



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
March 2 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 BAG
- Change EVP officer report to written
- Switch TGIF report to written
- CSC officer report written
- Move constitutional amendment to after USAC Seat at the Table initiative
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike ARCF
- Strike AAC
- Strike TGMF
- Strike ARCF
  
- Sachi motions to approve the agenda as amended, Justin seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

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

Luong

2/23/2021

- Justin motions to approve 2/23/2021 minutes, Laura seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, 2/23/2021 minutes are approved

## **IV. Public Comment**

Riley

Amanda: Hi everyone my name is Amanda. So I serve in OP as well as AAC. This year I'm also sitting on the Commencement Committee alongside Jonathan Wisner. I just wanted to give updates on behalf of that committee so as a lot of you may have seen through logging on through my UCLA or if you haven't logged on go ahead and log on to my UCLA because the senior commencement survey has been released and essentially what we're doing without survey is obviously taking everything into account as far as what the potential next steps might be for commencement this spring. Another update is that we have not yet made a decision in regards to what commencement will look like this spring. Obviously we are going to try to push to the very last step that we can but in the process of deciding, that it is to some degree outside of the administration's hand and it must get approved one by the city but especially by the state. My last update is that sashes will be released all of the class of 2021 apparel gear so sashes the robes that's going to be released on Friday but they will be sending a school-wide email if not you'll be getting notified via my UCLA as well. As of right now there are no studio pictures being taken for class of 2021 here at UCLA just because it has not yet been approved. That's all I have, thank you.

Dov: So my name is Dov. I'm not a student, I actually work with The American friends service committee. I'm here to support the initiative by UC divest and also offer my help as a resource because as part of my work with the American friends we collect information about corporations that are involved and state violence and we also offer all sorts of tools for institutional investors such as the UC to divest from State violence. So what we see is that large churches, universities, unions should not be invested in policing or the militarization of police or the militarization of the border or in mass surveillance or in war and occupation including the occupation of Palestine and not just that but war everywhere but should be invested in our own communities and should be invested in what helps us thrive as human beings in these times. I'm here mostly as a resource for later on in this

process when we want to help the university divest from all these forms of violence and oppression and offer it ways to do that and to do that easily because in many cases, these companies are the same companies that militarize the border, are responsible for what happens in Yemen and are responsible for surveilling us everywhere. Just offering my support and help in case there are any questions about that and how feasible it is we believe it is very feasible and we know of large institutional investors that have already taken this moral route. Thank you.

Remo: Hi, my name is Remo and I'm a Member of Students for Justice in Palestine UCLA. Over the past year we've seen the ways that this university has consistently let the student body down as the pandemic of the century unfolded and left too many students and workers without power, housing, employment, and access to education. The University of California tightened its purse strings and refused to prioritize the needs of our communities, and instead the UC continued to keep its money in the pockets of its investment manager Black Rock, which is the largest investor in weapons manufacturers in the world. So that's essentially billions of public funds including our tuition money which goes towards death, destruction and dispossession on an unfathomable scale and some of us don't agree with this. We think that our rainy day funds should not be used to enable warmongers of the world and we want to see that money come back to students and community members without whom the University of California would collapse. So I'm here today to ask you to support UC Divest Resolution. Thank you.

Ashley: Good evening y'all, my name is Ashley Flores and I'm a fourth year labor studies student and a member of the Student Labor Advocacy Project. I support the resolution for the UC to divest from war. I deliver this comment from [indiscernible] land, just seven miles north of one of the most highly militarized borders on the planet, the San Ysidro port of entry. And although I love having a life that is spread across two countries, I must confess that my relationship with the border is complicated by US imperialism, militarism, and surveillance of migrants and transborder peoples. When I became conscious that our University of California, a beacon of progressivism and an apparent purveyor of goodwill, had their hands in the inner workings of imperialism through investments in one of the most deplorable corporations in our existence, that is Black Rock, my pride shifted to disdain and dissolution. Let's call a spade a spade, the UC is directly and indirectly invested in companies and corporations which are key contributors to Israeli apartheid and the war industry and the oppression of many communities in the United States and abroad. It's profiting from the military industrial complex. What's more, the UC has the gall to deprive students of an accessible, affordable education while they sit on billions of dollars in wealth. Meanwhile they force students to fight for crumbs while they line their pockets and stand idle and fund a military industrial complex that pollutes this earth into oblivion. Council, we have the ability and the obligation to take a stand against the war machine and support a resolution that places ethics and the public good at the forefront. We have students and workers who are in need of economic justice and investment and divestment is a leap towards procuring such. We have sit on the right side of history in the past, with UC supporting divestment from corporations that funded South African apartheid in the century prior, and now I implore each and every one of you to vote yes. That's all.

Jessie: Hi everyone, I'm Jessie, I'm a graduate student in the anthropology department and I just want to ask the council to support this resolution wholeheartedly and I come from the perspective that my own department is created on the ideals of colonialism and that continues to benefit from research taking place that is purely funded by policing institutions and the military industrial complex of the United States should be held accountable for the type of institutional support for policing, militarism, and U.S. imperialism that it continues to support. As a member of Jewish Voices for Peace at UCLA, I just wanted to say that our organization gives its full support to this abolitionist resolution and we hope that in the future we will not need to continue to pass these resolutions as they have already previously been passed by this council and the TA Union has passed years ago this same resolution and this university is scared of what this student body can do because if they UC system divests entirely from Israeli apartheid and from U.S. militarism, it will mean a huge change in the way that U.S. policy operates in these environments. So, as all of my colleagues have said before, this if it materializes an actual action in taking the billions of dollars that his university has and sits on and keeps from its students in need using students of color and particularly Black and Indigenous students as a facade for what continues to be an incredibly racist institution, then you will start to see a real change here. So I just really hope this resolution is approved and that we finally see the change that overwhelmingly graduate, undergraduate, and workers have supported year after year. And we ask ourselves why do we have to keep supporting the same resolution we have already for our majority support for this type of change. So I look forward to seeing the council carry through this work.

Zoha: My name is Zoha, I'm an attorney who represents students who advocate for Palestinian freedom and equality. I'm often advocating for their free speech and I just wanted to speak today to urge you to use your voices and your power and to stress the importance of speaking out against injustices. So I wanted to speak out in support of the resolution calling for the UC to divest from war. As students who are charged with representing the interests and needs of students at UCLA and the whole UC community, I urge you to learn how the university's funds are being used to cause harm to communities locally and throughout

the world and to use your voice and power to urge the UC system to instead invest in growing and causing our communities to flourish rather than causing harm. Thank you.

Matthew: Hello, my name is Matthew Richard and I'm here to support the UC divest coalition. Universities here in the U.S. are, and since their origins, been sites of displacement, exclusion, and violence. Within the imperial core, their crucial role in supporting imperial violence of a settler nation can't and must not be ignored. The University of California has an endowment made up of pensions, retirement holdings and other funds that has been invested with their asset managers Black Rock. The size of this endowment is \$140 billion dollars. In other words, larger than the annual GDP of 131 countries. This summer these investments increased by \$10 billion dollars as thousands of lecturers, student workers, and workers at the UC were laid off. With these investments, they profit off of war, apartheid, and death. In the words of Benny Stewart, former chairman of the Black Student Union at San Francisco State, "A university has no moral basis to exist unless it is there to refine the experience of those in the community at large." UCLA must academically and contractually completely sever the nefarious ties to war profiteering in the police state. UCLA must divest from war. UCLA must divest from policing. UCLA must end their investment and commitment to profiting off the deaths of Black and brown folks both domestically and in the global sphere. You see profit, we see death.

Eva: Hi, my name is Eva, I'm an intern with CALPIRG also with Rada. Currently the New Voters Project is wrapping up from all of the voter registration work that we did back in 2020 and we learned a lot. We have compiled a set of three best practices that we want campus and administrators to implement. Our goal here is to have the student voter .org link be sent out by the Vice Chancellor, to have faculty let us make class announcements about voting and put important dates on their syllabi, as well as make sure students are given the time and resources to register to vote at new student orientation. So I would like to ask you all for your endorsement by signing on to our Best Voting Practices to help institutionalize voting at UC campus. Lastly, we would like to invite you all to our press conference that is going on tomorrow for our New Voters Project. That's going on from 2-3pm, we will be announcing our efforts. Thank you for your time.

Kimia: Hi everyone, my name is Kimia, I use she/her pronouns, and I'm here to support the Divest Coalition. I'm an organizer for Slac and last year I had the honor of serving as the Racial Justice Now Campaign Coordinator for the EVP office. So I've had the opportunity to explore the UC's role in perpetuating systemic racism both through an organizing lens as well as through a USAC student government lens. I remember in my time in EVP one of the most common things we would talk about was either tuition hikes or funding resources. We were acutely aware that the UCs demand for tuition hikes or its refusal to fund resources were not out of its financial responsibility, they have more than enough money, but rather out of its greed. As the Divest Coalition has so clearly revealed, this greed is far from innocent. This is not an exaggeration and I think it is important for us to face the fact that the UC has blood on its hands and it's extremely corrupt as previous members have talked about. Black Rock and all of these orgs that are perpetuating US imperialism and Israeli imperialism, it goes much deeper than a tuition hike, even though tuition hikes are an example of systemic violence against poor people of color, the UCs violence runs much deeper. While the UC takes countless performative measures to present itself in solidarity with the oppressed, it continues to invest in institutions and corporations that strengthen everything that we say we are fighting against. It celebrates it's students' diverse backgrounds in one breath, and then invests in corporations that directly devastate those students' communities in another breath. It's time for all of us to join together and call out UCs hypocrisy. Yes we will fight against tuition hikes and we will fight for resources, but this fight is futile if we fail to address the root of UCs corruption: its investment in neoliberalism, imperialism, white supremacy and heteropatriarchy. I fully and firmly support the call to call the UC to divest from these corrupt institutions and abolish UCPD. Thank you.

Loyal: Hi, My name is Loyal I'm a fourth year Cognitive Science and Computer Science double major. I want to advocate for the UC divesting from war. The UC system has an obligation to both the local community it impacts as well as the larger international community including Palestinians to stop funding the destruction and ravaging of their communities. Profiting from corruption to fund education makes the education we're getting a net negative impact that the communities we're ravaging don't deserve just for the sake of our education. Everything costs way too much for students and workers and UCLA's resources should be focused on support and development of communities and not destruction and war. As somebody else already said, this system has blood on their hands for a lot of reasons and if we take a step in the right direction we're setting an amazing precedent going forward to protect communities of color, especially. Thank you.

Laura: Hi, my name is Laura. I'm the undergraduate representative for the Research Continuity Working Group in the Covid Task Force. I'm here to give updates. Infection rates have been falling, so they're equal to what it was pre-Thanksgiving and so that's a

really good sign and so the Hold in Place moratorium has been lifted. So we are looking to start ramping up research again, hopefully very soon. The idea is to double the density, currently we're at 25% and so doubling the density would mean operating at 50%. In terms of undergraduate researchers, nothing has been set in stone yet but we have discussed ways in which we could allow undergraduates to return to lab and that might include allowing undergraduates to be added back to ROPs, maybe proposing a limit on the number or just making sure the density stays below 50%. Things are looking very promising, so hopefully we'll be able to ramp up research very soon. Thank you.

Radha: Hi, my name is Rahda. I'm Calpirg's Students Coalition Coordinator for our Textbook Campaign. As you all know, Calpirg Students is a student run group in California that started more than 45 years ago and we were to take action within the public interest and give students a voice in issues they care about such as protecting the environment and public health. As a student run and student funded group, we have the ability to win big campaigns from getting the UCs to phase out of single use plastics to mobilizing our state to 100% clean electricity by 2045. Currently, we are working to make textbooks more affordable for students. Paying for college can be a huge financial challenge. The cost of textbooks has increased by 1,041% since 1977 and students shouldn't have to decide between buying a textbook and their wellbeing. But there is a solution, we just need to make textbooks more affordable for students. Our goal is to have the UC Regents implement a system wide grant funded program to make open textbooks that are faculty written and peer reviewed but published under an open license which makes them free or cheaper for students. This allows professors to tailor the textbook to their class, making their classes way more affordable. We know the regents care about the image of the UCs on the world wide stage and this a program that would be a huge opportunity to show that they care about the students' success. We are working to organize the support of our entire community by building media attention since it is open education resources week and we plan on gaining media support across the state about the importance of textbook affordability through letters to the editors and petitioning to gain UC student wide support on this program. If you're interested in helping out, come out to our affordable textbooks event week, we would love to have your support.

Sarah: Hello, my name is Sarah and I'm a fourth year Sociology major and an intern with Calpirg students as the campaign Visibility Coordinator for the End Oil Drilling campaign. We have a really stellar track record with environmental issues and the past few years we banned plastic grocery bags to protect our oceans and two years ago we helped pass SB100, the landmark clean energy bill that commits California to 100% clean energy by 2045 and we worked with the UC to announce a commitment to clean electricity on our campuses. California is a leader in climate policy but despite our progress, our state has remained America's third leading producer of crude oil, trailing only Texas and North Dakota and is now the nation's fifteenth largest producer of natural gas. We know the solution is simple, to stop oil drilling. The reason it hasn't been implemented yet is because there have been so many special interests blocking it, and that's what makes Calpirg so powerful on the issue, is because we have a strong record of fighting against special interests for the public good. Our strategy is to target Assemblywoman Doug to ask her to be a champion on the issue and ask her to support the bill SB467 which will issue a ban on new contracts for oil drills in California by 2022 and end oil drilling in California by 2027. This Friday I would just like to invite you all to an event that we're having from 6-7:30pm, it's going to be an educational panel with professors speaking about oil drilling and environmental inequities in LA County. If you're interested in learning more, we would love for your guys' support to come out to the event. Thank you.

Prab: Hey y'all. My name is Prab, I'm a fourth year history major here at UCLA, I'm also the Calpirg chapter Chair. I did just want to very quickly apologize, I know there are some really important serious issues being discussed here today, and we definitely don't want to detract from that, so I'll make it pretty quick. I'm here to talk about Calpirg and what we're up to as a state and as a chapter. As Radha said, our statewide priority campaign is our 100% Clean Energy by 2030 campaign. We know that climate change is a big issue with a timer and it's a big issue that needs a big solution. We need to transition our economy to 100% clean energy as quickly as possible. A couple of you guys may remember but a few years back, Calpirg students actually mobilized more than 20,000 students across the state to support SB100 and call for 100% clean energy in California by 2045. We successfully passed that bill, but especially with the recent law [indiscernible], we know that 25 years definitely is not soon enough and we need action soon to actually protect our future. So we're calling on Governor Newsom to speed up California's commitment to 100% by 2030. We have been working to organize students which are the largest voting generation alive right now as well as top California elected officials to show their support and get positive media attention for the issue. Really quickly, when I was here last week I said we were gearing up for the statewide Winter Quarter conference at our statewide lobby day where we advocated for 100% by 2030, and I want to give you all an update about how that conference and lobby day went. So at our statewide conference we had more than 180 student leaders all in one big Zoom room to share best practices, brainstorm how we can make the most progress on our campaigns, and also prepare for our big lobby day that we had yesterday. We had more

than 150 of our interns and volunteers meet with more than 70 of our state legislators to actually advocate and show student support for 100% by 2030. We also met with the Governor's office which was pretty exciting since we want to know what we can do to be the most effective. It was really exciting to bring 2,900 in UCLA petitions and 822 of pledging member's voices which made up 4,000 statewide to the governor. Their office didn't say yes, but we need to keep working to build up even more grassroots support. That's all I have for today. Have a good rest of your day

Saliem: Hi everyone, my name is Saliem. I am a member of Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine here at UCLA. I'm a PhD student in Anthropology, and I'm here in support of UC divest resolution. I just wanted to kind of reiterate and echo what everyone else has been saying in support. I wanted to say my relationship with UC divest as the original iteration started in 2011, when I was an undergrad at UC Davis and we were pushing for divestment and it took us until 2015 to get a resolution passed within our student body senate. We are now in 2021 and the UC system has still not divested from the war industries, from Israeli apartheid and occupation and colonialism, and the prison industrial complex as we're talking about now. And I wanted to say that what I see and what my relationship is with this moment now, is that this is the second wave. This is us here saying "we are not going to end the movement with the meetings and the resolutions here." This is us affirming, saying that we will not be done in our name, and now we need to come together and do the hard work of actually getting this money out of these industries and corporations that do harm in our communities. I think for me and everybody here who's talking about it, this is a moment of reflection and ourselves and our communities that we belong to and are home to us. I think this is key, that UCLA isn't isolated and separated from these communities and their conditions, they are part of them and in many cases are doing harm and have done harm for decades through investments and all the different things folks like Jessie have been talking about. I come from the Anthropology institution, we have a professor who receives money from places like the Air Force and the Department of Defense, who actually reproduces policing mechanisms and does what we're talking about here with taking the funds of the industry, giving them supposed legitimization through the idea of university education and knowledge, and then giving the cover for these evil institutions through the university's stamp of approval. We're here to say not in our name. Not in our name yesterday, not in our name today, not in our name tomorrow. I just want to say that it has been a pleasure working with everybody on this coalition together, that we have worked together for months at this point, not only putting this resolution together but building grassroots support, not only with organizations and student and faculty in the UC system, but also with organizations that we are home with. I just want to say that I am looking forward to working with all of you in this collective process of our liberation. And it is our liberation, it's not just the liberation for the Palestinians, it's not just the liberation for the Yemeni, because they are us and we are them. These are our family members, those are our cousins, those are our comrades and we are here together and we will fight together for liberation. Thank you all.

Benjamin: Hi everyone thanks for the opportunity to comment, I'll keep this brief because we've had a lot of incredible comments. My name is Benjamin, my pronouns are he/him and I'm a graduate student in Art History and an organizer for Jewish Voices for Peace here at UCLA and I support UC divest. The university as we see it today is built from and reproduces a system of neoliberal financialized racial capitalism. Labor exploitation thrives, as the university continues to produce a generation shackled by debt. We're in an ongoing crisis that we can leverage toward collective liberation. The UC needs to divest money from the military industrial complex including investors in weapons manufacturing like Black Rock that equip war, occupation and apartheid around the world and degrade the environment. It is frustrating to be back in the position of needing to advocate for a divestment resolution again, and this is one of the ways that [indiscernible] and the university work together to justify the ongoing colonization of Palestine and imperialist war worldwide. We have professional and ethical responsibility to push the university to divest from militarism and imperialism which we also know is intricately connected to policing domestically. We need the university to do this, even as it pushes diversity and inclusion and raises tuition. Resources need to be directed to supporting students and workers and to begin I urge you to pass the UC divest resolution. Thank you.

Nyusha: Hi everyone, my name is Nyusha and I'm an organizer with the UC divest coalition. I'd like to keep this grounded in sort of the focal point of the issue, which is the fundamental fact that the UC is using value generated by students and workers and these people who are generating all this value have no say in where this money is going. Instead, UC administrators who are making nothing are investing that money and making profit off of blood. They're putting this into the manufacturing of weapons that are going toward the killing and destruction of our communities in the US and abroad. We see how it has intertwined itself into the global mechanisms of violence not by accident, not by some sort of shortcoming, but intentionally, showing us where its priorities are at. In this time of pandemic, which has only exacerbated the pre-existing precarities facing workers and students, it has chosen the narratives of austerity. It has chosen to insist that it doesn't have enough money to provide for the basic necessities. Apparently, the UC doesn't have enough money to invest in the community, it doesn't have enough money to support the people who are here and make the university what it is, but it does have money to go towards weapons that are going to the

Philippines, to support apartheid in Israel, to support a war in Yemen, to support police police violence, UCPD and LAPD and abroad. It's providing support with money and intellectually in the research that is taking place. It's frankly appalling to me at this point. It's appalling and it's tiring, and I'm coming to you tired because I do not want to continue to have to see people getting exploited and then having it turn back on them as they're attacked. I'm really urging you to see that we're seeing all these members of the community coming out today and the reason they're all motivated to come here is that they're all seeing the same thing. We're all seeing this fundamental issue of the UC putting money where it shouldn't. We're the ones who make the UC what it is, we're the ones who make the UC run and we should really have a say in where that's going. I want to see this as a starting point because as we've said time and time again, time and time again we've been here for resolutions to see the contradictions of the UCs continuing to purport caring about diversity and inclusion, caring about the environment, caring about all these things and I just don't see it in the action. But I want to acknowledge this as a starting point where we will be advancing, where we do have a right to see where things are going, we do have a right to have a say in how things are run and we're gonna push back and this is one step and we're gonna keep pushing until we actually see the money moving and until we see the change where we can see this alignment with rhetoric with action. I really encourage those on council to take a step to align with the community because I do genuinely believe that everyone here cares about the community at the end of the day and we've got to do what's right and show that we can come together and look out for each other and hold those in power accountable to the fact that we are the ones who made the university what it is and we will use our responsibility and our position to continue to push back on any instance where there's violence, destruction, and aggression on our communities. Thank you for your time.

Zuri: Hi everyone, my name is Zuri and I'll be providing public comment for two things tonight. First off, I ask that you all vote in favor of UC divest resolution. Like many other people have said before, the UC is profiting off of the military industrial complex by virtue of investing in companies and corporations that contribute to the Israeli apartheid, the war industry, and the oppression of many communities in the United States and abroad. It is unacceptable that the UC is using university money to invest in and profit off of war, apartheid, and death while many students during the pandemic and even prior to the pandemic have been struggling financially. The UC must divest from these harmful investments and in turn begin to intentionally invest in our students, workers, and communities. Next off, I ask you all to vote in favor of EVP's Trailblazer Scholarship. The work of our student advocates is heavily undervalued and often even taken for granted by university administrators despite being integral to making our university welcoming and inclusive to everyone. Student advocates ensure that students get what they need to succeed and they are necessary because the UC will not support us out of the kindness of their hearts. Advocacy can often be a full time job that requires dedication to our communities. We must monetarily invest in our student advocates and their advocacy work. Today you have the opportunity to invest in our leaders. I urge you all to vote in favor of the UC divest resolution and in favor of EVP's Trailblazer Scholarship. Thank you.

Asil: Hi everyone, my name is Asil. I'm also with Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine and I'm here to speak on many of the points that my peers have already raised about UC divest. I do want to share that I'm in the School of Education, it used to be called the Graduate School of Education, it's now the School of Education so it's now more open for undergrads and the reason I'm bringing this up is because many of my peers today have talked about what this institution means to them and what this institution is perpetuating but also this idea of education, of really immersing yourself ultimately in contradictions. So many of my peers here have talked about this contradiction and I think to live is to live in contradiction and I think to see the contradiction very clearly. I won't reemphasize what has already been said so clearly, but we are living in a massive contradiction, and its undergrads that I think can really not only demonstrate what that contradiction is, but push for us to resolve that contradiction in support of the Palestinian people, for people that are being policed and killed all over the world. I would encourage you all to think about what this education means to you and to think really about what it means to live in contradiction and push back against contradiction. Thank you.

Karely: Hey everyone, my name is Karely and I'm a third year Political Science and Chicana and Central American Studies double major. I'm a Co-Chair of IDEAS and I'm here to support UC divest, just everything they're bringing forward. As an undocumented student I think without DACA, I think policing, ICE, all these things really affect my life of feeling safe in this campus and I think when you find out all this money is going toward these structures that support the marginalizing of my community makes me very angry. So I really urge everyone to support UC divest today.

- Public comment concluded at 7:51pm

## **V. Funding**

~~Capital Contingency\*~~ Minasyan

Contingency Programming\* Minasyan

Total Requested: \$6,312.43

Total Recommended: \$4,508.69

12 non-USAC entities

- Justin motions to approve \$4,508.69 to 14 non-USAC entities, Laura seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, Contingency Programming allocation is approved

SFS Allocations# Wisner

Total Requested: \$700.00

Total Recommended: \$600.00

1 CSC and 1 non-CSC entity

- No opposition, SFS allocation passes by consent

~~SWC Programming Fund Allocations#~~ Read

~~Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#~~ Arasasingham

~~ASRF Allocations#~~ Velazquez

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

~~ARCF Allocations#~~ Ogunleye

TGIF Written Cooper

Total Allocated: \$2,005.99

BOD Allocations\* Rafanan

Total Allocation : \$88,223.01

- Jonathan motions to approve \$88,223.01, Justin seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, BOD Allocations are approved

## **VI. Special Presentations**

Academic Deferment, Basic Needs, and UCUES survey Dilla

About Us

Our Team:

- Janine Dilla - Director of Internal Affairs
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- Shant Voskanian - Outreach Coordinator/Presenter

Project Overview

- Historical Background: Deferment is approval for transfer students if drafted for the army or on a case-by-case basis for “extenuating circumstances.”
- Transfer Deferment Project
  - During the summer of 2020, the USAC Transfer Student Representative and Facilities Commission offices put out a survey to gather data on the extenuating circumstances that transfer students have experienced that might impact their need to defer their admission. Our intentions are to approach the admissions office with this information to pursue the availability of deferment for transfer students, especially in light of the global pandemic.

## Timeline

- Phase 1- Survey the Transfer population
- Phase 2 - Analyze and report findings
- Phase 3 - Meet with Undergraduate Admissions
- Phase 4 - UCLA accommodations

## Respondent Demographics

- Total of 53 survey respondents
- Many of which had overlapping identities (i.e. one respondent is a continuing transfer, international student, and a commuter student)

## Findings

- Would you defer or would you have deferred as a transfer, if given the opportunity?
  - 9.4% responded No
  - 90.6% responded Yes

## Student Explanations for Deferral

- “Homelessness and financial crisis”
- “Food insecurities”
- “I have severe ADHD and struggle to learn online!”
- “An undergraduate education is not all about going to classes and doing homework. If we are not given the opportunity to make friends and connections with professors, to join clubs and honors societies, participate in research, go to job fairs, and use the extensive UCLA facilities, then we are only getting 25% of what UCLA has to offer. As a transfer we only have two years on campus, and the prospect of losing such a large chunk of that time is horrifying and unfair. I wasn’t even offered on-campus housing. Is this really the college experience? I may as well be watching YouTube videos. It wouldn’t feel like I’m attending UCLA.”
- “Limited housing options, difficulties in accessing resources, difficulty in accessing transportation, internet stability, and so on.”
- “Depression and anxiety, food insecurity, lack of health insurance.”
- “Since I am undocumented I don’t have health insurance. It’s difficult to get medical care because of my status and financial situation.”

## Conclusions and Recommendations

- Common reasons for transfer deferral (loss of income, food insecurities, etc.)
- Extenuating Circumstances
  - Lack of accessible resources regarding deferral
    - The UC system released a COVID-19 related response to deferral, but only provided a vague description
    - When googling UCLA Deferral, the first few websites regard graduate students only
  - Basic Needs
    - UCLA transfer students face the higher numbers of food and housing insecurities
- Recommendations
  - Reapproach survey for two reasons: for incoming students and for recognition that this is a student *need*
  - Reopen conversations with Undergraduate Admissions
    - Redefine “extenuating circumstances”
  - Expand Availability
    - Create accessible resources regarding deferral for transfers as there is little to no information on the Admissions site
  - Establish credibility

Thank you

USAC Seat at the Table Initiative

Riley

SWC Earth

About Us

- We are the environmental awareness, recycling, and terrestrial health branch of the Student Wellness Commission!



Goals

- To raise awareness about sustainability/sustainability related issues on campus
- To advocate for climate related issues
- To help our members become more climate conscious
  - Ex. educating our members on ways to reduce their individual carbon footprint

How We Work Towards These Goals (Pre-Covid)

- Sustainability Programming/Events for our members
  - Beach cleanups
  - Upcycling events
  - Guest Speakers
  - Documentary Screenings
- Providing Resources to get involved in advocating for climate awareness
  - Volunteering Events
  - Guest Speakers from advocacy groups
- Raising Awareness on Campus
  - Bruin Walk Events
  - Participating in sustainability events (ex. Sustainival on the hill)
  - Documentary Screenings
  - Social Media Campaigns

How the Pandemic Has Impacted Operations

- Obviously our goals still remain the same, but we are adapting the method in which we execute them
  - It has been difficult to implement all of our new initiatives (some are contingent on school reopening once it is safe to do so)
  - Transition to virtual events where advocacy and education are our main focus
- Virtual Programming Events
  - Zoom Documentary Screenings
  - Zoom Upcycling Events
  - Zoom Cooking Events (in collaboration with BOS, and swipe out hunger)
- More social media campaigns
  - Ex. Beach Clean Up/Detrashing at Home

What We Hope to Accomplish

- We do want to continue working towards the goals we have laid out (within the scope of pandemic safety)
- We would love to collaborate/assist in any way that we can with USAC/any clubs or groups that may be interested (our goal is to reach out to as much of the student body as possible).

ISR Constitutional Amendments\*

Madini

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

Proposed Constitutional Amendment submitted to USAC by:	Name: <u>Bakur Madini</u> Position: International Student Representative _____
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(if applicable)	
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**Proposed change(s) apply to the following Article(s) (including section(s)) of USA Constitution:**

Article VI, Section B  
Article VI, Section C  
Article IX, Section B  
Article II, Section F

**Summarize and Attach the constitutional amendment(s) you are submitting:**

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

ARTICLE VI. U.S.A. JUDICIAL BOARD SECTION B. Jurisdiction:

- ~~1. The Judicial Board shall rule upon the Constitutionality of legislation and official actions of elected or appointed officials at the request of the Council or any other members of the Association.~~ **The Judicial Board shall resolve any disputes related to the implementation and enforcement of the guiding documents of the Undergraduate Student Association.**
2. The Judicial Board may also question, comment, or rule upon other matters at the request of the Council or any member of the Association.
3. The Judicial Board shall serve as a board of appeals to decisions of the Elections Board.
4. The Judicial Board shall have other powers and responsibilities as may be delegated to it by the Chancellor of the University of California Los Angeles.
5. The Judicial Board shall maintain a comprehensive record of every official ruling made. This record shall be housed with the USAC Historian.
- 6. The Judicial Board shall have original decision-making jurisdiction over all cases brought forward to it.**

ARTICLE VI. U.S.A. JUDICIAL BOARD SECTION C. Overrule:

~~Concurrence of three fourths of the voting members of the USA Council shall be necessary to overrule any Judicial Board decision.~~ **Decisions made by the USA Judicial Board are binding and cannot be overturned by the USA Council and no individual within the Undergraduate Association nor the USA Council shall have the right to unduly influence the independently-derived decisions of the Judicial Board.**

ARTICLE IX. ELECTIONS SECTION B. Elections Board:

1. The USA Elections Board shall be responsible for the impartial administration of all elections of the Association in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws.
2. The Chair of the Elections Board shall be nominated by the President for appointment by the Council. The Chair shall nominate other members of the Elections Board, for Council approval.
- ~~3. The Elections Board shall report in writing to the Council concerning the conduct of elections and shall propose amendments to the Election Code.~~ **Once an Election Board Chair has been appointed by the USA Council, the USA Council shall have no jurisdiction over reviewing Election Board decisions or performance.**
  - a. All complaints and remedies in cases of illegality, gross incompetence, or failure to uphold the ethical and regulatory obligations of the position being referred to the USA Judicial Board.**

**b. This jurisdiction lies solely with the Judicial board.**

**c. Impeachment or sanction of the Election Board Chair and/or any members of the Election Board can be brought forward to the Judicial Board via a member of the Association who has standing to sue.**

**i. An individual has standing to sue against the Election Board if:**

- 1. they believe that they are being harmed by the Election Board;**
- 2. they are personally implicated in a conflict with the Election Board;**
- 3. their general rights as voters and/or members of the Association have been directly affected by a decision or regulation instituted by the Election Board decisions;**
- 4. a dispute has arisen between two individuals or entities which the Election Board has been unsuccessful in mediating**

4. The Elections Board Chair shall recommend to the USA Council, prior to the installation of the new Council, the certification of the candidates elected.

5. The Elections Board shall report the validity of all signatures on any petition to the President of the Association.

SECTION F. Appointments:

1. The terms of office for appointed positions approved by the Council shall be one year, unless otherwise specified in this Constitution or the Bylaws.

2. Annually appointed officers shall be approved by the incoming Council.

3. Any student holding an appointed office approved by the Council may be removed from office only after hearing and for cause by concurrence of two-thirds of the voting members of the Council, which shall be the sole judge of cause

- a. This precludes USA Judicial Board Justices and the USA Election Board**

**For USAC Internal Vice President Use Only (Required):**

Date Approved by Council:

Record of Council vote:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
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Internal Vice

President Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email completed Submission Form to Student Government Services ([sgs@asucla.ucla.edu](mailto:sgs@asucla.ucla.edu))

**For Student Support Services Use Only:**

Input by:	Date:
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New File Name:

- Bakur motions to add the constitutional amendment to Article VI Section B to the ballot, Justin seconds

- By motion of 1-11-0 the motion does not pass, amendment to constitution will not be added to the ballot
- Bakur motions to add the constitutional amendment to Article VI Section C to the ballot, Laura seconds
- By motion of 2-10-0 the motion does not pass, amendment to constitution not approved to go on the ballot
- Bakur motions to add the constitutional amendment to Article II Section F to the ballot, Laura seconds
- By motion of 1-12-0 the motion does not pass, constitutional amendment not added to the ballot

Election Code Contradiction with Constitution in Regard to Petitions and Signature Collection Madini

Bakur: So they're basically related to each other, which is this section and this section. So basically the reason I'm bringing this up is because I was talking to Alfred and going through the rules for the petitions and also from our discussion of the transfer students when we found differences between the Constitution and other guiding documents. So the Constitution states that any person who receives that 15% threshold is valid to be put on the ballot and presented to USAC. Here is basically that contradicts it directly when it says that the votes cannot go through academic years in Section F, because that is like students voicing their opinion and basically disregarded even though it counts toward the 15%. The other one is Section D, also it's a contradiction in terms of if you have the threshold then there shouldn't be any added burdens for other guiding documents, plus due to the format right now everything is going online right now even petitions. So it's hard to stop collecting signatures during those times. There's a high chance if basically, y'know suppressing the voice of students if they voted during this time. Basically we don't have access to their emails, we don't know their emails so they might think that they already did it and actually if they tried to fill out the form again they wouldn't be able to, but in reality their vote was not counted and they would never know and the people who were running the petition would never know so that's like student voices being wasted basically. So those are the two changes.

**VII. Appointments**

- None

**VIII. Officer Reports**

A. President

- Tabled

Riley

B. Internal Vice President

- Continuing to collaborate with the UCLA Workers and Learners Project
- Campus Safety Alliance is meeting with the VP of Risk Management for UCLA about a safety issue
- Held the Hire from Home panel on Monday
- Held the Off Campus Living Fair on Thursday
- Interns have drafted a resolution against anti-Asian sentiments as a result of Covid-19
- Rent relief awards closed last Thursday

Luong

C. External Vice President

- This week, the EVP Office held 8 **federal meetings** to advocate for Double the Pell and student COVID priorities. These meetings proved successful, and many offices stated their support for our initiatives.
- We are incredibly grateful for a successful **Double the Pell Week of Action** that we wrapped up on Friday. In total, over 1,000 signatures were collected across the UC system to call on Congress to #DoublePell. Over 100 people attended the Double the Pell Briefing, including 30 Hill staffers. Additionally, our Instagram Live reached over 400 accounts to spread awareness and raise support.
- The EVP office has also endorsed the **Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act**, which will fight climate change by raising prices on carbon emissions and providing rebates for American families, "The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act will drive down America's carbon pollution and bring climate change under control, while unleashing American technology innovation and ingenuity". We are excited to continue to support and advocate for policies fight the ongoing peril of climate change.

Arasasingham

- Lastly, our Campus Partnerships Team is officially launching the **CAPS Donation Campaign!** The goal of the campaign is to develop a method and system for students to donate their unused CAPS appointments. Many students require more than 4 appointments per quarter but aren't able to because of student capacity limits. Keep reading below to sign the petition to help the success of this campaign!

D. General Representative 1 Written

E. General Representative 2 Written

Rodriguez

- We had our Coffee Chat on Mental Health, 2/24 at 6:30 pm PST. It was a conversation with students about their mental health, self-care practices, and what UCLA could be doing better. It was a really small community space that was very sweet.
- Continue sharing our survey on purchasing habits at the ASUCLA Store! [tinyurl.com/BuyYourValues](https://tinyurl.com/BuyYourValues)
- Sachi and I will be presenting this Friday at the ASUCLA Services Committee on our project and a potential pilot program to be implemented at the ASUCLA Store.

F. General Representative 3 Written

Wade

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Velazquez

- Be sure to apply for student advocate board
- Please participate in our fundraising program

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Naland

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wisner

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Cooper

EXTERNAL

Future Events Planning Subcommittee - COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force

- UCLA Recreation will release information very soon regarding the reopening of certain outdoor facilities.
- The subcommittee is considering the needs of student organizations
- The subcommittee is seeking to define “events” within the scope of planning
- The subcommittee will be considering planning for Spring Quarter and planning for the fall

PROJECTS

Access on Board

- Finished interviewing CAE Disability Specialist applicants
  - One applicant was selected for hire
  - We have every confidence that the person selected is fully capable of handling the role of Disability Specialist
- Adaptive Teaching Kitchen in partnership with UCLA Recreation and Adaptive Rec
  - Wednesday February 24th - 5pm - 6pm
- All Brains x USAC FAC Access on Board x DSU x Sexperts  
Loop film screening and discussion
  - Friday, Feb 26th, 2021 at 4-5pm
- FASTatUCLA x Access on Board
  - Interviewed Students with Disabilities and how disability intersects with fashion
  - Facilitated virtual photoshoots
- 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.accessonboard@usac.ucla.edu](mailto:fac.accessonboard@usac.ucla.edu)

L.I.T. - Lighting and Infrastructure

- Finalized WVIA questions and sent assignments and availability to Megan to forward to businesses in order to set up interview dates

L.I.T. - Transportation

- Met with First Year Experience to discuss updates on supporting commuter students, ensured our support in the creation of the Commuter Hub.

- Met with UCLA transportation staff last Wednesday to learn more about Bruin Bus Crowding Data and protocols set in place to ensure student safety during the pandemic.

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Garcia

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written`

Read

- Join Student Health Network for their final winter quarter instagram giveaway, the top prize winner will win a UCLA sweatshirt! Participate by interacting with health equity videos @uclastudenthealthnetwork
- Use code EARTH5 for \$5 off Thryft, thanks to EARTH!
- SWC/HNF are planning to continue biweekly gleaning with Swipe Out Hunger deliver unsold produce from the Westwood Farmers' Market to UAS
- SEARCH is continuing to meet with potential advisors for upcoming food insecurity/health literacy research project

Upcoming Events

- Thurs (3/4): BruinNecessities is hosting a COVID-19 Vaccine Demystification IGTV launch
- Join Total Wellness for a health food social media campaign this week

N. Transfer Representative Written

Bravo

O. International Student Representative Written

Madini

Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Chacon, Geller, O'Connor, Perez, Solomon

**IX. Old Business**

Pandemic Relief Fund Surplus Request

Garcia

USAC 2021 Pandemic Relief Fund

Ask

- \$41,900 from Round 2 of Surplus
- Students are in need of direct relief payments that can be used for educational expenses, rent, food, and other basic needs. The Financial Supports Commission's main goal is to alleviate financial stress and we believe these \$250 relief awards will help students in need offset the financial burdens that they have accumulated during the pandemic.
- Current Funding:
  - \$120,600 Surplus Round 1
  - \$150,000 from Programs Activities Board (PAB)

Our Qualifications

- USAC Covid-19 Relief Fund
  - \$280,000 awards sent out to 1,120 students
- Organized diverse group of readers
  - Quickly and efficiently for two rounds of awards
- Handled the requisition forms
  - Collected and processed 1,120 requisition forms
- Point of communication
  - For students before, during, and after the application cycle
  - Especially after the cycle with people who were awarded the \$250

Application Process

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

Logistics

- Create relief fund email, [usacrelief@gmail.com](mailto:usacrelief@gmail.com), that will be moderated by 4 staff members to ensure rapid communication
- Improve upon previous relief fund application

- Increase publicity efforts on different social media platforms, department listservs, and USAC pages

#### Summary Ask

- \$41,900 from Round 2 of Surplus
- FSC has experience to lead the USAC 2021 Relief Fund with the help and advice of council
- Total of \$312,500 for USAC Pandemic Relief Fund for 1,250 awards
- 1,740 Applications Received

## **X. New Business**

### Eboard Transition Director and Gift Cards Surplus Request

Tun

Assistance Budget (at the start of 2020 academic year): \$20,350.00

#### Projected Stiped for Current Directors 2020-2021

- There would be \$1,147 remaining in the Assistance budget at the end of the year (which is not including the Transition Director's stipend)

#### Transition Director's Projected Stipend

- \$1, 834

### Transportation Scholarship Surplus Proposal

Cooper

- \$4,500 - Proposed amount for transportation scholarship fund
- \$60 - about 70 students will be awarded a \$60 Visa gift card to pay for any transportation costs

#### Who benefits from this scholarship?

- Frontline student workers
  - Supporting workers and learners during this stressful time
- Primary Caregivers
  - "Workers and learners noted other ways they are providing additional support to their families. Some were shopping for groceries and essential supplies, so their parents could stay safe at home." - A Survey of Workers and Learners in Los Angeles County during Covid-19
- Commuter Students
  - We still have some students commuting to campus, and given potential new campus reopening, commuter students in need should have equal access to those living in the Westwood area.

#### Why a Transportation Scholarship During a Pandemic?

- As we slowly move into a new phase of vaccine distribution, many students are dealing with more responsibilities whether working, being a primary caregiver, or navigating the vaccine distribution process with their family.
- New obstacles include long wait times and having to commute across LA county for vaccine appointments

#### Proposed Timeline

- Google Application deployed Week 2
  - Application will be open from Spring Quarter Week 2-5
- Evaluation of Scholarship Applications
  - Through a rolling basis, applications will be evaluated
- Distribution of scholarship
  - Students will be mailed the Visa Gift Card

### Gift Cards

Assistance Budget (at the start of 2020 academic year):

- Unavailable money:
  - 20350 → for assistance
  - 6k → for my.UCLA
- Plan

- 3.7k for grants towards candidates
- 8k for Daily Bruin advertising
- 3k - Online advertising (FB, IG, Snapchat)
  - Going to be towards promoting candidate statements, candidate profiles, voting resources, MTC, candidate debates
  - 2k would be spend in voting week
- 2k giveaway for our virtual MTC, candidate debates, endorsement hearings

Requested

- Overview
  - \$6k in Amazon gift cards: 150 cards of \$40
- Why?
  - Half of last year's request
  - \$10 → so that students who are in need of funds can use meaningfully
    - \$10 wasn't sufficient → it wouldn't have helped the student body but \$40 would
  - Way to give back to the students body (we take their student fees so it is a good way to give them back during the pandemic)
    - Students spend over \$200 in contributions to the student government and this is a nice way to give it back directly
  - Incentivize students to engage with student government and vote
    - Voter engagement is essential to an effective student government to effectively address a greater portion of the students needs during a pandemic or now

USAC Surplus Allocations\*

Riley

Bruin Trailblazer Scholarship: \$26,334.00  
 USAC Pandemic Relief Fund: \$42,650.00  
 Capital Contingency: \$22,355.00  
 UndocuCouncil Member Stipends: \$23,000.00  
 Transition Director: \$1,834.00  
 Gift Cards: \$5,000.00  
 Transportation Scholarship: \$4,250.00

- Sachi moves to approve the surplus funding allocations, Laura seconds
- By a vote of 12-0-0 the motion passes, surplus allocations are approved

USAC Rollover Restricted Surplus Allocation\*

Cooper

- Sachi moves to approve the restricted surplus, Bakur seconds
- By a vote of 12-0-0 the motion passes, restricted surplus allocations are approved

A Resolution Calling for UC to Divest from War\*

Rodriguez

**A Resolution Calling for the UC to Divest from War**

**Co-Sponsors:**

Justin Rodriguez, General Representative 2  
 Bakur Madini, International Student Representative  
 Emily Luong, Internal Vice President

**WHEREAS**, the UC system sits on unceded territory from Indigenous communities across California, with UCLA occupying Kizh-Gabrielino territory;



**WHEREAS**, today, the UC serves as an extension of war and policing through its technologies, weapons, and tactics, which are spread and applied throughout Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine, the Philippines, Mauna Kea, Somalia, Cuba, Brazil, Mexico, native nations and reservations, Akwesasne of the Kanienkehaka (Mohawk) Nation, San Diego, U.S. border lands, and Los Angeles;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, UC's investments are spent on advancing the war industry through its General Endowment Pool,<sup>2</sup> University of California Retirement Plan,<sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup> and smaller funds. These funds are under control of the Regents, who entrust management of it with the UC Investments Office and BlackRock. Students, faculty, and workers do not have direct control over where this money is spent and invested;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the strategy and tool of divestment has been used on numerous occasions to fight for justice, including such examples as the Darfur genocide in Sudan, South African apartheid, the private prison industry, fossil fuels, the Thirty-Meter Telescope, and against ethnic cleansing in Palestine by the Israeli government;

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the Undergraduate Student Association Council passed *A Resolution to Divest Undergraduate Students Association Council and UC Los Angeles Finances from Corporations Profiting from the Prison Industrial Complex* to take away material resources from private prison companies profiting from locking up primarily Black people;<sup>6</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the Undergraduate Student Association Council passed *A Resolution to Divest from Companies that Violate Palestinian Human Rights* proposed by UCLA Students for Justice in Palestine;<sup>7</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the Undergraduate Student Association Council passed *A Resolution to Divest from the Republic of Turkey to End the Perpetuation of the Armenian Genocide* to take away resources from the state of Turkey;<sup>8</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the Undergraduate Student Association Council passed *A Resolution in Solidarity with Anakbayan at UCLA and Endorsement of the Philippine Human Rights Act* standing in solidarity with Anakbayan at UCLA in their advocacy against US imperialism and extrajudicial killings in the Philippines, and for the Philippine Human Rights Act;<sup>9</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the tool of divestment has also been used for other means, such as this year's fight against the Thirty-Meter Telescope and against South African apartheid in the 1990s;<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1i-g0yAgJPR0qz0VawjnlvGykUxEm5bFbk3Vp-bNRfVl/edit?usp=sharing>

<sup>2</sup>

<https://www.ucop.edu/investment-office/investment-reports/annual-reports/annual-endowment-report-fy-2019-2020.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.ucop.edu/investment-office/\\_files/invinfo/coi\\_2020\\_q1\\_ucrsp.pdf](https://www.ucop.edu/investment-office/_files/invinfo/coi_2020_q1_ucrsp.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/forms/pdf/complete-retirement-benefits-guide-for-employees.pdf>

<sup>5</sup>

<https://www.ucop.edu/investment-office/investment-reports/annual-reports/uc-annual-report-2020-digital-version.pdf>

<sup>6</sup>

<https://usac.ucla.edu/docs/resolution.2014.A%20Resolution%20to%20Divest%20Undergraduate%20Students%20Association%20Council%20and%20UC%20Los%20Angeles%20Finances%20from%20Corporations%20Profiting%20from%20the%20Prison%20Industrial%20Complex.pdf>

<sup>7</sup>

<https://usac.ucla.edu/docs/resolution.2014.A%20Resolution%20to%20Divest%20from%20Companies%20that%20Violate%20Palestinian%20Human%20Rights.pdf>

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<https://usac.ucla.edu/docs/resolution.2021.USAC%20Resolution%20to%20Condemn%20ATL%20and%20endorse%20PHRA.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> <http://kora.matrix.msu.edu/files/50/304/32-130-E67-84-AL.SFF.DOCUMENT.acoa000126.pdf>

**WHEREAS**, the UC President and Chancellors all released statements in the context of the state-sanctioned murders of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd in 2020 calling out police brutality;<sup>11</sup>

**WHEREAS**, *LA Times* investigations have revealed that over \$5 billion worth of surplus military equipment was distributed to US law enforcement agencies from 1997 to 2014, contributing to the state-sanctioned violence against Black people that the Black Lives Matter movement is fighting against;<sup>12</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the UC Investment Office (who manages investment portfolios on behalf of the Regents), recognizes “climate change is a global systemic risk [and] one that UC Investments incorporates into our investment decisions.” The Investments Office sold certain stock in fossil fuels and instead named a commitment to invest in renewable energy;<sup>13</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the US military is one of the largest polluters in the world, emitting more greenhouse gases than the next 140 countries combined;<sup>14</sup>

**WHEREAS**, through the General Endowment Pool UC Retirement Plan, the UC has some of its largest holdings in the investment management firm BlackRock, which is the world’s largest investor in weapons manufacturing, fossil fuels, and private prisons;<sup>15 16 17</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the General Endowment Pool and UC Retirement Plan have their own holdings in companies such as Lockheed Martin, the world’s largest defense contractor and a top supplier of militaries worldwide;<sup>18</sup>

**WHEREAS**, it is the University of California, Los Angeles’ duty to uphold the True Bruin values of integrity, excellence, accountability and ethicality, respect for the rights and dignity of others, and promote public service that makes a positive impact in our global community, which includes the promotion of human rights, equality, and dignity for all people without distinction;<sup>19</sup>

**WHEREAS**, UC Divest Coalition, Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) at UCLA, Student Labor Advocacy Project (SLAP) of UCLA, Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine at UCLA, Improving Dreams, Equality, Access, and Success (IDEAS) at UCLA, Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) at UCLA, Eagle and Condor Liberation Front (ECLF), Anakbayan UCLA, Pacific Islander Student Association (PISA), American Indian Student Association (AISA), Samahang Pilipino at UCLA (SP), and Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan de UCLA (MEChA) voted to support this resolution.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the Undergraduate Student Association Council of the University of California, Los Angeles, calls on the UC, within the UC Retirement Plan and other funds, to drop any holdings in weapons manufacturers, divesting all stocks and securities, in an expedited and timely manner;

**LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, the Undergraduate Student Association Council calls on the UC to sever its relationship with BlackRock as our investment manager, as well as drop our holdings in BlackRock;

**LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, the Undergraduate Student Association Council calls upon the UC to refrain from making further investments in weapons manufacturers, and other corporations engaged in the violation of human rights throughout the world;

**LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council, representing the interests of students, calls upon the university to sever itself from companies that engage or aid in the oppression of any people based on religion,

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<sup>11</sup>

<https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2020/05/president-napolitanos-message-to-uc-on-george-floyds-death.html>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-schools-weapons-20140917-story.html>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.ucop.edu/investment-office/sustainable-investment/climate-change/index.html>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.newsweek.com/2014/07/25/us-department-defence-one-worlds-biggest-polluters-259456.html>

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<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-05-30/blackrock-goes-to-college-to-bolster-private-equity-deal-making>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.codepink.org/blackrock>

<sup>17</sup> <https://medium.com/@williamhartung55/blackrock-funding-war-preaching-social-responsibility-360bb4cea6eb>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.ucop.edu/investment-office/investment-policies/ucrp-holdings-disclosure-june-30-2020-final.pdf>

<sup>19</sup> <https://truebruin.ucla.edu/>

nationality, gender, race or orientation, or violence against them, by divesting from companies that participate and profit from human rights violations.<sup>20</sup>

- Zuleika moves to approve A Resolution Calling for the UC to Divest from War , Bakur seconds
- By a vote of 12-0-0 the motion passes, A Resolution Calling for the UC to Divest from War passes

AAC Bylaw Changes\*

Velazquez

- Laura motions to approve the TSR/AAC collaboration bylaw changes to the academic senate, Justin seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, TSR/AAC by law changes are approved

TSR Bylaw Changes\*

Bravo

- Laura motions to approve the TSR/AAC collaboration bylaw changes to the Academic Senate, Justin seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, TSR/AAC by law changes are approved

XI. Adjournment\*

Riley

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 11:37pm

**Good and Welfare**

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