



AGENDA
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
 March 9 2021
 7 PM PST
 Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

I. Call to Order

Riley

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via Google Docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Luong

- Strike SFS
 - ISR Verbal Officer Report
 - Strike Bruin Emergency Fund Referendum Presentation
 - Strike BAG
 - Strike ASRF
 - Strike TGMF
 - Strike Capital Contingency
 - Strike TGIF
 - FAC Verbal Officer Report
- Jonathan moves to make the Election Code Amendment: Transition Director* an action item, Zuleika seconds
 - By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, item changed to an action item
- Emily motions to approve agenda as amended, Sachi seconds
 - By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, agenda approved as amended

III. Approval of the minutes*

Luong

3/9/2021

- Sachi motions to approve 3/9/2021 minutes, Jonathan seconds
- By motion of 7-0-4 the motion passes, 3/9/2021 minutes are approved

IV. Public Comment

Riley

Brandon: Hi I'm Brandon, I'm an undergraduate student at UCLA. I was hoping for some comment involving why the USAC council chose not to put a referendum on having an independent Election and Judicial Board on the ballot for this upcoming election.

David: Hi I also I just also wanted to express my support for some constitutional amendments. I think it would be nice to have a more independent Judicial and Elections Board as well as to lower the signature count for putting ballot measures on the ballot for students to vote on. Thank you.

- Public comment concluded at 7:11pm

V. Funding

Capital Contingency*

Minasyan

Contingency Programming*

Minasyan

Total Requested: \$4,490.93
 Total Recommended: \$4,250.94
 12 non-USAC entities

- Jonathan moves to approve \$4,250.94 to 12 non-usac entities, Noe seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, Contingency Programming funds are approved

<u>SFS Allocations#</u>	Wisner
<u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u>	Read
<u>Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#</u>	Arasasingham
<u>ASRF Allocations#</u>	Velazquez
<u>AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#</u>	Velazquez
<u>ARCF Allocations#</u>	Ogunleye

Total Allocated: \$32,327.14

10 non-USAC entities

- No opposition, ARCF allocations pass by consent

TGIF Cooper

VI. Special Presentations

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Garcia

Ina: For those of you who don't know me, my name is Ina Sotomayor, I am the Director in Financial Aid and Scholarships and I just wanted to take a couple minutes today to introduce you to my relatively new boss, he's been with UCLA since the summer, Mr. Marvin Smith who is the Executive Director who is in charge of Financial Aid and Scholarships. So I will turn it over to Marvin.

Marvin Smith: My name is Marvin Smith, I'm Executive Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships at UCLA. this is my dream job coming to UCLA, kind of like probably your dream school coming to UCLA. I've been in financial aid for 30 years, I've started in this profession as a graduate student at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. I was born and raised in Lafayette and fell into a profession I love. I love enabling low income students to pay for college and that started a career. I also spent four years at Ivy Tech Community College in Lafayette, and then the last eight years at IUPY Indiana University in Indianapolis before coming to another large urban public, UCLA. So I'm excited to join a great team that Ina has lead and developed over her years at UCLA and thrilled to be able to meet such a great advocacy group for students and look forward to your questions and fielding your questions and concerns and ideas on how we can promote getting, you know I tell people our role is to try to get the right money to the right students at the right time in the right way. I think UCLA does a great job of it, and I look forward to partnering with all of you to help us really be the eyes and ears of students in any concerns you have about the way we're trying to provide access and equity to our students and the students we serve. So that's kind of my background.

Noe: Thank you so much, Marvin. I'm Noe Garcia the Financial Support Commissioner. I think if we could start off with just an overview of the current HERF two allocations, when UCLA received it, I know it was a few days ago, but really any updates that you can provide us from what you know.

Marvin: Yeah, I think that there's been some decisions made on having Yolanda Copeland Morgan, our Chief Enrollment Officer and UCLA, chair a committee that will help make decisions about HERF 2 allocations to students. So the HERF 2 bill that was approved by Congress actually provides money for institutional support and for need based grants and one of the differences between HERF 1 and HERF 2 is that they've put into the language exceptional need. So I think that's going to drive us to do things a little bit differently. I think in the last round of HERF awarding that went on last Spring, you know there was some grants awarded to every student, and I think that we're going to be more limited in that regard. I do have a slide deck that I could show that might help us guide some of the discussion if that's all right. So then let me give you a preview. Alos, Ina says you're probably not aware, but we're calling this HERF 3. The American Rescue Plan has been approved and that will actually provide even more need based student aid grants to students. So as you know the Cares Act created what we call HERF 1, Higher Education Relief Funds for students at UCLA and we distributed \$17.9 million between Spring 2020 quarter and just finished up some graduate awards in Winter 2021. Just as a reminder, and maybe you guys haven't consulted our website that shares all this information, we distributed about \$3.5 million in universal grants, \$200 per student, we awarded \$10.14 million in need based grants for undergraduates with high need, we awarded more than half a million in impact based grants, based on appeals. And then graduate and professional students received over \$3.67 million. So, for this CRSSA Act, we've deemed that HERF 2 and that's another \$17.9 million that we're going to be able to distribute and no decisions have been made on a distribution plan. As I said, Yolanda Copeland Morgan is forming a campus wide committee, I believe she's interested in a USAC representative and also a Graduate Student Association representative to really help us kind of fine tune the decisions that are made on how we

distribute this money. And again, I think that this is going to be based on need and FAFSA filing. You can see on the chart, HERF 3 which we haven't received the funds yet and we anticipate \$46.5 million being available to UCLA students so that is, you know, it dwarfs the two HERF 1 and HERF 2 amounts combined and we're hopeful we can make UCLA even more affordable in the academic year beginning in Fall 2021. These grants will work very similar to HERF 1 Cares Act grants in that they won't need to fit into financial aid packages. They'll be on top of financial aid packages, but we'll still, I think that HERF 2 and HERF 3 still have an exceptional need component I think the committee will ultimately make these distribution decisions but from what I understand about the guidance from the Department of Ed is that we're going to expect a FAFSA to be filed for eligibility for these funds and we also think that international students, DACA students, undocumented students will not necessarily be eligible until we receive firm guidance from the Department of Ed and we don't think we're going to receive that. So that's kind of a summary of the HERF funds and the status as of today and if we have time I would be curious about gathering some feedback from this.

USAC Seat at the Table Initiative

Riley

VII. Appointments

- None

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Riley

- Zuleika and I have sat on housing prioritization team, suggesting recommendations on how to prioritize fall housing, talking about spring reopening and what that looks like
- Commencement advocacy still ongoing
- Aidan and I have been working regarding campus safety symposium and policing in general, discussing what we think policing should look like
- Preparing for Future Student Leaders of Color Conference
- Referendum team is working hard to wrap up presentations and present it next week
- Patti and I met with the marketing team with ASUCLA for breaking down student fees

B. Internal Vice President

Luong

- Drive down rent reviewed apps for rent relief awards, hoping to get checks out soon
- AAPI healing space with Zuleika addressing anti-Asian violence tomorrow from 6:30-8pm

C. External Vice President

Arasasingham

- Campus safety symposium held last week, preparing for student priorities, moving toward abolition
- Our office participated in the UCSA Student Lobby Conference, brought 30 students virtually to the conference, learned about advocacy, coalition building, lobbying, etc.
- Our office is preparing for the state election for the state assembly seat that represents UCLA, gearing up for a Bruins Vote effort

D. General Representative 1 Written

Laubach

E. General Representative 2 Written

Rodriguez

F. General Representative 3 Written

Wade

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Velazquez

- Releasing Books for Bruins later this week
- Interviewing this week for Student Advocate Board

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Naland

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wisner

- Commencement Committee - released a second statement calling on admin to make some version of in person commencement happen, need student support on this letter
- This week is homelessness awareness week, working to put this virtual event week on

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner

Cooper

- Committee sent a draft to UCLA, document has different levels of allowing events to resume on campus with prioritization for student groups

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Garcia

- In the process of doing the readings for the relief funds, should all be due by next Friday, aiming for rec forms to be sent out by the end of Week 3
- Meeting with financial aid once or twice a month, if you have any questions reach out to me, I'll also send out a form for you to put questions on so I can pass them on to financial aid

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Read

- SWC Basic Needs Fund is now open

N. Transfer Representative Written

Bravo

- Hired Transfer Student Director, officially starting April 9
- Transfer lobby day - application closes tomorrow at midnight
- A lot of UCs have been contacting us, working with them to show how to advocate for a transfer representatives
- A student representative from each UC was chosen to review Student Regent Applications, I am part of that committee so I will be reviewing applications
- Continuing to meet with administration to address demands in resolution regarding formerly incarcerated and system impacted students

O. International Student Representative

Madini

- Holding our first listening session next Wednesday at 6pm
- UCSA has sent a letter regarding academic accommodation for international students
- Incoming international students who wish to interview us can contact their department advisors to ask about in person opportunities, they can contact DASHEW to get an amended 120 or amended DS2019, whichever they need
- Ran a student led petition, might be coming with additional amendments to discuss next week

Q. Administrative Representatives

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

Jessica: Just a couple reminders, the transition packet we distributed should help in transferring from officer to officer, if you have one start updating it. Our SGS team is working on a survey to see if there is any information that would be helpful for incoming officers that we are not already covering.

Fernando: Following up about the SGS survey we are working on. Feedback from students is the most important feedback we can get to make things better. Once we do send out the survey I hope most of you can fill it out.

IX. Old Business

- None

X. New Business

Election Code Amendment: Transition Director*

Tun/Riley

Art 13.1.2.a

The Elections Board must present all proposed amendments to the Election Code, and the Election Calendar to the USAC before the candidate orientation meeting. **Exceptions to this rule include amendments to the Election Code that have no direct impact on the existing rules and regulations of the current Election Cycle.** Amendments to the election calendar must be made by the Elections Board. **Amendments to the Election Code must be proposed by the Elections Board and approved by USAC. Amendments to the Election Code shall not be approved or considered by USAC unless they are proposed by the Elections Board. However, USAC may propose amendments in special circumstances only if the Elections Board fails to propose an amendment to the Election Code by Week 5 of Winter Quarter.**

Art 2.2.1

The Elections Board shall consist of an Executive Committee and may consist of Subcommittees: Investigations, Marketing, External Relations, Endorsements, and Finance. The Elections Board shall also consist of a Transition Director. The terms of all positions expire at the end of the Spring Quarter with the exception of the Transition Director who shall serve until the formation of the succeeding Executive Committee. **The Chair, Vice Chairs and Directors of the Subcommittees shall be voting members of the Executive Committee.**

Art 2.6.4

The Elections Board Transition Director shall not be a member of the Elections Board Executive Committee nor but will not have the ability to vote in Executive Committee decisions.

Art 2.6.5

~~The Elections Board Transition Director may not apply for **Chair, Vice Chair** or another appointed **voting** position on the Elections Board during their appointment. The Transition Director may reapply to be Transition Director again the next year but shall not be eligible to apply for any other Executive Committee Position.~~ This shall in no way preclude the Elections Board Transition Director from resigning in order to apply for an appointed **voting** position on the Elections Board.

- BAKUR motions to approve election code final changes, emily seconds
- By a vote of 10-0-0 the motion passes, election code final changes are approved

[Bruin Emergency Fund Referendum*](#)

Riley

XI. Adjournment*

Riley

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 8:35pm

Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item