



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
February 23 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 USAC 2020 Pandemic Relief Fund Surplus proposal
- Strike ASRF
- Strike E Board Presentation
- Strike USAC Seat at the Table Initiative
- Strike Capital Contingency
  
- Justin motions to approve the agenda as amended, Zuleika seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

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

Luong

2/16/2021

- Lauren motions to approve 2/16/2021, Noe seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, 2/16/2021 minutes are approved

## **IV. Public Comment**

Riley

Rose: Hi, my name is Rose and thank you for having me and taking my comment. I'm a first year and I'm currently interning with CALPIRG students on our New Voters Project which I'd love to delve in a little bit with you right now. We're working to institutionalize voter registration here at UCLA because we know that young people, students, want to vote and they consider it important but ultimately struggle to find accurate or sufficient resources to follow through on election days. In order to address this and help students, our campaign is advocating for and encouraging the university to adopt some best practice for registration. In good and exciting news, we have just recently succeeded in getting the Vice Chancellor's support to use our studentvote.org link in the Chancellor's all campus email to students during registration periods. We also just met with orientation directors to talk about allocating five minutes of new student and transfer student orientation dedicated to educating and registering students to vote. We know this process can be really tricky for students and personally since I'm an out of state student the voting process is pretty tricky for me and I honestly probably couldn't have navigated it well without the help of my parents and CALPIRG. We want to make sure students feel comfortable and supported throughout the process since it is so complicated. During the meeting today, the director was supportive of the campaign but we're still working to carve out that five minutes of orientation to register students. We wanna make sure we reach all students not just new ones, so we hope to get a Bruins Vote rep into every class next fall to make an announcement about voter registration and in order to do this we're asking faculty, staff, and admin to sign on. That's it for me, thank you so much for the time and opportunity to fill you in on NVP.

Prab: Hi everyone, I hope your midterms are going well. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Prab I'm a fourth year history major here at UCLA and I'm also the CALPIRG chapter chair. As you guys probably know, CALPIRG is a statewide student organizations at eight UCs, we're completely student run and student funded and we're a nonprofit that works to advocate for students on the issues that we care about the most from protecting the environment, supporting basic needs, and getting out the youth vote. The work that we do definitely would not be possible if it wasn't for our 35,000 student members across the state who donate \$10 a quarter for us to actually advocate and organize on their behalf. I do have some really exciting updates from the past week, so a lot of you guys probably know about our textbook campaign. Textbooks have been really expensive for an

incredibly long time and there is a solution to this, it's open textbooks which are peer reviewed and published under an open license which makes them available to the public for free or cheaper. We've been working to pass a UC wide grant for open textbooks with the regents and just this past weekend we passed a UCSA resolution in support of the creation of this open textbook grant program. This is really great because the regents that we met with recently said that this is exactly what they wanted to see, they wanted to see a bunch of united students support. So next we'll be moving on and continuing to get this support from faculty, we'll probably go to UCOP next and UC wide Academic Senate and talk to the student regents so we can have as much support as possible before we put it on the table for regents. We also had a lot of help from Aidan who spoke out in support and who has been a really great ally for this campaign [indiscernible], so thank you so much Aidan and thanks to those of you that have been working with us on the campaign or have supported us in any way. I'm really excited about it because I've been working on this campaign for like two years and we're finally starting to see it make a lot of progress. Other than that, we just had our National Student Forum where top student 'PIRG leaders from across the country get together and share best organizing practices for lobbying in DC, usually this would be in person but we're doing it in person this year and we will be lobbying on the Pell Grant, on SNAP, and other aid for students this upcoming Thursday. We're also going to be having our statewide Winter Quarter Conference this Saturday the 27th where we're planning to have more than 150 student leaders from our chapters there and look at [indiscernible] training staff, organizing skills, learn how to drive our statewide campaign and get ready for our lobby day on Monday where we'll be taking all the grassroots support that we selected from the past two quarters to show Governor Newsom all of the support for our 100% clean energy by 2030. As of right now, we have more than 18,000 petitions statewide, whereas last time we passed S100 which committed the state to 100% clean energy by 2045 we had 20,000 so we're kind of lining ourselves up pretty well. But that's all I have for you guys, don't hesitate to reach out to me if you need help in your efforts and I will see you all next week.

Justine: Hi everybody, my name is Justine and I'm a third year, first year transfer and I'm actually here on behalf of IDEAS as an external representative. I just wanted to show my support and ask for your guys' support as well to put two council member stipends for undocumented students regardless of work authorization. Undocumented students already face so many barriers, even accessing higher education, and even while in higher education they also face barriers and I don't believe student council should be one of those. I heard an incident where a student was unable to be paid for almost two months just because of her status and I don't think that is correct. As a leader and as UCLA we should do better and support students who are active and want to be involved in the community and just because a person doesn't have work authorization, that shouldn't be a bar for them to run for student council and participate in student council and I think it's important because if you just have one that's going to be limiting to undocumented students, that's like placing a quota and saying that only one undocumented student is allowed to run for student council or participate in student council and that shouldn't be happening. I just wanted to come here and ask for support because undocumented students deserve the opportunity to run for student council and be able to represent their community as well. Thank you.

Jeffrey: Hi everyone, good evening. My name is Jeffrey and I'm the IDEAS internal rep this year, and just like Justine, I'm here to voice my support for the proposal to create reserve accounts in ASUCLA with two council member stipends for any possible council members who are undocumented or do not have work authorization. As IDEAS has mentioned about this in our proposal, we think that it would increase the accessibility for undocumented students to not only run for council but to serve in council. We also believe that once in council, if elected with these reserve accounts, we also believe that these elected council members will be able to fully execute the duties of their office without having to worry about whether they are financially worthy of being paid for the job they are executing and the job they were elected to do. I will echo the fact that only reserving one stipend does create an informal quota on how many undocumented students we believe are worthy enough to sit at the council table. The council has made it a priority to welcome undocumented students and I think this would be another step in the right direction to continue our support of these communities especially as we have these conversations about how we can create better accessibility into these spaces of power. Thank you.

- Public comment concluded at 7:19pm

## **V. Funding**

~~Capital Contingency\*~~

~~Contingency Programming\*~~

Total Requested: \$9,417.02

Total Recommended: \$7,664.32

14 non-USAC entities

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Minasyan

Minasyan

2 USAC entities

- Sachi motions to approve \$7,664.32 to 14 non-USAC entities and 2 USAC entities, Bakur seconds
- By motion of 9-0-1 the motion passes, Contingency Programming allocations approved

SFS Allocations#

Wisner

Total Requested: \$750.00

Total Recommended: \$150.00

Non-CSC org

- No opposition, SFS Allocation passes by consent

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Read

Total Allocated: \$550.00

- No opposition, SWC Programming Fund allocation passes by consent

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

Arasasingham

ASRF Allocations#

~~Velazquez~~

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Velazquez

Total Allocation: \$450.00

- No opposition, AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocation passes by consent

ARCF Allocations#

Ogunleye

TGIF

Cooper

Total Requested: \$1,550.00

Total Allocated: \$1,500.00

**VI. Special Presentations**

OP Affordability Team

Riley

Zoya: My name is Zoya, I'm here on behalf of the Office of the President Affordability Platform. And I'm just going to talk a little bit about our USAC Budget Breakdown that we've been working on with ASUCLA. So essentially we just wanted to create this USAC budget breakdown because technically this information is accessible to everyone, but it's not really understandable. So with ASUCLA and our platform we came up with two main methods of breaking down the budget to make it more accessible to the student body so I'm just going to go over those two formats. Just to start to go over student referendum fees, the most important thing about these fees is that they are advocated for and introduced by the student body, and they must be voted on to be introduced and incorporated into our Bruin Bill. So for example, Good Clothes Good People in last year's office of the President was a project that needed to be like self sufficient after the Office the President ended so they introduced the referendum for 33 cents so that they could fund their projects in the long term, that's just an example of a referendum fee. So we wanted to organize the referendum fees to kind of explain where the USAC budget comes from. So using winter quarter this year, using data from that all of these added up together are around \$93, and that multiplied times three quarters times 30,000 students like roughly in the student body, that is the entire USAC budget, and that multiplies up to roughly \$8 million, which is that number that a lot of people hear and pass around that USAC has millions of dollars in their budget. Now you know where that specific number is coming from. But it's still a little difficult to understand why each student has to pay \$93, so we wanted to create a format where we divide all of the student referendum fees into different categories to convey the purpose of the fees, so we came up with nine categories: academic advancement, community outreach and service, promotion of safety, sustainability entertainment and recreation, health and wellness, inclusivity and diversity, basic needs, an operational expenses so that picture on the left of the screen is all of the student referendum fees for the quarter organized into those different categories. And that gives us this chart. So just for example around 17% of the quarterly student referendum fees paid to USAC are used to promote health and wellness at UCLA. Around 13% are used for operational expenses, around 5% is used to promote safety for UCLA students. That's just what this chart is conveying, and we felt that this was important, these categories were important for students to see that the money that we pay to USAC every quarter is used to fund projects and initiatives that we value and are passionate about. And just to break down some of these categories a little further, I'm only going to go over these two but I've included all of the categories and a description of them in the slides in case anyone wants to read them after and see which fees are included within each category. But for example, under the category of academic advancement, those fees are used to promote inclusive

promotion of academics for students at UCLA and examples of fees that are included within academic advancement are like we just saw the Academic Affairs Travel Mini Fund, which students can apply to fund travel for academic events. And so that's one category. Under sustainability we have fees that are used to promote sustainable projects and initiatives by students, and that includes The Green Initiative Fund that students can apply to for these projects. So I've included all of the other categories again and the only one that I did not include is operational expenses and that makes up a decent amount of the entire budget but operational expenses just include overhead administrative fees like the mandatory fee which is \$10 and that covers, like council stipends, paid workers that support student government, supporting election board judicial board and things like that. So that's one format of breaking down the USAC budget. The other format that we came up with is dividing it into USAC delegated funds, USAC managed funds, and then funds allocated to USAC funding bodies. So just to describe that a little bit, the red portion the 54.8%, those are USAC delegated funds and formally those are funds that are given to entities that are responsible for managing and using those funds, but they have to report back to USAC on how they use that. So this is important because I'm an example is, CPO, who receives \$1.14 cents as a fee, they are responsible for spending that and reporting back to USAC on how they spent it. So in terms of transparency and accountability, it's important that we hold the delegated committees accountable for how they're spending their money because money is delegated outside of USAC. So that's one portion. The blue portion of the graph outlines the funds allocated to USAC funding bodies and this section is important because it shows students that the money that we're paying to USAC can actually be used by us for projects and initiatives that the organizations are passionate about. I think there's a list of the funds on the SOLE funding website or might be the funding tab on the USAC website but there's a list of funds that students can apply to use. And that just leaves that 32.9% which are USAC managed funds. This language is a little tricky because technically it's all USAC funds but USAC managed funds are directly overseen by council so fees like the ones I go to AAC or EVP or mandatory fees, that would be included within the USAC managed funds portion. That's all I have these are the two kind of formats that we came up with, if you all have any feedback or questions or comments please let me know but thank you.

#### USAC Seat at the Table Initiative

Riley

### **VII. Appointments**

- None

### **VIII. Officer Reports**

#### A. President

Riley

- Met with ASUCLA to talk about Surplus proposals and how to improve our appointments
- Met with Campus Safety Planning Symposium about second day of symposium
- Had our Public Health Compliance meeting, talked about planning for the Spring quarter and what that will look like
- Had meeting with the Chancellor; we talked about policing, divest/invest council, the Campus Safety Symposium, commencement, and fall return to campus
- Met with Infection Control Working Group
- Response and Recovery Task Force - Recreation Center presented a reopening plan
- Successful CAB meeting today

#### B. Internal Vice President

Luong

- Had a meeting with the Education Working Group
- Working on surveys about class enrollment, housing, etc.
- Drive Down Rent Committee - rent relief award application is out, apps close tomorrow at 11:59pm
- CSA - starting a social media campaign called the Abolition series
- Hosting the Off Campus Housing Fair this Thursday from 3-5pm
- Transformative Justice Now planning an Undocu-Student Know Your Rights Mini Series happening this quarter

#### C. External Vice President

Arasasingham

- Got some good news on the state advocacy front last week, it was signed into law today Governor Newsom and the Legislative Assembly reached a budget deal whereby one of our top priorities as an EVP office, which was the filling in of UC budget cuts that came at the start of the pandemic. Thankfully the Governor and State Legislature reached an agreement whereby those budget cuts will be reversed and fully funded again pending the passing of the budget on July 1st.
- Double the Pell week of action is this week, yesterday we had our national press conference

- Had our congressional briefing today which was hosted by us
- Final application round of the Bruin Advocacy Grant applications are out, encouraging students to apply

#### D. General Representative 1 Spoken

Laubach

- Started organizing our first town hall for hopefully March 5th at 3pm
- Hoping to highlight mother orgs possibly through an Instagram takeover
- Released our class of 2021 survey
- Showcased the Bruin Reintroduction Program Platform today to ASUCLA
- Hoping to schedule meetings with Patricia soon, as well as DASHEW center and UCLA Library

#### E. General Representative 2 Written

Rodriguez

- Continue sharing our survey on purchasing habits at the ASUCLA Store! [tinyurl.com/BuyYourValues](https://tinyurl.com/BuyYourValues)
- Please come to our event tomorrow, Coffee Chat on Mental Health, 2/24 at 6:30 pm PST. It will be a conversation with students about their mental health, self-care practices, and what UCLA could be doing better.

#### F. General Representative 3 Written

Wade

#### G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Velazquez

- Voted to extend the same academic policies from last quarter
- Have first senate office hours this Friday
- Having our event with Unica this Friday at 7pm
- Our textbook exchange is going to be released next week
- Finalizing numbers for Books for Bruins
- Planning a Decolonization of the Mind event
- Student advocate board applications will be released soon

#### H. Campus Events Commission Written

Naland

#### I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Wisner

#### J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

#### K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Cooper

#### EXTERNAL

TGIF

- Student Support Fund is due FRIDAY at 11:59pm!
  - o [tgif.ucla.edu/support](https://tgif.ucla.edu/support)
- FAQ is live on the website: [Apply for funding -> FAQ](#)

Commuter Committee

- Working on commuter guide
- If anyone has any ideas that might be useful for commuters/ if you know commuter students who want to get involved let me know!

Center for Accessible Education

- Worked on drafts of the CAE Student Advisory Board Proposal

#### PROJECTS

Access on Board

- Interviewing CAE Disability Specialist applicants
- Adaptive Gentle Yoga in partnership with UCLA Recreation and Adaptive Rec
- Monday February 22nd - 4pm - 4:45pm
- All Brains x USAC FAC Access on Board x Blank Space Create Your Own Valentines Day Cards
- Tuesday, Feb 23th, 2021 at 3-4pm
- Adaptive Teaching Kitchen in partnership with UCLA Recreation and Adaptive Rec
- Wednesday February 24th - 5pm - 6pm
- FASTatUCLA x Access on Board
- Interviewed Students with Disabilities and how disability intersects with fashion

- Scheduled virtual photoshoots
- If you are interested in participating, please email [fac.accessionboard@usac.ucla.edu](mailto:fac.accessionboard@usac.ucla.edu)
- Disability x STEM Panel
- If you are a STEM student with a disability, a STEM professor with a disability, or know a STEM major/minor/professor who is passionate about speaking about Disability Justice in STEM, please email [fac.accessionboard@usac.ucla.edu](mailto:fac.accessionboard@usac.ucla.edu)

Blank Space

- Met with Megan from WVIA to finalize plans for Business Spotlight program

L.I.T. - Lighting and Infrastructure

- Met with Megan from WVIA to finalize plans for Business Spotlight program

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Garcia

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written`

Read

- **Health for Heritage Week is this week!**
- Programming fund: This week, \$550 was allocated towards MEChA de UCLA for an Intentional Self-Care in a Pandemic Event.
- Registration for Bruin Run/Walk is open! DM for \$5 off
- This month, SWC/HNF is beginning a new gleaning program with Swipe out Hunger to deliver unsold produce from the Westwood Farmers' Market to UAS!
- Sexperts podcast out now! Listen to hear more about overcoming insecurities

**Health for Heritage Week Events:**

Monday:

- EARTH + Fast@UCLA + Unravel + Thryft: Sustainable Fashion Panel

Tuesday

- SEARCH + Lavender Health Alliance: Study Hour

Wednesday:

- Total Wellness + Pilipinos for Community Health: Cooking Night
- Active Minds + Mann Mukti: How to Talk to Your Parents about Mental Health with Dr. Nikita Gupta
- Bruin Consent Coalition: Coalition Building for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Thursday:

- BruinNecessities + Environmentalists of Color Collective: Sustainability for Menstrual and Dental Hygiene

Friday:

- CPR/First Aid + Vietnamese Community Health: Health Issues in the Vietnamese Community
- Sexperts + All Brains + FAC + DSU: Screening of "Loop" and discussion on the value of communication and neurological differences

Also:

- BITF: releasing an art and writing collection on relationships with body
- HNF: beginning cultural cookbook series
- BRW + Liver Project: instagram project focused on health disparities in LA

**Other Upcoming Events:**

- Wed (2/24): Join Sexperts and Queer Alliance for a Sex Jeopardy night!
- Wed (2/24): Join EARTH and CPR for a Basics of CPR workshop
- Tues (2/30): Join HNF and Wazo for a mental health presentation

N. Transfer Representative Written

Bravo

Updates

- ❖ Started reviewing applications for TSC Director
  - Reduced number of applications from over 100 to 8 potential candidates
  - Research committee is made up of about 5-8 professional staff and 3 students
  - Students took part in reading applications and recommending potential candidates
- ❖ Collaborated with TLC to write letter about lack of recorded and asynchronous classes in Political Science department

- Received positive feedback from department and they immediately contacted Professors to be transparent on class descriptions
  - Will be brought up in Academic Senate by Dean of Academic Senate
- ❖ Election Code changes
  - USAC Constitution and Election Code has unit requirement for president ■ Collaborating with E-Board to change language to clarify that transfers can run for USAC president

### **Changing the Culture**

- ❖ Our Internal Relations and External Relations Committee are working on a Transfer Opportunities Guide so that transfers are aware of the many positions that are coming available after elections
- ❖ Will be meeting with NSTP soon to discuss transfer orientation
- ❖ Proposing bylaw changes to give appointment powers to specific committees under the academic to future transfer student representatives

### **Summer Bridge Program**

- ❖ Transfer Transitions
  - Met with Heather Adams to discuss Transfer Transitions' origins/history, core principles, and suggestions for proposals
  - Finished logistics for Transfer Transitions virtually
    - Outreaching to Sarah and Palo to discuss the funding sources for TT
- ❖ Completing UC outreaching, finished CSU outreaching
  - Working on combining background, history, and data together
- ❖ Finalized the funding application for incentives for anecdotal evidence interviews ❖ Conducting interview training for staff members

### **Reform UCOP**

- ❖ Attended UCSA and UCOP Meetings to be informed on policy and current student advocacy
- ❖ Finalizing UCOP Proposal
- ❖ Finalizing Weekly Instagram/Social Media Posts
- ❖ Creating survey to assess Transfer Student Needs
- ❖ Outreached to OP and FSC about financial aid and to USAC EVP for updates

### **Intersectional Representation**

- ❖ Continuing work for SA Survivor survey
- ❖ Working on microaggression project and collaborating with external groups ❖ Initiated meetings with administration to address our office collaborated resolution in support of formerly incarcerated and system impacted students

### **Ongoing Projects**

- ❖ Basic needs advocacy
- ❖ Transfer data requested by SAIRO to include in our proposals
- ❖ Working on campaign to raise funds for transfer advocacy scholarships

### **O. International Student Representative Written**

Madini

### **Q. Administrative Representatives**

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

Perez

Fernando: I'll be sending out reminders soon.

Patti: I'm working with the Response and Recovery task force to do a social media campaign to promote the guide books.

## **IX. Old Business**

- None

## **X. New Business**

### **Resolution in Support of the PEACE Act\***

Wisner

#### **Resolution in Support of the PEACE Act**

**WHEREAS**, the PEACE Act, introduced by Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager, will increase patient protections by prohibiting health facilities from limiting access to necessary medical services based upon nonclinical purposes<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the PEACE Act will help protect the right of every individual, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to comprehensive medical care by prohibiting health facilities from limiting access to medical services based upon non-clinical criteria, such as religious doctrine and profit maximization<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, hospital mergers and affiliations have impacted patient care by creating monopolies that allow them to charge exorbitant prices and deny certain types of medical care based on non-clinical criteria, such as shareholder profits and religious doctrine<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, private equity firms acquire physician practices, shareholders maximize profits by forcing physicians to direct more referrals internally, by setting billing quotas, and by removing unprofitable medical services altogether<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the PEACE Act ensures that patients have access to necessary and comprehensive medical care as recommended by their physician and other healthcare professionals<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, Senator Scott Wiener introduced SB 379<sup>2</sup>, which uses the UC contract as a bargaining tool with Dignity Health and would cause thousands of patients across the state to lose access to their healthcare providers;

**WHEREAS**, both Dignity Health and the UC Health system are one of the top two providers for low- income Californians under Medi-Cal<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, SB 379 would remove medical students, residents, and fellows from their trainee positions at Dignity's hospital;

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that USAC acknowledges that corporations should not be granted the authority to deny a patient care based on "personal beliefs" or profit motives that conflict with the clinical decision-making of physicians and other healthcare providers;

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that a bill that would protect the right of every individual, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to comprehensive medical care by prohibiting health facilities from limiting access to medical services based on personal beliefs is needed;

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association supports the concept of the SB 379 bill in regard to increasing access to care, but recognizes that the policy itself will have a devastating effect on health care throughout the state and requests that Senator Weiner withdraw his bill;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://asmdc.org/press-releases/asm-kamlagers-bill-prohibits-health-care-facilities-limiting-access-comprehensive>

<sup>2</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220SB379](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB379)

<sup>3</sup>

<https://www.kqed.org/news/11859831/catholic-hospitals-can-keep-uc-doctors-from-providing-abortions-a-new-bill-could-change-that>

<sup>4</sup> <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xqR7sAKPRefHGref0H7ZvuB3ozRSDs4M/view?usp=sharing>

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association supports the PEACE Act and calls on all levels of UCLA administration to support it as well.

- Jonathan motions to approve a Resolution in Support of the PEACE Act, Noe seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, A Resolution in Support of the PEACE Act is approved

CPC/PAB Surplus\*

Riley

- Promise motions to approve a \$200k split of 75% to the Covid Relief Fund and 25% to IVP Rent Relief Fund from Surplus, Zuleika seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, the CPC/PAB Surplus allocation is approved

IDEAS/OP/IVP Surplus Request

Riley

What is the request?

- We are requesting a full-year council member's stipend for \$23k for future elected USAC council members who are undocumented students
- This allocation will be set aside in an ASUCLA reserved account and will be transferred to UCLA Financial Aid for Distribution to the student

Why is this important?

- Increases/promotes USAC accessibility to undocumented students; ensures payment for work completed
- Background: 2019-20 EVP fails to receive stipend for lack of work authorization
- Proposal ensures this situation never occurs again by providing a funding source and a process that secures payment for undocumented/non-work authorized council members
- Directly promotes and increases accessibility for uncodumented students to run and serve on Council; 2 stipends specifically breaks with a perceived "quota" on undocumented students on Council
- Backed by the Community
  - Proposal is strongly supported by IDEAS as they believe it will increase the opportunity for their community members to run and serve on Council knowing their work will receive the same monetary support work-authorized Council members do

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**

The Bruin Trailblazers Scholarship

**Surplus Request:** \$44,600 (Requested)

**Annual Scholarship** :\$2,000 (Year 1), grows over time

**Perpetual Growth** :\$50,000 in 2021 doubles and triples over time

*Calculated using industry baselines:*

7% annual return

5% annual payout

1% for growth

1% for maintenance

Evolution & Implementation

- The scholarship fund shall be invested by the USAC Endowment in accordance with best practice **environmental, social, and governance** (ESG) values-based standards.
- The Bruin Trailblazers Scholarship shall be administered by the UCLA Alumni Association's Alumni Scholars Club, an existing resource center with a proven track-record of **student-alumni engagement and mentorship**.

- An board of alumni former student leaders and current student leaders (not applying) shall **impartially review applications** and offer support.
- Applications will be prominently advertised each Fall and take into consideration leadership outside of UCLA so as not to create barriers for **transfer-inclusivity**.

#### 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

#### OSAC/FiComm Surplus Request

Minasyan/Cooper

#### USAC Surplus Funding Proposal

#### Capital Contingency

#### Overview

The Office Space Allocation Committee (OSAC) and Finance Committee (FiComm) are requesting \$22,335.64 of the surplus for Capital Contingency. This funding will go towards the purchasing and installation of storage furniture for ten student offices in Kerckhoff Hall. As students begin to return to campus it is important that they have safe and clean spaces to return to and to work in. Providing student offices with new and vital storage furniture will make offices more accessible and more organized and will free student leaders to work on community development efforts.

#### Purpose

This is a major part of OSAC's goal to turn Kerckhoff into a community center for all students and student groups to find resources and support. In recent years student offices have become overcrowded with student organizations' belongings, making it nearly impossible to hold meetings or gatherings in offices. Right now we have the unique opportunity to reimagine the purpose and ethos of the student offices within Kerckhoff. Providing student organizations with the funding and support to reorganize their offices will allow them to make better use of their office space in the long term.

Furthermore, it is important that students make a safe return to campus spaces. Cramped student offices mean poor ventilation, poor accessibility, and overall undesirable spaces. Overcrowded offices are an unsafe environment to return to, and new storage furniture will allow for more space within each office to open up for safe gatherings. This is an effort that must begin long before students begin their return so cleaning and installation can happen as soon as it is safe. This effort is also a part of OSAC's long term goal of maintaining specific cleanliness and accessibility standards across all Kerckhoff offices.

#### Process/Logistics

Allocations made to Capital Contingency now will be used in the Spring to buy storage furniture for student organizations. The storage furniture will be stored until it is deemed safe for Kerckhoff to reopen. Then OSAC will coordinate an office cleaning effort and the storage furniture will be installed. Labor costs for installation are currently variable and while we have come up with an estimate based on previous numbers, we may need additional funding in the fall to cover additional installation costs.

Generally, capital contingency is automatically allocated 12% of the first \$150,000 of surplus which amounts to \$18,000. Our ask of \$22,335.64 is higher than the usual amount granted to capital contingency because of our emphasis on redefining office space in Kerckhoff as we return to campus. Our goal is to change the arrangement of office spaces to increase

ventilation, reduce clutter, and make them more accessible to students. To do this effectively, we need funding for storage furniture in addition to chairs and other furniture that would make office space less cluttered and more conducive to collaborative environments. Our survey results (included below) also justify our high ask since student organizations are also asking for new equipment in their offices. That said our ask does not include technology costs at the moment which would further inflate our ask. We are prioritizing the furniture, storage, and labor costs at this moment and will likely return for upgrading technological equipment in offices later on.

	Number Requested	Number to Budget for	Cost	Total Cost
Shelving	9	10	199.99	1999.9
Storage bins	8	20	9.48	189.6
Storage Cabinets	8	10	329.99	3299.9
Tables	5	5	829	4145
Chairs	6	24	137	3288
Folding Tables	3	3	49.98	149.94
				<b>13072.34</b>
Labor	10	10	926.33	9263.3
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>22335.64</b>

This effort will be a multi-step process. First, student organizations will submit requests to OSAC for specific storage furniture items. The OSAC chair will coordinate with these student organizations, as well as the other student organizations in the office, to select the proper items and create a new layout for the office. Then the OSAC chair will submit a funding request through Capital Contingency to the FiComm chair. OSAC will be submitting this as a large application. This is both to make sure student groups are coordinating only with OSAC and so the individual groups will not be subject to the repurchasing regulations if they desire to apply for more funding within the following 18 months. Once Kerckhoff begins to reopen OSAC will organize cleaning efforts and the installation of all storage furniture items.

#### Student Testimony

Below are a few quotes from leaders of student organizations with office space in Kerckhoff. Student leaders make comments about the storage needs of their offices and about the broader purposes more storage would serve for their organization and the organization's members. Storage furniture will make it easier for multi-organization offices to have structured storage without clutter and for organizations to keep track of important records and belongings. Storage furniture and cleaning efforts will make offices more accessible to students with disabilities, make the year to year transition between student leaders easier, and will create a more calm environment for students.

“Clearing up space would make the office more usable and **accessible to students with disabilities who often are unable to enter spaces for orgs they are members of.**” - Sachi Cooper, FAC

“We could access our materials more easily because we wouldn't have to stack things on top of each other to make space. In general, I think more storage bins, a storage cabinet, and shelving would **make the office a better space for two student**

groups.” - Emma Paine, PAC

“Samahang Pilipino Cultural Night uses our office space to hold our props for our show. The shelving and storage units will allow us to organize all of our props in controlled areas, and it will allow us to **store more items in a structured way.**” - Josephine Flores, Samahang Pilipino

“It would allow our organization to **maintain records and pass on institutional knowledge.** Our office is quite bare and new so having this furniture will also **provide a calming atmosphere for our students.**” - Zuelika Jasmine Bravo, TSR

“It makes it **easier to transition items from year to year as well as new boards are inaugurated.** The table and chairs make it possible to meet there, which has been a godsend for our organization. It's the perfect meeting space.” - Arman Antonyan, Armenian Student Association

#### Summary

OSAC and FiComm are asking for \$22,335.64 of surplus for Capital Contingency to provide and install storage furniture for a third of student offices. Storage furniture will allow student groups to clean office space, manage club belongings and legacy, and focus on community development. Storage furniture is a step towards making Kerckhoff Hall a community center and not a storage facility. Further, storage furniture is vital for a safer return to campus for student organizations.

#### USAC 2021 Pandemic Relief Fund

Garcia

#### Eboard Transition Director Surplus Request

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#### Election Code Amendment\*

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- Laura motions to approve the Election Code Amendment, Zuleika seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, Election Code Amendment changes are approved

#### **XI. Adjournment\***

Riley

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 9:25pm

#### **Good and Welfare**

\* Indicates Action Item  
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@Indicates Executive Session Item