the USAC Finance Committee. ****Ineligible for funding at the moment****
- i. The Finance Committee shall use online resources in determining the actual amount allocated to each organization.
 - ii. If the applicant's travel is local travel (within 250 miles of the UCLA campus) then the travel must be made with University vehicles or as deemed appropriate by the Finance Committee and the Student Government Accounting (SGA) office.
 - iii. Allocation of contingency funding for air travel shall be limited to *twice per year* for each office or group.

12. Discretionary

The discretionary powers of the USAC Finance Committee Chairperson, in determining funding for an undergraduate registered student organization or student government office/commission, shall be set at a cap of **\$800.00 per program**. The Finance Committee Chairperson shall determine the appropriate times to use his/her discretionary powers. In addition, the Finance Committee Chairperson must submit a paragraph of explanation to the USAC President and Internal Vice President at least one day prior to the following USAC meeting to be kept on file. The paragraph must explain the inherent need to use his/her discretionary powers.

13. Summer Contingency Funds

The maximum total allocation that an undergraduate registered student organization or student government office/commission may receive during the Summer Contingency period shall be **\$1000.00 per event**.

14. Exceptions

Exceptions may be given to the above line items that are inherent and essential to the program, except the Discretionary Powers of the USAC Finance Committee Chairperson.

15. Questions/Concerns

Email usacficom@gmail.com for any questions or concerns regarding Contingency Funding. If you are unsure if your event or intended purchases would qualify for funding please do not hesitate to reach out and inquire!

- No opposition, Contingency guidelines pass by consent

SFS Allocations#

Wisner

Total Requested: \$3,443.41

Total Recommended: \$800.00

2 non-CSC orgs

- 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~~

TGIE

Cooper

- Allocated \$7,314.15
- Getting through outstanding applications
- Student Support Fund is open

VI. Special Presentations

USAC Seat at the Table Initiative

Riley

VII. Appointments

- None

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Riley

- Met with Public Health Compliance Working Group, discussed accountability and new messaging strategy
- Met with the Response and Recovery Task Force this week to talk about filming recommendations
- Met with VC Gordon this morning to talk about the CRC and SIOC SOUs as well as the SACBOG charter, and commencement
- Had a meeting with our SHAC appointment, EVP and SWC about possible UCShip premium increases
- Finishing up our actions around the UC Campus Safety Symposium

B. Internal Vice President

Luong

- Our offices are continuing to plan our Week 6 Vaccine Webinar on February 11
- Working on True Bruin Raise Award ceremony, planned for February 16th
- Put Workers First Committee is updating Student Workers Resource Guide, planning a town hall
- Transformative Justice Committee finished a draft of a policy proposal regarding Covid-19 safety enforcement
- Had Campus Safety Alliance meeting last week to talk about proposed Public Safety Ambassador Program proposed by UCPD

C. External Vice President

Arasasingham

- Last week we had the UC Board of Regents meeting, we gave public comment on different issues of importance,
- Continuing with our local, state and federal advocacy and lobby visits
- Co-sponsored with UC Government Relations and the UC Career Center a panel on careers in federal government
- Later this week we have a panel with the two student regents where we'll be engaging on issues of importance to UCLA students
- This weekend we have our UCSA Students of Color Conference
- Partnership with Naomi for Campus Safety Symposium on Tuesday of next week

D. General Representative 1 Written

Lee

E. General Representative 2 Written

Rodriguez

- [Student Worker Resource Guide](#) will be audited and re-released with new information next week
- Spoke at a Summit organized for Faculty on the Hill on 1/25, about workers and learners
- We will be releasing a survey in the next two weeks to figure out students' opinions and preferences when it comes to purchasing apparel to be release next week
- A reminder for students to continue coming to AFT Bargaining sessions. Follow @UC_AFT on instagram for more information!

F. General Representative 3 Written

Wade

Met with the Black Student Athlete Alliance (BSAA) to discuss upcoming collaborations as well as how our office can continue to support the black athletic community, look forward to content coming from BSAA during Black history month.

Platform 1:

- Finalizing Survey, Receiving Feedback
- Compiling student resource lists to share on social media

Platform 2:

Focusing on campaigns to tackle misconceptions surrounding the athletic community to empower athletes by continuing continue to bridge the gap and tear down the barrier

Platform 3:

- Reaching out to departments across campus to link our survey into their weekly departmental emails

Special Projects:

- Finalizing the financial process and steps to implement our mutual aid network with several universities and other organizations. Working on the platforms to amplify the resources that will be available

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Velazquez

- We successfully helped two students lessen their sentence this week
- The Center for Advancement of Teaching is working on revising evaluation of teaching, focusing more on student learning outcomes
- Pass/No Pass during remote learning, gathered information about all departments on campus and their policies for pass/no pass and their reasons behind them
- Discussed adding seats to the Senate, follow up meeting this week
- Breeze and the other UGC reps will be talking about collaboration on the project with ISR and TSR that would allow a seat at the table for student organizations within the Academic Senate before there is a formal introduction at UGC

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Naland

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wisner

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Cooper

EXTERNAL

TGIF

- \$7314.15 allocated to E3, Design Create Solar, Bruin Home Solutions, and SEASON.
- Additional applications are pending review by the committee.
- The Student Support Fund is live at tgif.ucla.edu/support.

CAE Redesign/ Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center

- Met with EDI to discuss strategies

INTERNAL

FAC Fellows

- Held first Fellow social

SOC DEV

- Planned first ever FAC chopped virtual event
- Planned second ever FAC virtual retreat and first valentine's day themed FAC retreat
- Continued planning events for FAC families to bond together more
- Began initiating FAC love letters activity for retreat
- Send out weekly articles pertaining to news about COVID-19, workers' rights, UCLA student life, and racial/social justice

PROJECTS

Access on Board

- Consulted on CAE Specialist Interviews this week
 - CAE decided to re-open applications for the Disability Specialist position and we will continue to consult with the CAE throughout the duration of the hiring process

Blank Space

- Completed letter of support for the renaming of Janss steps
- Finalized details on the two events that will be hosted this quarter

L.I.T. - Lighting and Infrastructure

- Released Safe Parking Open Letter
 - tinyurl.com/SP-letter-2021
 - tinyurl.com/SP-sign-2021

L.I.T. - Transportation

- Working with UCLA Transportation on Bus Crowding data
- Finalizing Transportation playlists

Sustainagoals: Bruin Bazaar

- Doing photoshoot for Bruin Giving Tree project soon

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Garcia

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Read

- Week 4 is Consent Week (BCC) and I Love My Body Week (BITF)
- Week 8 is Health for Heritage Week (all SWC)
- Menstrual Hygiene Update:
 - o Regarding the SWC initiative to provide free menstrual hygiene supplies to students. Since 2017, SWC has provided menstrual hygiene products in locations on campus and on the hill. More recently, SWC/BruinNecessities have been working on this provision of free menstrual hygiene supplies to be institutionalized and managed by facilities. [Here](#) is a copy of the proposal up until today, when Justin Wisor presented a new proposal based on SWC's original menstrual hygiene dispenser proposal which would involve cardboard mounted dispensers, similar to SWC's current program but more permanently mounted in every restroom on campus.
 - o I am looking for feedback on this newer idea, and also wondering how ASUCLA would feel about the suggestion that these free menstrual hygiene dispensers are branded.

SWC Updates Week 4 (1/26/21)

- Health Equity Video Series Week 4: BITF is closing out I Love My Body Week with the release of their video on weight discrimination!
- 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 polyamory and relationships

Upcoming Events

- Week 4 is Consent Week! Check out BCC for new events everyday
- Week 4 is I Love My Body Week! Check out BITF for a full week of programming
- Week 4: Join BruinNecessities for a series and giveaway on eco-friendly basic needs
- Thurs Week 4 (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
- Tuesday Week 5 (2/2): BRW is hosting a Chipotle fundraiser, stop by and mention BRW to support

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

N. Transfer Representative Written

Bravo

- Letter to Expedite the Hiring Process of the Transfer Student Center Director was sent and responded to positively by Student Affairs. The position has been posted and a search committee is underway.
- Basic Needs conversations are being had, we need student input to discuss how our voices can influence the distribution of funding for basic needs.
 - Looking to appoint a transfer to the basic needs space
- Attended Transfer Pride Week's Virtual Bruin Walk
- Our Events Committee hosted Transfer Tea and we met more transfers <3 ❖ Discussed USAC surplus funds and how they will benefit our most vulnerable communities
- The Transfer Leadership Coalition is co-hosting the [Transfer Town Hall](#) for Wednesday, January 27, 2021, @ 5 pm. Please attend and voice your concerns to the administration. ❖ Participated in Gen Rep 1 interviews and marketed positions to transfers ❖ [Office hours](#) will be Tuesdays 10 am - 11 am and Thursdays 1 pm - 2 pm ➤ Open to discussing elections and interest in running for office

Changing the Culture

- Reaching out to departments to offer transfer training
 - EDI, Campus Tours, ASUCLA, etc
- Requested transfer specific statistics from SAIRO to review any gaps in information
- Working with AAC to oversee transfer appointments to the Academic Senate (discussions are being had)

- Looking to institutionalize SFAC appointment from the TSR
- Initiated Bylaw changes

Summer Bridge Program

- Reached out about funding for incentivizing information interviews
- Released survey to receive personal stories for proposal
- Continuing to collect data from CSU's and UC's
- Met with Wesley U. from Engineering Transfer Center
- Planning to meet with Heather Adams

Reform UCOP

- Contacted UCOP for updates regarding their survey and researched UCOP staff ❖ Analyzed Governor Newsom's 2021-2022 State Budget how this will affect UCOP's distribution of funding
- Met with UCSA Financial Aid Advocacy Leadership

Intersectional Representation

- Working on Title IX Survey
 - Received information from UCSB SASA, and will set up meeting to follow up ➢ Drafting Title IX Survey
 - Following up with contacts for the survey

Ongoing Projects

- Setting up a meeting with Academic Senate Chair to advocate for transfer appointments ❖ Negotiating appointment position for ASUCLA BOD
 - Started conversations about a transfer pathway with Student Affairs
- Basic Needs reports and findings of gaps in resources for transfers
 - Looking to appoint a transfer to committee
- Charge the Transfer Success Team under the Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs ➢ Waiting on new TSC Director to revamp campus-wide transfer support initiatives
- *** for more updates on what our committees are doing, please feel free to look at our minutes for the week. ***

O. International Student Representative Written

Madini

Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Champawat, Chacon, Geller, O'Connor,

Perez

Josh: For anybody who's living on the hill, it is a requirement that all students get two Covid tests per week...Please tell everyone you know to keep safe, just because the stay at home orders have lifted doesn't mean anything on campus has changed.

Dr.Geller: I wanted to introduce you all to your new alumni rep, George Chacon who is a former council member.

Patti: Our event services and student union team has been planning a lot of virtual events so I just wanted to share those.

Fernando: Hi everyone I just wanted to remind everyone that if you are planning on using the USAC webinar please let me know as soon as possible to avoid any conflicting dates.

IX. Old Business

- None

X. New Business

A Resolution to Commemorate the 25th Death Anniversary of Former Vietnamese Student Union President Thien Minh Ly and Condemn Hate Crimes*

Luong

A Resolution to Commemorate

the 25th Death Anniversary of Former Vietnamese Student Union President

Thien Minh Ly and Condemn Hate Crimes

Sponsor: Emily Hong Van Luong, Internal Vice President

Co-Sponsors:

Justin Rodriguez, General Representative II

Naomi Riley, President

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Supporting Organizations:

Vietnamese Student Union at UCLA

Afrikan Student Union at UCLA

American Indian Student Association at UCLA

Pacific Islands' Student Association at UCLA

Samahang Pilipino at UCLA

Asian Pacific Coalition at UCLA

WHEREAS, the 1970's marked the diaspora of Southeast Asian refugees who fled their homelands from the Vietnam War, Khmer Rouge Genocide, and Secret War. They were forcefully displaced and forced to resettle in places with high poverty and little to no social or economic support; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Asian immigrants, including Vietnamese, Khmer, Lao, and Hmong immigrants, represent the largest refugee community ever to be resettled in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese Student Union (VSU) at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), formerly known as the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA), was established in 1977 to advocate for the social, cultural, political, and educational needs of the Vietnamese community at UCLA and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Thien Minh Ly was a former undergraduate student and beloved member of the Vietnamese community at UCLA. He was himself a refugee, escaping Vietnam by boat in 1983, and was a first-generation student at UCLA who received degrees in biology and English. While at UCLA, he was a valued student leader, serving as the director of Vietnamese Cultural Night and as the President of VSA in the 1992-1993 Academic Term; and

WHEREAS, on January 28th, 1996, Thien Minh Ly was murdered in a case of racially motivated violence perpetrated by two white supremacists in his hometown of Tustin, California. He was brutally stabbed over 40 times after being called a "Jap" and beaten. His killer, Gunner Lindberg, boasted in a letter to a friend that he "killed a Jap," in part to celebrate that the Dallas Cowboys had won earlier that evening;¹ and

¹ <https://www.ocweekly.com/when-gunner-jay-lindberg-killed-thien-minh-ly-was-it-actually-a-hate-crime-6402055/>

WHEREAS, despite the circumstances of the case, the District Attorney initially dismissed race as a motivation for the killing;² and

WHEREAS, Thien Minh Ly's tragic death, as well as the initial dismissal of its status as a hate crime, sparked major outcry from the Vietnamese American and larger Asian American community not only at UCLA but throughout the U.S; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Thien Minh Ly helped to mobilize the Vietnamese community at UCLA to recognize the importance of unity and self-empowerment, leading to the unification of VSA with the Vietnamese Reaching Out to Aid the Community (VRAC) organization to form VSU; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 1996, VSU further amplified its voice by gaining recognition as a Student Advocacy Group (SAG) with the assistance of USAC and other communities of color on campus;³ and

WHEREAS, in 1999, leaders in VSU such as Tram Linh Ho helped to initiate the USAC "Week of Remembrance" campaign to raise awareness about hate crimes, such as the one that killed Thien Minh Ly, culminating in a candle-light vigil held in his memory as well as all victims of discrimination⁴; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of the "Week of Remembrance" campaign was kept alive in subsequent years through VSU's "Where's the Love" event, which honors the memory of Ly and further brings attention to the issues of prejudice and violence affecting communities of color today; and

WHEREAS, this past year has been marked by the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Nina Pop, James Scurlock, and countless other Black lives lost at the hands of police brutality and white supremacy. Furthermore, under the ongoing global pandemic, anti-Asian hate crimes have been on the rise with the false and dangerous association of the COVID-19 virus with APIDA community members; and

WHEREAS, VSU at UCLA strives to build a resilient and empowered community that is committed to solidarity with other marginalized communities of color in advocacy and collaboration in the fight for equity and justice; and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council formally honors the 25th death anniversary of Thien Minh Ly.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC commemorates the Vietnamese Student Union for its work supporting the Vietnamese and greater Southeast Asian communities at UCLA, and for its commitment to the empowerment and liberation of all communities of color.

LET IT BE FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the USAC joins the Vietnamese Student Union and the Mother Organizations Coalition in condemning hateful acts of violence against marginalized communities.

- Emily motions to approve A Resolution to Commemorate the 25th Death Anniversary of Former Vietnamese Student Union President Thien Minh Ly and Condemn Hate Crimes , Promise seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, A Resolution to Commemorate the 25th Death Anniversary of Former Vietnamese Student Union President Thien Minh Ly and Condemn Hate Crimes passes

² <https://www.advancingjustice-la.org/history/thien-minh-ly-case>

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Was Bylaw Change forwarded from Constitutional Review Committee (CRC)?		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Record of CRC vote:	For: 4	Against: 0	Abstain: 0

Proposed Bylaw Change submitted to USAC by: (if applicable)	Name: <u>Zuleika Bravo</u> Position: <u>Transfer Student Representative</u>
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<p>Proposed change(s) apply to the following Article(s) (including section(s)) of USAC Bylaws:</p> <p>Article IV Section L, 4, a. Article IV Section L, 4, a, iii. Article IV Section L, 4, c, i. Article IV Section L, 5. Article II Section B, 4.</p>
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<p>Summarize and Attach the Bylaw change(s) you are submitting: (Additions should be in bold and removals should be noted with a strike through)</p> <p><u>Article IV Section L. #4</u></p> <p>4. The Transfer Student Representative shall make the following appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Transfer Student Representative shall sit on or appoint to the following committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Committee in Support of the Student-Initiated Yield Programs (Office of the Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs) ii. Transfer Leadership Coalition (Bruin Resource Center) iii. Transfer Pride Week Planning Committee (Transfer Student Center Bruin Resource Center) b. The Transfer Student Representative shall oversee the following committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Transfer Leaders Initiative Internship c. The Transfer Student Representative shall appoint, subject to the council’s approval, one undergraduate student to the following committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Student Fee Advisory Committee

Article IV Section L. #5

~~The Transfer Student Representative shall appoint, subject to the council's approval, two undergraduate students to the Parking Advocacy Task Force: the first as a liaison to the Bruin Resource Center (BRC) and the second as a permanent transfer representative seat on the task force.~~

Article II Section B. #4

The Appointments Review Committee shall consist of five (5) members: three (3) members of the Council selected by the President, the Internal Vice President and the Finance Committee Chair. **The Transfer Student Representative shall serve as one (1) of the five (5) members. The latter Finance Committee Chair** shall serve as an ex-officio member without a vote. One (1) of the three (3) members of the Council selected by the President shall serve as an alternate and will only vote when quorum is not met. Any other member of the Council may attend the Appointments Review Committee meeting. A quorum shall consist of three (3) original members.

- Promise motions to approve TSR Bylaw Changes, Jonathan seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, TSR Bylaw Changes are approved

Election Code Change*

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- Emily motions to approve the E-Code change, Promise seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, E-Code Change is approved

Election Calendar*

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- Emily motions to approve the Election Calendar, Noe seconds
- By motion of 11-1-0 the motion passes, Election Calendar is approved

Rent Relief Awards Surplus Proposal

Luong

Ask

- Students need housing relief payments to alleviate the impact of high rent costs and COVID-19
- \$35,000 from the surplus fund
- \$250 award amounts for 140 students

Statistics

- COVID-19 Impact on Rent Survey
 - 182 respondents
- 65.4% of the 182 respondents said that COVID-19 affected their ability to pay rent
- Leading causes to this prompt were

- Individual Unemployment (50.4%)
- Reduced Individual Pay (48%)
- Reduced Family Pay (39.8%)

Application Process and Logistics

- Applicants will provide their Financial Aid details (including EFC, awards offered/accepted), their current rent cost, explanation of financial circumstances and its effect on their ability to pay rent
- Applicants will be selected by the Drive Down Rent Committee through blind reading process
 - Each application will be read by 3 readers
- Outreach through social media, departmental emails, Tenants Union and Neighborhood Council

Summary

- Ask of \$35,000 to provide students with \$250 direct aid to alleviate financial burdens regarding rent payments
- Students are dealing with high rent costs along with high rates of wage loss, unemployment, etc.
 - Showing need for Rent Relief Awards

Books 4 Bruins Surplus Proposal

Velazquez

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

Fall Quarter:

- I. 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
- II. We have six gift card options, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$125, and \$150. Last quarter we received 515 applicants. This quarter we received 365 applications and since we will be transitioning back to venmo next quarter we anticipate receiving 500 applications. We already have 30 gift cards from last spring and \$975 from fundraising which is 13 gift cards which totals to 43 gift cards. $865 - 43 = 832$ gift cards.
 - A. 20 , \$150 gift cards = \$ 3,000
 - B. 15 , \$125 gift cards = \$ 1,875
 - C. 26, \$100 gift cards = \$ 2,600
 - D. 183 , \$75 gift cards = \$ 13,725
 - E. 395, \$50 gift cards = \$19, 750
 - F. 193, \$25 gift cards = \$ 4,825

= \$37,250 for the next two quarters

We will need \$45,775 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 \$30,775 and moving \$15,000 from the ASRF funds towards this initiative.

Surplus Allocations*

Riley

USAC Relief Fund: \$120,600.00
 Books for Bruins: \$30,775.00
 Rent Relief Fund: \$34, 250.00
 Bruin Trailblazers: \$7,400.00
 Total: \$193,025.00

- Justin motions to approve \$193,025.00 from surplus to Books for Bruins, Rent Relief Fund, Covid Relief Fund, and Trailblazer Scholarship, Zuleika seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, surplus allocations are approved

Comm Board Discussion

Riley

Nathan: Hello, I am Nathan, I am the Chair of the Comm Board and one of it's undergrad reps, I'm a fifth year computer science major. I've been involved in Student Media since my freshman year and I'm happy to answer any questions you might have.

Naomi: I'll just start us off with, we just wanted to know in person the rationale in signing onto the letter, which is also the reason we had kind of asked for our other appointments to be here. Before going in and being appointed, most of our appointments had expressly disagreed with the way that things were handled with the BruinLife issue and everything that was happening with that situation. To our surprise, we were very shocked when we saw all of them turned around and didn't end up feeling that way. We would like to know what new information came out of these discussions.

Nathan: That's a great question, I think I also had the same concern when I first heard about this grievance. The main thing is they stated pretty clearly on the application like we need you to be on campus so they can take your photos, they had good rationale behind that like there can be copyright issues of like an outside photographer taking these photos and they wanted to make sure they had all the recipients of the work on campus so they could photograph them and Sharon clearly didn't meet that requirement because she couldn't be on campus. BruinLife editors felt like it wouldn't be fair to the other students because they had other seniors reach out to them about the award and ask do I specifically need to be on campus to receive this award and they said yes ans so they felt that making an exception for Sharon wouldn't be fair to those other seniors who didn't apply to the award because they couldn't meet those requirements. So when we were reviewing this as a Comm Board we looked at that and I think that rationale makes a lot of sense and I felt that they had good reason behind that and we felt that we had to support the BruinLife editor's decision.

Justin: Hi, thanks for sitting through council. I had two questions, one would be in regards to the copyright issue. I was surprised to hear that, but it sounded like something they brought up with this letter. I was wondering if copyright things are an issue, it's not the best but you could take photos online. There's ways around that. I was wondering what the rationale was around that.

Nathan: The copyright issue was something we discussed as a board. As a board we are always cognizant of those legal issues. This is more so the case for DailyBruin. We're just always kind of aware of those, y'know if a photographer isn't a part of Student Media then we don't have that copyright and that may cause issues later down the line especially if we print their picture in a yearbook and go about selling that. In regards to Zoom photos, I'm not super familiar with ways to take photos over Zoom, I know it's probably much more difficult to do in terms of maintaining all of the quality of like a nice DSLR shot and staging and all that and I can definitely, I'm not sure if the BruinLife editors considered that but I can also sympathize with them not wanting to do it because it kind of adds more complexity to their jobs.

Justin: My second question, I'm a little bit confused about the timeline, but was the application during Covid with full knowledge that she would have to come?

Nathan: That's a good question. That's something else that kind of factored into our decision too. And that's what I was worried about when I first heard about this issue, like oh did she apply to this award in January or something and the rug gets pulled out from under her in March. In fact the application was originally posted in March and had a deadline of May and then they extended that to mid-June. I think it was March 14th, and I think Sharon applied the day the application was due on June 19th. By that point, most people had left campus and things were still kind of crazy but more settling out than March-April and BruinLife editors were responding to questions about the in person requirement over those time periods. The application was very much released during the Covid times and the BruinLife editors knew they were restricting the people who could apply by having this in person requirement but they still felt that they wanted to have this in person requirement and obviously wanted to take all the photos safely and we developed guidelines around that. The application itself was released during the Covid time and Sharon applied during that same Covid time.

Promise: Hi Nathan, thank you for being here. I had a couple questions first like regarding outsourcing a photographer. I'm the Cultural Affairs Commissioner so I do a lot of work in this and there are contracts that could be drawn up and I ASUCLA especially has the resources to draw up contracts to make it so that like whatever the fear of being sued for having a student get getting their photo taken for a specific purpose this one time wouldn't occur because you guys have been doing stuff like this. So I just wanted to highlight that and why that wasn't even taken into consideration. My second point is I understand if the application closed in June, but in June Covid was and is still rampant and I'm essentially just wondering why that is something

that we're supposed to just accept that BruinLife was trying to have students still come in to take photos for something in person in June during a peak time. I think also it's really negligent of students safety in the first place and also if you've had the time to extend said application why not also while you're extending it figure out how to accommodate for Covid-19. I don't think them doing that justifies even slightly excluding students because of their inability to be on campus during a global pandemic. That is completely unacceptable there is no justification for that. I can sure maybe see where they're coming from but it comes down to aesthetics. They didn't want to give up their aesthetic so they were willing to deny a student an award that they deserve and under regular circumstances would have been able to accept but couldn't because of something they could not control. So I think if you could speak to that and like why that was something that y'all still stood by even so. Those are questions that should be asked, why BruinLife wanted to go against public health guidelines, also during that time of her submitting her application in June doesn't it make that any better it doesn't make it any okay so like I don't know. I appreciate you being here tonight but everything that I have personally heard is consistent with excuses to like absolve BruinLife of the wrongdoings of just exclusion and not caring about students and choosing aesthetics over students and student's safety so if you could please speak to that and why y'all still decided to sign on it.

Naomi: At this time and still to this day, higher ed has been under strict shut down by LADPH and honestly county guidelines across the state so I just also wanted to throw that in there that at that point, and even still now, students are not even permitted and not encouraged to come back to campus.

Nathan: So, I think our Student Media Advisor, as far as I know BruinLife and all of the other campus media publications have been following all of the public photography guidelines set in place by LA County, UCLA, by any other health body that has jurisdiction over LA and UCLA. We have those sets of guidelines that we emailed you all in the letter, so as far as I know UCLA admin is okay with us taking photos on campus, the senior of the year photoshoot was going to be outside and we've been trying to do as many photoshoots outside as we can. As far as I'm concerned I think that everything that Student Media's doing regarding photography is safe for students. I don't know if Doria wants to add to that.

Doria: We actually did meet with the EOC office and the UCLA Events Office. I know that the concern is that other student groups have not been allowed to take photos on campus but they don't really look at us as a student group, we're more of a department, so we get permits every year from them to be able to take photos on campus for the purpose of the media. We met with them just a few months ago and they re-granted our permit this year and they went over basically guidelines on what we should follow, how we should safely take photos, and based on the information we provided they were okay with our arrangement and how we were going to be doing things. A lot of the guidelines came from UCLA personally, so we've been following those guidelines.

Promise: That doesn't necessarily answer the question of why a student was penalized for putting their health and the health of the people around them first during a global pandemic to be able to still accept an award they obviously deserve because they were granted it, but also still be able to receive their award regardless of their ability to travel during a pandemic.

Naomi: I also wanted to ask which entity did those guidelines come from? I know many of us have sat on multiple task forces, I actually sit on the larger Covid Response and Recovery Task Force and I was under the impression that almost all operations except for essential operations were permitted. I wasn't aware that this was considered one of those essential operations.

Doria: Our permit was approved by both the EOC Office and the UCLA Events Office. We're not the only department that's actually taking photos on campus.

Nathan: To answer Promise's question from earlier about why is it ok that Sharon is being forced to come back or travel for this award, ultimately I think the decision of who to give this award to is an editorial decision by BruinLife. As the Communications Board we're just the publishers of Student Media, we don't make any editorial decisions. BruinLife obviously has freedom to decide who to feature, how they decide to feature them, and if someone can't meet all of the requirements they have set out in their award then I think they are perfectly within their rights to not give that person the award. I don't think BruinLife was encouraging anyone to travel, and I think ultimately the award is an option right, like you don't need this award for anything. I understand that everyone has different risk tolerances and I can empathize with Sharon if she didn't want to travel to get this award but I don't think it would be fair to the other students who were on campus or who didn't apply because they couldn't meet these requirements to make a special exception.

Bakur: I have a few points. Throughout this pandemic many entities have made compromises. It just seems absurd that for a photoshoot that a student is being banned from an award that they rightly deserve. The argument that not everyone had the chance to get this award because of the requirement then we should make everyone who has the chance suffer doesn't make sense. Having other departments do this is not an excuse, with all respect our appointments to committees are responsible for advocating for students and making sure their best interest is put first. If admin decides to do something that is against their health and against their wellbeing, then you should be the first ones voicing your concern rather than supporting this. Even though this was an internal decision as you said, but at the end you were the ones that signed on that letter, no one forced you to sign on that letter, at least to my understanding. Are you expecting the student to defy UCLA guidelines and state guidelines restricting non-essential travel? You're encouraging them and telling them that if you want this award that you deserve, then you need to go against the recommendations. By the logic, you're saying that since the student knew there was a pandemic and still chose to apply then they're to blame. Also, by the same logic BruinLife are to blame for having that requirement in place from the start. So the issue is not what the student did, it's that there was such a requirement and that it was being enforced and then you come here supporting that and not even apologizing. Many of the other council members have raised points against other arguments like the copyright thing and the fact that it was brought in that letter. It seems that new excuses are being brought up and thought of each time this topic is being discussed. Personally, I see there was no excuse for you whatsoever to sign the letter. Sharon's decision is one story, but you and the rest of the members of the board signing that letter is a different story. You're not living up to your duties to represent students and advocate on their behalf especially when it comes to their wellbeing and health when it comes to a global pandemic.

Justin: I think this conversation is really giving me a better perspective for this. While I agree that no one deserves an award, I don't even think that's really what Sharon was going for when she came public with this. I think by that point she had given up on accepting the award, at least that was my understanding. What really is the problem here actually BruinLife is still to blame in my opinion for continuing to have that rule, but actually the blame goes farther up the food chain with Comm Board, with the Emergency Operations Office, as well as with the Events Office. Why are we prioritizing these operations, why are we prioritizing even revenue generating things for the university, why was your permit accepted. I think while the camera and the photography itself is safe, I feel like it's not that many leaps in logic to see that it would maybe require someone to travel. I would propose to scrap the whole exclusion argument, because it could be applied both ways. I appreciate you being here but I am pretty upset with the whole situation.

Sachi: I just wanted to go back to a comment you said, Nathan about people have different risk tolerances when it comes to travel. I just really need to call that out for being ableist. It's not a risk tolerance to be immunocompromised. It's literally that you have a higher risk of getting sick and dying. In a global pandemic when, especially at that stage when we didn't even know who was higher risk or not to a large extent, I really just am not understanding how you could blanket say it was a choice in the matter to come or not. It's not a choice when it's life or death. Many of us here that have friends or family that have died, this is still going on, it's honestly so sickening to hear this rhetoric and talking about this in the abstract when you have endorsed something that not only went against guidelines, but you directly could've potentially put someone at risk. Or you endorsed a decision that could've put someone at risk. So, I mean I get that you're worried about copyright, but how about the lawsuit that would've come if a student got sick or if a student died. Frankly, the blood is on you all's hand, and you all had the potential to do something about it and you didn't. You did, in fact, the opposite. You supported something that was so blatantly wrong. I would personally advocate that every single student appointee to the Communications Board comes to council for a formal hearing, given what I'm hearing from the chair of the committee, I think that every student, as their duty as a USAC appointment should've been here already but should come again and explain their decision fully and whole heartedly because what I've heard today has just further reinforced my belief that you all have endorsed a decision that is so deeply harmful to the student community and to our larger world community. I hope that that sinks in with you, I get that this is just USAC and I get that this is just Student Media but it's a big deal, and it could've been a big deal and you're lucky that it wasn't, but it's not okay and I want that to be clear.

Nathan: Thank you Sachi for your comment. I want to apologize for my earlier comment about risk tolerances. I want to emphasize that we aren't encouraging anyone to travel to take photos. I think the BruinLife requirement is pretty clear in that they want you to be on campus to take photos. They want you to be in Westwood. I don't want anyone to be traveling when they don't have to be, but again I think it's a very fair editorial decision to only want to give this award to people in Westwood.

Naomi: I just want to note that she was awarded the award, I'm not sure if it was asked where she lived or what that looked like.

Breeze: I guess I'm not understanding the point. I know that you said the application opened in March, and it's understandable that a student would know that there was Covid at the time, but you would still apply knowing that the conditions of the world have changed and that the situation was not the same whereas you would travel to Westwood or it's something she could do if she is no longer in Westwood. I also think that that doesn't take into account the multiple things that students have going on. I know that Bakur mentioned international students, I myself am not living in Westwood. So to hear this that as a UCLA student I can't apply to something I should be able to just because I have to stay at home and help out my family who has been hit hard by Covid, it's just very irritating and I don't know how other students might respond who may have had similar experiences.

Naomi: Given the comments, I do want to go back to a point Sachi made earlier. I know I was deeply disappointed that none of my three appointments were able to make it and I do also want to thank you, Nathan, for being here as Chair of Comm Board. I was more interested in the individual reasons as to why the contents on the letter was endorsed and signed on by our student representatives that are suppose to serve on behalf of students. I am thinking about the future as well, what plans are in place to rectify the situation or to ensure that it doesn't happen again. I also want to open it up to council to contemplate a removal hearing as well.

Nathan: For the individual precedents, I think like I said in my email, we're meeting next Monday and if anyone is interested in talking to the entire board I'd encourage you to come to that at Monday at 5:30. Regarding the second point of the student consideration during our hearing we heard very passionate speeches from the BruinLife editors who felt very strongly about maintaining the fairness of this award, who felt like they were getting bullied by Sharon because she was reaching out to all these external organizations trying to get them to change their decision when they had clearly spent a lot of time internally talking about it. I think that's something as the Communications Board we consider both students in student media as well as external students who are in the larger UCLA community. So I think it's an unfair characterization to say that I and the rest of the board weren't considering the UCLA community.

Doria: I don't think the other members were appointed at the time when this grievance happened. They weren't really involved during the original discussions. It started during the summer and everything was already done by the time they came around. I want to be clear on something too. Even if there wasn't a pandemic, the rule that the photos have to be taken by a photographer, that's pretty standard. It wasn't something that just came up recently. Most of our publications, all the work is done by students, they're a student run publication. That's why, as Nathan reiterated the Comm Board does not interfere with editorial content or decisions unless there has to be a really strong reason, like there's something illegal, it even comes down to publishing rights. The DailyBruin can basically publish whatever they want as long as it's not illegal because that's their prerogative as a student run organization. That rule applies across all the media. I actually did try to make accommodations for Sharon. When she applied she was at home, and I actually had talked to Sharon and I asked her did she know that she would be required to take a photo with a photographer if she got the award and she said "well yeah I saw that, but I didn't know if they were actually going to make me do it." So I said well did you try to reach out to BruinLife before applying to clarify that that was going to be a requirement, and she said "no I didn't." And from what I saw on the email thread they initially did reach out to her when she first received the award and she said thank you, and they said you'll be in contact with a photographer in a copywriter to write your story and she said "great looking forward to meeting the photographer", she didn't say initially that she couldn't do the photoshoot, and it wasn't until maybe a month later when the photographer actually reached out to her to schedule the photoshoot and she said "oh I can't come to campus", so they said well let me talk to the editor and see if we can do anything, and they said you have to take a picture with our photographer, and so she said "well I can't come back." They reached out to her again and said well we can extend the deadline for you until right around fall and she never responded. I think two or three weeks went by and so they just took it as she wasn't interested because they had to get the book published. So they did actually offer to get the deadline extended for her but she didn't respond. I did talk to her, and she read the disclaimer but she didn't think to call to clarify if she was really going to be required to take her photo with the photographer. I can't tell them what to tell either, but I did try to offer solutions. I tried to see if there was there was a photographer in her area maybe but there wasn't anyone there.

Naomi: Thank you Doria for clarifying some of those points. We were aware as a council that the appointments also were aware of this situation, we actually fully interrogated them about this situation at the time they were appointed, which is why I had mentioned earlier that most of them had come in and strongly disagreed with the situation that had taken place even with all of the decisions that were made towards the end. I just also want to reiterate again in Sharon's defense, we were all under the impression that times were changing quickly and that guidelines were changing quickly and I just think you had mentioned strong reasons, but I do think that a global pandemic at that point in time is a strong reason to allow some sort of flexibility. I understand that that's more or less of a judgement call at that point and it can set a precedent that you all may not be comfortable

with, but when I'm thinking about our appointments, they made commitments. When you're appointed you agree to certain things and I'm more concerned with going back and finding new information and I'll just be frank and call it a switchup. It was unexpected and then to have them not come here and explain said switch up I think is even more disappointing and alarming given that we reached 400,000 cases this week.

Bakur: I do have a few points. One is to ensure that this doesn't happen again. There should be a commitment that any guidelines that would require students traveling or be put in danger in terms of their health is not included and any programs by Student Media, that's the least I would expect. Personally, that student deserves the award, so she should actually get it. Finally, I last time I checked I think it was the appointments' responsibilities if USAC called them to their meeting, not the other way around.

Naomi: About the copyright thing, just to give an example, I was invited to be a part of the DailyBruin collaboration for the 2020 end of the year thing and I did a Facetime photoshoot, that was my first time ever but those were becoming quite common. I want to go back to an earlier point that Justin made that though copyright issues were presented as the excuse in the letter, the original reason that was given to Sharon was aesthetic purposes. It was an aesthetic decision and I wanted to highlight that.

Bakur: Continuing my last point which is appointments should be the ones coming and explaining what they said and switching their decision just like that especially when they were explicitly asked about it before, is unacceptable. Even though they were appointed after the incident happened, if they didn't have enough information they shouldn't have made any commitments or signed on the letter. If they know enough information and they still signed on the letter then that's disappointing. I do believe we should have a formal hearing.

Doria: When I talked to Sharon I did tell her about the copyright. To be honest, I was really surprised on how things escalated with her because I personally talked to her. I think she initially reached out to Monroe and then he reached out to me and I said I'm happy to talk to Sharon and explain everything. I actually had a conversation with her and it was very pleasant and I explained to her that BruinLife is a student run publication and the senior of the year is an award that BruinLife themselves created, it's a student run board that selects the senior of the year. The whole thing is student run and I explained to her and she said "I do understand, I thought that's probably what it was I just don't think that it was handled properly but I'm happy that you gave me a call because I didn't speak to anyone." I said I can talk to BruinLife, I can see if they're willing to change their mind and she said "I appreciate your efforts" and it was a very nice pleasant conversation and when I responded to her and told her that BruinLife decided not to change their decision I didn't hear from her for a week or two and next thing we knew we got an email from EOC that she went over Mick and Monroe and then she came to the Comm Board meeting. I know she said the meeting was hostile but I don't see how it was hostile it was very productive. Some of the Comm Board members had asked her at the meeting like what do you hope to accomplish at this point and she said to us, "well I want greater clarity around protections for students that are going to be taking photoshoots." So I went to EOC and UCLA Events and we came up with all these guidelines and we said we'd do that. Our very next meeting we invited her to come, we invited her to collaborate and she didn't show up and next thing we knew she came to USAC and said the meeting was very hostile and we treated her very poorly. I was just really surprised because the encounters that I've had with her since summer, I really thought it was resolved and that she understood. I'm just surprised that it got to this level. But she did know about the copyright because I told her when I talked to her over the phone.

Emily: Respectfully, I don't think we should be discussing the nitty gritty facts and details of this case. I think that the problem here lies upon Public Health guidelines and student safety and expectations and requirements for an award that directly puts students in danger and is coercive. So I think that is what we should focus our attention on.

Zuleika: I just want to reiterate what Emily said and emphasize that it's important that we focus on that and not really get into the conversation. But I also wanted to say that I'm glad that Sharon escalated this because if it wasn't for her escalation we would have never known that certain organizations or departments are having special privileges where regular students were not given privileges to go on campus or not allowed to put ourselves at risk but for some reason UCLA is allowing these departments to do so. I think that we should reevaluate our appointments, they should be here speaking for themselves. I want to hear from them individually.

Naomi: With that being said I want to end this conversation where we are now. Are we all okay with moving forward with a formal removal hearing? In that hearing, just to make it clear to the public, appointments are asked to come in. There is no

removal that is set in stone until the hearing happens. That hearing can either happen in executive session or in public and then from there decisions are made. I see a no from Aidan.

Aidan: I think this has been a very enlightening conversation and I disagree wholeheartedly with the choice the Editorial Board made in requiring Sharon to come and take this photo. But my disagreement with the Editorial Board's decision is separate from my belief in editorial independence. I don't believe that we can hold our Comm Board appointees, y'know I firmly believe in the independence of entities and I do not believe that the question in front of us rises to the level of a Comm Board appointee for a decision they made in furtherance of what they believe to be editorial independence. So there are a number of different issues at play, I disagree with what the Editorial Board chose to do, but I do understand why a Comm Board member, based on the appointment that they have, side with the Editorial Board in pursuit of editorial independence. So that is why I do not believe this rises to grounds for removal. But I do think we should make our dissatisfaction with the Editorial Board quite clear and I think we already have.

Naomi: I just wanted to quickly say that editorial independence is something that you cited, I don't know if that's for every single one of my appointments. It may or may not be a deciding factor for some.

Justin: I respect Aidan for giving his point, I think maybe for that reason we should put it to a vote. I do want to say the hearings are not necessarily for removal, I just want to hear from the other two appointments. We're not making any decisions yet.

Sachi: I agree with what Justin said, but to be clear to the public, every appointment was asked to be here many times and politely and not in a hearing format, just to explain, and they're not here. We just need those appointments to come explain their decision and then based on those hearings we will make a decision on removal.

Zuleika: I am in the same realm as Sachi, I want to hear from the appointees and what they were thinking at the time. I want to hear from them without feeling pressured from admin or from any other entity that may be higher than them. But I also want there to be accountability.

Nathan: The main factor for the Comm Board decision was editorial independence like Aidan said. We believe strongly of the student editors of their publications should be able to have a lot of leeway in the decisions they decide to do about who to feature, what to print, what pictures to take, how to take those pictures. We really only step in in cases if something is factually wrong or there is a legal threat from it. We feel like in this case those standards were met and I think it's very fair and valid for you to disagree with our decision and disagree with editorial decisions, but I'd also ask that you respect the editorial independence of Student Media and BruinLife. I think I was voting with the interest of Student Media and the entire UCLA student body at mind, and that I'm kind of hurt that this council doesn't feel that same way.

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- Emily motions to move into Executive Session for a personnel matter, Justin seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, council enters executive session at 11:01pm

- Council resumes at 11:47pm
- No action was taken

XI. Adjournment*

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- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 12:26am

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