



AGENDA  
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
 April 6 2021  
 7 PM PST  
 Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/s/97123303841>

**I. Call to Order**

Riley

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

**A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Signed via Google Docs

**II. Approval of Agenda\***

Luong

- Strike ARCF
  - ISR verbal report
  - STRIKE BAG
  - Strike ASRF
  - Strike TGMF
  - Gen Rep 3 verbal officer report
  - Strike Capital Contingency
- Emily motions to approve agenda as amended, Jonathan seconds
  - By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, agenda approved as amended

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

Luong

3/30/2021 minutes

- Breeze motions to approve 3/30/2021 minutes, Promise seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, minus from 3/30/2021 are approved

**IV. Public Comment**

Riley

Ayona: So what I wanted to bring up today is the issue of transfers not receiving equitable consideration when it comes to housing for 2021-2022. It has come to most of the transfer student body's knowledge that sophomores, so this current year's freshmen who are going to be sophomores next year, are going to be prioritized for housing but not our current class of transfers. A lot of transfers from the class of 2022 did not receive a housing, well we were guaranteed our one year of housing and now we're not being prioritized for that anymore for the 2021-2022 academic school year. All I'm asking for is that if UCLA is as equitable, inclusionary, and as diverse that they claim they are for us to be, I just, it just upsets me because I feel like I'm begging for us to be considered for prioritization but also just our validation as Bruins. That's what's really upsetting and that's what's making me trip up on my word. I just want to urge the USAC council that if you are in solidarity with transfer students, you please need to push this issue of making sure that the class of '22 transfers are also being considered for next year's housing. All we're asking for is an equitable experience for all. Thank you.

Lauren: I'm also a part of the class of 2022 transfers and I'm sure other transfers can share their sentiment that we all worked extremely hard to get here and we have less time at UCLA and that I know that a lot of transfers were also sharing the sentiment that like I don't even feel like I go to UCLA, like I go to campus and I feel like fake and like I don't really attend there and I think that by not giving transfers housing and the ability to live on the hill and a guarantee for housing, it's just a really disappointing decision and I think that if UCLA wants to pride itself on being a transfer friendly institution, it needs to listen to transfers and it needs to stick to their word. We were told that we were going to get our guaranteed year of housing, if we didn't get it this year we were gonna get it next year and now that's getting taken away from us. I also want to echo the sentiments that Ayona said, that we really need your solidarity and we really need your support right now, that would mean a lot to us. Thank you.

Herman: Hello, it's good to see you all again. I'm here alongside my fellow transfers in the class of 2022 as well to talk about the issue of housing priority for next year and to really urge council to support the prioritization of

returning transfers for housing next year. My peers bring up a really good point that I think transfer students echo. We had nearly 60 transfer students show up to the On-Campus Housing council meeting earlier today, so many transfers are hurting right now and I think it is deeply disturbing that there are students who may graduate without ever being given the opportunity to live on the hill. That, I think, is a heartbreaking thing. You all, as a majority of the students, have spent time on the campus, the amount of envy the transfers have not to have had that experience and the prospects of graduating without that support and experience is really heartbreaking. I hope that you will stand with the class of 2022 transfers in advocating for housing priority for next year and ensuring that administrators recognize that need.

Marc-Anthony: Hello, thank you for the opportunity to speak. I am a class of 2022 transfer. I made my ultimate decision to come to UCLA based on the guarantee that I would receive housing by UCLA admin at Bruin Bam. It was reiterated during Transfer Orientation and during the summer as well. Now they're going back on their promises. Again, I'm spending over \$30,000 to be here at UCLA and now we're not even being considered to be on housing. My parents as illegal immigrants don't receive any taxes back, but have been paying taxes for over 30 years in California, and now their only son is not able to get housing at UCLA even though those taxes were going into the universities for over 30 years. So I ask of USAC to please stand in solidarity with us.

Mariah: My name is Mariah, I am also a 2022 transfer student. I would like to speak and just kind of echo the comments of our fellow transfer students. We're going to be seniors next year, and while many of us during the pandemic may not have needed housing this past year because of differing circumstances, for some of us like myself it's even more important that we get it next year which may be different compared to previous years about seniors being prioritized for housing, but for some transfers this will be our first year on campus and we're really going to need housing or our living situations may be kind of up in the air. I would just like to ask USAC to continue to advocate for this issue and speak with administration and make sure that transfers are getting the housing guarantee that we deserve and that we shouldn't be undermined in this process because our access to resources and reliable housing is really important to us as students. I just kind of wanted to echo the other comments made here and just implore USAC to use your voice, use your power to advocate for some of us who aren't able to to kind of leverage that power with administration and wherever to make sure that we have a housing guarantee for next year. Thank you.

- Public comment concluded at 7:14pm

**V. Funding**

~~Capital Contingency\*~~ Minasyan

~~Contingency Programming\*~~ Minasyan

Total Requested: \$3,481.56

Total Recommended: \$2,229.23

6 non-USAC entities

- Justin moves to approve \$2,229.23 to 6 non-USAC entities, Christina seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, Contingency Programming allocation approved

~~SFS Allocations#~~ Wisner

Total Requested: \$2,387.52

Total Recommended: \$2,125.00

1 non-CSC and 2 CSC groups

- No opposition, SFS allocation passes by consent

~~SWC Programming Fund Allocations#~~ Read

Total Allocated: \$500.00

- No opposition, SWC Programming fund allocation passes by consent

~~Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#~~ Arasasingham

~~ASRF Allocations#~~ Velazquez

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

- No allocations

## VI. Special Presentations

### UAEM Open Vaccine Pledge

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#### COVID-19 Activism

What are we presenting about today?

#### FREE THE VACCINE + OPEN COVID PLEDGE

- The Open COVID Pledge aims to make intellectual property related to COVID-19 available free of charge for use in ending the pandemic and minimizing the impact of the disease

How Does UCLA Connect to the Open COVID Pledge?

- 1. UCLA is a research institution and world-class healthcare facility
- 2. It is uniquely positioned to support the fight against COVID-19
- 3. Teams at “UCLA Health and the David Geffen School of Medicine is working to prioritize research and discover life-saving treatments” - this work is only valid if it is accessible to all
- 4. Recent UC-Elsevier deal affirming commitment to open access
- 5. The Open COVID Pledge is a perfect, low-risk opportunity for UCLA to be on the forefront of global development of treatment technologies and vaccine distribution

UAEM Report Card

- 1. Despite UCLA’s esteemed reputation in biomedical research, their report card shows otherwise
- 2. UCLA must improve their commitment to health equity and accessibility to medicine
- 3. Half of universities have made no commitments to equitable COVID-19 biomedical licensing practices, and ZERO have signed the Open Covid Pledge

Why Are We Coming to USAC Specifically?

- We feel as if there is an obligation for student leaders to publicly support a free vaccine
  - Necessity for a free COVID-19 vaccine as all research for it are 100% publicly-funded
  - This will especially benefit marginalized communities that are disproportionately affected by COVID-19
- Increased Outreach
  - Strong social media platforms
- Trusted Leaders
  - You all have strong voices on campus that can enact greater engagement and effective change for this important cause
- Greater Student Attention
  - Leads to UCLA Administration taking notice
  - UCLA signing on or acknowledging the petition sets precedent for other universities to do the same

What We Are Asking of USAC?

- Help us garner traction and support
  - Take part in our social media push
  - Sent into your office messages encouraging your members to individually sign onto the OCP
  - Individually sign on to the OCP yourselves

### USAC Seat at the Table Initiative

Riley

Harutyun Tatulyan: Hi everyone. Thank you for the invitation, I really appreciate being extended an offer to speak with you all today and for even having this initiative to get to know student organizations more, I really think that this is an effective way to kind of gauge where students are at and student leaders and how they’re interpreting their clubs, especially during these trying times. I’m here to talk to you all about MESA, the Middle Eastern Students Association at UCLA. I am a fourth year philosophy student and the president of MESA this year. This is a new club, we’ve only been around for about one year, we just had our one

year anniversary last quarter and it's crazy to think that UCLA didn't have a Middle Eastern mother organization, and you know this had to be brought up pretty recently. I just wanted to talk to you all about some of the initiatives, get MESA on your radar just because we have a lot of great ideas but a lot of it also comes from this communication with USAC and other student leaders just because there's a lot of greater kind of ideas that we have. I'll start by saying that we really have ambitions to be a registered mother organization at UCLA. That's kind of the biggest overarching thing that will kind of take care of all of our other initiatives going on, but we really want to work towards being recognized as a mother organization on campus that represents Middle Eastern and North African students, that kind of takes care of a lot of the authoritative boundaries that come with taking care of different issues and ideas that happen, but other than that I've talked to my board about this and we've all kind of sat together and brought up different ideas. I'll go through some of the initiatives and ideas that we've had. One of them being that we really want to establish moving forward in the coming years, a Middle Eastern North African Student Resource Center. We have noticed that UCSB has a Middle Eastern students center and this is especially helpful because lots of Middle Eastern North African students are first generation students. So the prospects of going through for your education at an esteemed university at UCLA is new to a lot of students so the Middle Eastern Student Resource Center serves as an opportunity for students to connect with campus leaders so that they can gauge a sense of where they belong on campus but also kind of find that cultural assimilation and kind of find their own people and resonate with those identities on campus. I think this kind of idea is a lot more grander and it kind of comes with us being a more recognized club on campus, and like I said we are really new so a lot of these kind of initiatives and ideas that we have planned come with the longevity of us being an existing club on campus, and also just being more in touch with the greater kind of USAC protocols that are happening. One of our members also suggested that we want to advocate for the Muslim Student Association and bringing a better praying space for them just because right now their only option on campus is to pray by the dumpsters behind Kirchoff and in this, the description of their praying space, literally every time we have to describe the praying space to students that are interested the reference point is the dumpsters behind Kirchoff, so this I think serves as a kind of note on why it needs to be improved. It is also quite a small area as well so that's something that our organization wants to advocate for as well. Also another great initiative that we have is that we want to, this I think another really important one that we want to act on as fast as we can but we really think that a separate category for Middle Eastern Students needs to exist for self identifying on all official forms just because Middle Eastern students right now are forced to adopt either white or any other potential ethnic or racial categories that they share so we think that Middle Eastern as a racial category needs to exist on the UCLA forms, it doesn't at the moment as far as I know at least for when I am filling out forms at UCLA. But this is I think a great initiative to kind of voice different Southeast Asian North African students. It allows the campus to kind of identify student needs and different student experiences on campus whether that be through student associations, or they just go through their UCLA experience and never really connect with a cultural organization or cultural identity on campus. I think just the fact that they're able to identify, some identify themselves as Middle Eastern students on the official forms is that first step to bringing Middle Eastern students into their kind of cultural spaces on campus, by showing them that there's a recognized kind of category for them on campus as well. I think this is a lot of great ideas and they're really ambitious but like I said this will come in the coming years, but I really wanted to chat with you all and put the spotlight on our club. It is a new club but we have a lot of great ideas we've, in my opinion, we've had a lot of great events already in the past year. We've had some great panelists and speakers come to talk with us, we just did our first funding app which was a really big deal but we got to experience the pleasure of being funded for events. I really have high prospects for the Middle Eastern students Association at UCLA and I think that putting this on your radar is a great kind of opportunity for future initiatives to be taken more seriously as well. I'd love to kind of chat with you all and maybe other student leaders if they have any ideas for us or if y'all have any questions for me.

### [Bruin Emergency Fund Referendum\\*](#)

Riley

What is the BERF Referendum?

- It is a referendum that seeks to ensure the student-ran support of those in crises by increasing student fees by \$2 per undergraduate per quarter. This will allow us to establish a USAC Emergency Fund that shall be allocated to students facing emergencies that require financial assistance.

In Other Words

- We are building an emergency funding source *by and for students*, regardless of system impact, transfer status, guardianship, immigration status, employment, existing aid or any other barrier, so that students have somewhere to collect financial support when facing emergencies, which from late capitalism, to pandemic, to climate crisis, have only been increasing. An emergency fund is necessary, and overdue.

#### Ballot Information

- “Shall the Undergraduate Students Association ensure the student-run support of those in crises by increasing student fees by \$2 dollars per undergraduate student per quarter in order to establish a USAC Emergency Fund that shall be allocated to students facing emergencies that require financial assistance?”

This fee would be collected from all undergraduate students enrolled in Fall, Winter, and Spring.

This fee will be adjusted annually by the Los Angeles County Consumer Price Index in order to address changes due to inflation and rising costs of living, beginning in Fall 2022.

25% of the amount collected will be returned to undergraduate financial aid. “

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

#### Breakdown

- To arrive at the fee of \$2 each quarter for Fall, Winter and Spring, the Office of the President looked to the 2020 and 2021 Undergraduate Student Association Pandemic Relief funds which allocated \$280,000 to 1120 students and \$120,600 to 482 students respectively.
- A \$2 fee would allow the Undergraduate Student Association Council to allocate around \$135,000 annually to students in need with around \$45,000 (25% of the fee) returned to Financial Aid to offset the fee increase.

#### Target Population

- We want this funding body to act as an immediate source of relief inclusive to **all** undergraduate UCLA students-in-need.
- Regardless of:
  - Immigration status
  - Transfer status
  - System-impact (formerly incarcerated students or students otherwise impacted by incarceration)
  - Guardianship
  - Federal/Financial Aid Eligibility
  - International residency

#### UCLA Basic Needs

- How does UCLA define basic needs?
  - Safe and secure housing, sufficient and healthful food, peace of mind (i.e. mental health), sleep, transportation, and hygiene (UC BN Housing Report 2020)
- Our definition
  - Basic Needs is defined as students having sufficient resources to be the best version of themselves in order to succeed academically. These resources traditionally refer to food, shelter and clothing, with more recent definitions including sanitation, transportation, child care, sleep, mental health, education, and healthcare access. For the purpose of this report, we discuss basic needs holistically as it relates to higher education.

#### UCLA: The Uncertainties of the Future

- BERF is not the first of its kind, contrary to popular belief; UCLA is amongst the minority of colleges and universities **without** a supplemental emergency fund for its students.
- ***Other Universities with Established Emergency Relief Funds:***
  - Carnegie Mellon
  - University of Southern California
  - University of Chicago
  - University of New England
  - University of Texas, Austin
  - University of Michigan
  - Coastline College

- NC State and countless others...

#### UCLA Financial Needs Assessment Survey

- The Office of the President sought to collect accurate, representative data on the financial needs, especially in light of COVID-19, of current UCLA undergraduates in order to build the foundation for this emergency relief fund. (n=72)

Q: Since October 2020, to what extent have you struggled with financial-related stress or anxiety?

Q: Have you experienced any of the following financial difficulties because of the Coronavirus

- Check all the following
  - I've lost my regular job
  - I've had a reduction in hours or a reduction in income
  - I've had financial difficulties paying rent or mortgage
  - I've had financial difficulties, such as paying bills, affording groceries, etc.
  - I've become uninsured because I cannot afford health insurance

#### 202 University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey: UCLA

- The Office of the President also looked to the "2020 University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey: UCLA" of 7753 students conducted by the UCLA's Student Affairs Information and Research Office.

Q: Are you concerned about any of the following?

- Job loss
- Bills paid
- Basic needs met
- Reliable internet access

#### UCLA's Center for the Transformation of Schools

- In 2020, the UCLA's Center for the Transformation of Schools found that 5% of University of California students are experiencing homelessness.
- Also, UCLA's Newsroom listed that more than 35% of undergraduates receive Pell Grants, federal aid for students from low-income families.

#### Testimonials

- The OP Referendum Team researched and read through a number of heart-wrenching testimonials and stories. Some common themes:
  - Unable to pay for rent
  - Working multiple jobs to pay for living expenses
  - Having to take out loans to pay for groceries
  - Uncertain whether they'll be considered for housing
  - Felt shame or at fault for being unable to meet their basic needs
  - Being stressed/mentally exhausted over housing insecurity

#### BERF & OTHER EXISTING FUNDING SOURCES (A new financial aid support ecosystem)

##### SWC Basic Needs Subsidy; and other USAC Assistance Funds

- The Basic Needs Subsidy Program is available on a first come, first serve basis and will grant up to \$100 for any student who requests a subsidy to fund basic needs items including, but not limited to hygiene products, toiletries, medication, but cannot fund food and groceries. Each student can apply once to this fund.
- SWC works in collaboration with other basic needs programs on campus such as the CPO Food closet and more.
- Other UCAC funds, include IVP Rent Relief Awards, Labcoat Programs, Good Clothes, Good People, and Books for Bruins.

##### Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

- The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund is the name of the fund attached to the CARES Act that brought aid to some students, but 15.8% of the student body are international students.

- The racist and reactionary Trump administration, through HEERF excluded all DACA, International and undocumented students. The US has a long and vile history, one that has continued to carceral target at materially exclude undocumented folks in this country, exacerbating the pandemic for them through the existing conditions that they face (and have historically faced).
- From lack of access to (or otherwise wholly inadequate) healthcare, to weak wage protections, weak legal housing protections, and disproportionately poor working conditions, as well as a lack of vaccine access, undocumented families, and students have faced the brunt of the US system, and the US systems “response” to Covid 19.
- **BERF has worked alongside Roy Champawat and ASUCLA to assure that BERF is for all undocumented, international and DACA Bruins, regardless of system impact, guardianship, or other impact.**

#### What Makes BERF Unique?

- BERF is an **inclusive initiated fund** that provides sustainable year-long monetary relief without affecting an individual’s financial aid. It extends beyond the common basic necessities such as food and housing which are currently addressed by various UCLA programs. However, in effort to provide assistance to a larger percentage of the student population BERF is crucial to ensure the financial needs of **all** are fulfilled. Since students vote on the referendum, there is collective decision on where the money goes.

#### Emergency, redefined.

- The truth is that the system as is, is the **emergency**, people at large are facing intense housing/food insecurity, unemployment, climate crises, incarceration as well as, predatory healthcare/legal systems. As True Bruins, we have the unique powers to alleviate some of these emergencies.

#### How will the Bruin Emergency Fund allocate emergency funds?

- With a memorandum of understanding we will work with the council to finalize the where, when and who of this funding process in the upcoming weeks, upon council approval.
- Considerations of ours include:
  - Existing distribution programs, such as past COVID Relief Funds and the Basic Needs Subsidy, processed through FSC and SWC respectively.
  - Importance of representation: The Bruin Emergency Fund has already been in communication with Mother Organizations about our referendum and are looking to them and rising institutions like the Congressional Advisory Board to be included in the distribution process.
  - We’re at a moment in political time ripe for radical structural change by and for the students at this university that represents a rejection of the status quo which has harmed, excluded and targeted BIPOC Bruins for generations on this campus. It is time for a richer definition of democracy that is direct and personal, with new systems and funds in touch with the needs of all Bruins from the bottom-up.

#### Why now?

- Why increase student fees during a pandemic? Why is a referendum the best way to NOW achieve emergency aid? Why student leadership, now?
- These are all questions we have been asked, so
  - The pandemic has only made most salient the harmful, congregate and disproportionate impacts this system has had on communities of color and otherwise marginalized or working class families This system, this government, is predatory, and emergencies inherent to it. At UCLA, we are uniquely empowered with this system of dual governance (which administration often encroaches upon) that can reflect our values instead of the systems. This \$2 quarterly fee which 25% of financial aid offsets the impact on the worst off, is the best way to look after our fellow Bruins.
  - This referendum will create funding that is promised, continued and specifically for emergencies as they have historically impacted students and stand to continue. Reallocations of office budgets or surplus are not always promised.
  - Unfortunately, administration as an institution is not us, they often do not reflect our values and they are not elected by the student body, this is why, alongside developing student institutions, we pursue this referendum and richer definitions of democracy.

#### Thank you.

- Promise motions to approve the addition of the Bruin Emergency Fund Referendum to the ballot, Noe seconds

- By a vote of 13-0-0 the motion passes, BERF Referendum will be added to the ballot

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: (if applicable)	Name: <u>Bakur Madini</u> Position: International Student Representative <u></u>
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<b>Proposed change(s) apply to the following Article(s) (including section(s)) of USA Constitution:</b>
Article VI, Section B Article VI, Section C Article VI, Section D Article IX, Section B Article IX, Section D Article II, Section F Article XI, Section A

<b>Summarize and Attach the constitutional amendment(s) you are submitting:</b>
<p><b>Words in [ ] indicate new language being proposed by the constitutional amendment.</b>  <b>Words in ( ) indicate language being removed by the constitutional amendment.</b></p> <p>ADD to Article II, Section F.3:          "3. [Excluding students appointed to serve on Elections Board], 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."          ADD to Article II, Section F:          "[4. Once a student has been appointed by the Council to Elections Board, the student may be removed from office only after hearing and for cause by the Judicial Board, which shall be the sole judge of cause.]"          -----          ADD to Article VI, Section B, SHIFT everything else down.          "[2. The Judicial Board shall resolve any disputes related to the implementation and enforcement of the guiding documents of the Undergraduate Student Association.]"          -----          REMOVE from Article VI, section C          "(1.Concurrence of three fourths of the voting members of the USA Council shall be necessary to overrule any Judicial Board decision.)"          ADD to Article VI, section C          "[1. The Judicial Board shall have original decision-making jurisdiction over all cases brought forward to it with the only exception being over Elections Board related matters, of which the Judicial Board shall have appellate jurisdiction.]"          "[2. No individual within the Undergraduate Association, nor the USA Council, shall have the right to override or carry undue influence on the independently-derived decisions of the Judicial Board.]"          "[3. Decisions made by the USA Judicial Board are binding, and its outcomes cannot be overridden by the USA Council.]"          -----          CHANGE: Article VI, Section D.1 from:</p>



“The USA Judicial Board shall consist of seven justices who, once approved by the Council, shall serve (on the Board for the duration of their tenure as UCLA undergraduate students in good standing, to a maximum of four) [to a maximum of two] years.”

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CHANGE Article IX, Section B (Elections Board)

"4. The Elections Board Chair shall (recommend to the USA Council) ,prior to the installation of the new Council, (the certification of) [certify] the candidates elected."

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ADD: to Article IX, Section B

"[4. Once an Elections Board Chair has been appointed by the USA Council, the USA Council shall have no jurisdiction over reviewing Elections Board decisions or performance. All complaints against a member of Election Board alleging violation of USA policy, gross incompetence, or failure to uphold the ethical and regulatory obligations of the position must be referred to the USA Judicial Board.

This jurisdiction lies solely

with the Judicial board. A proposal to impeach or sanction the Elections Board Chair and/or any members of the Elections Board can be brought forward to the Judicial Board by any member of the Association who has

standing to sue. An individual has standing to sue against the Elections Board if:

- a. they can demonstrate that they have been harmed by actions of the Elections Board;
- b. they are personally implicated in a conflict with the Elections Board
- c. their general rights as voters and/or members of the Association have been directly affected by a decision or regulation instituted by Elections Board decisions.
- d. a dispute has arisen between two individuals or entities which the Elections Board has been unsuccessful in mediating.]"

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ADD to Article IX, Section B.6

"5. [The signature requirement for any petition related to a candidate’s filing shall not be greater than 250 signatures.] The Elections Board shall report the validity of all signatures on any petition to the President of the Association."

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CHANGE: Article IX, Section D.1 from:

"1. Initiatives [that do not involve referenda] may be presented to the USA Council by any member of the Association, in the form of a petition bearing the signatures of [the 250 members] (10 percent) of the Association requesting specific legislation upon matters within the Association's authority(.).]referenda initiatives shall require the signatures of 10 percent of the Association.]"

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CHANGE: Article XI, Section A.2 from:

"2. Amendments may also be proposed by student petition to the President of the Association. Such a petition must be signed by at least (15 percent) [250] of the Association's members. The validity of the signatures must be determined at least seven days prior to the submission of the proposed amendment(s) for ratification by the Association."

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ADD to Article IX, Section B

"[6. The Elections Board shall solicit pro and con arguments for every ballot measure.]"

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

Date Approved by Council:

Record of Council vote:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

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:
New File Name:	

- Bakur motions to approve the first proposed amendment changing Article II Section F and Article IX Section B, Noe seconds
- By motion 1-12-0 the motion fails, proposed amendment number one is not approved to go on the ballot
  
- Aidan motions to table conversation until after officer reports, Promise seconds
- By a vote of 12-1-0 the motion passes, conversation is tabled until after officer reports
  
- Bakur motions to add to Article VI, Section B as a constitutional amendment to the ballot, Aidan seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, amendment number two is approved to go on the ballot
  
- Bakur motions to edit Article VI Section C and add it to the ballot as a constitutional amendment, Laura seconds
- By motion of 5-8-0 the motion fails, constitutional amendment will not be added to the ballot
  
- Emily moves to approve Article VI Section D.1 to add to the ballot as a constitutional amendment, Bakur seconds
- By motion of 12-1-0 the motion passes, constitutional amendment added to the ballot
  
- Bakur motions to put the change on Article IX Section B on the ballot for constitutional amendment, Sachi seconds
- By motion of 12-1-0 the motion passes, constitutional amendment is approved to go on the ballot
  
- Bakur motions to add to Article IX , Section B.6 subject to the amendment that instead of 250 signatures it says 5% , Laura seconds
- By motion of 2-9-0 the motion does not pass, change to the amendment is not approved
  
- Bakur motions to change Article IX, section D.1 subject to the amendment that it says 5% instead of 250 members, Laura seconds
- By motion of 1-11-0 the motion fails, amendment not approved to go on the ballot
  
- Bakur motions to change article XI, Section A.2 subject to change from 250 to 10%, Laura seconds
- By motion of 2-10-0 motion fails, item not approved to go on ballot
  
- Bakur motions to add Article IX Section B as a constitutional amendment to the ballot, Justin seconds
- By motion of 4-8-0 the motion fails, amendment will not be added to the ballot

USAC 2021 Elections Ballot Presentation

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Ballot Presentation

- 44 applications submitted, 2 candidates failed eligibility check (signatures and FERPA related reasons)
- 2 candidates withdrew, 1 candidate disqualified (absent Orientation meeting)
- 39 candidates
- All offices except two contested
- 3 slates: For the People, Bruin Solutions, and Bruins Adelante Coalition
- (1 UCOP approved referendum) after tonight?

Office	Count	Names
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1. President	4	Amaan Singh; Breeze Velazquez; Moises Hernandez; Rutik Shinglot
2. Internal Vice President	2	Bakur Madini; Cassandra Gatica
3. External Vice President	3	Jacob Keer; Sarah Wang; Yostina Wasef
4. General Representative	12	Adam ElSayed; Alex De Santiago; Arturo Bustos Ochoa; Asante Spencer; Ayesha Aslam-Mir; Carl King Jr; Hailey Valles; Himaja Vendidandi; Jacob Linder; Jeffry Umana; Jesse Johnson; Passa Pungchai
5. Academic Affairs Commission	3	Angelina Quint; Atharva Kulkarni; Lizeth Chimal
6. Campus Events Commission	2	Brigid Ahern; Maya Sanghavi
7. Community Service Commission	2	(1 Withdrew) Rohit Gore; Mominah Subhan
8. Cultural Affairs Commission	1	Promise Ogunleye
9. Facilities Commissioner	2	(1 Withdrew) Elijah Simas; Jane Ni
10. Financial Supports Commission	2	Emily Klarissa Yu; Sam Seidel
11. Student Wellness Commission	3	Brandon McClelland; Kavya Juwadi; Tayloneel Jackson
12. Transfer Student Representative	2	(1 Disqualified) Harmonie Yacob; Herman Luis chaves
13. International Student Representative	1	Natalia Garcia Tang

**For the People Candidates**

Office	Names
1. President	Breeze Velasquez
2. Internal Vice President	Cassandra Gatica
3. External Vice President	
4. General Representative	Hailey Valles; Jeffry Umana
5. Academic Affairs Commission	Angelina Quint
6. Campus Events Commission	
7. Community Service Commission	
8. Cultural Affairs Commission	Promise Ogunleye

9. Facilities Commissioner	Jane Ni
10. Financial Supports Commission	
11. Student Wellness Commission	
12. Transfer Student Representative	
13. International Student Representative	

**Bruins Adelante Coalition**

Office	Names
1. President	
2. Internal Vice President	
3. External Vice President	
4. General Representative	
5. Academic Affairs Commission	Lizeth Chimal
6. Campus Events Commission	
7. Community Service Commission	
8. Cultural Affairs Commission	
9. Facilities Commissioner	
10. Financial Supports Commission	
11. Student Wellness Commission	
12. Transfer Student Representative	Herman Luis Chavez
13. International Student Representative	

Referenda	UCOP Approval	Language	Designated Campaign Representative
1. <u>(Bruin Emergency Relief Fund)</u> <u>BERF</u>	✓	Shall the Undergraduate Students Association ensure the student-run support of those in crises by increasing student fees by \$2.00 per undergraduate student per quarter in order to establish a USAC Emergency Fund that shall be allocated to undergraduate students facing emergencies that	TBD

		require financial assistance?	
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Constitutional Amendments	Language	Designated Campaign Representative
1.	ADD to Article VI, Section B, SHIFT everything else down <b>1. The Judicial Board shall resolve any disputes related to the implementation and enforcement of the guiding documents of the Undergraduate Student Association</b>	TBD
2.	CHANGE: Article VI, Section D.1 from: The USA Judicial Board shall consist of seven justices who, once approved by the Council, shall serve <del>on the Board for the duration of their tenure as</del> UCLA undergraduate students in good standing, <del>to a maximum of four</del> to a maximum of two years	TBD
3.	CHANGE Article IX, Section B.4 (Election Board) The Election Board Chair shall <del>recommend to the USA Council</del> prior to the installation of the new Council, <del>the certification of</del> certify the candidates elected.	TBD

- Emily motion so change....., Christina seconds
- By motion of 10-1-0 the motion passes, language is changed

## **VII. Appointments**

### **Haig Simitian to Transition Director, USA Elections Board\***

Riley

- Promise motions to appoint Haig Simitian to Transition Direction, USA Elections Board, Justin seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, Haig Simitian is appointed to Transition Director, USA Elections Board

## **VIII. Officer Reports**

### **A. President**

Riley

- Commencement has not been decided yet
- Libraries will be increasing density

### **B. Internal Vice President**

Luong

- My office has a released a resource guide on transformative justice
- My Revamp Advocacy Partnership Committee is conducting coffee chats until Week 5
- My Put Workers First Group put together a survey about student worker conditions during the pandemic

### **C. External Vice President**

Arasasingham

- Engaged in meetings with our elected officials about housing and pandemic response
- Meeting about restarting the Bruins Vote campaign
- Had a meeting on campus policing and campus safety this morning

### **D. General Representative 1 Written**

Laubach

### **E. General Representative 2 Written**

Rodriguez

F. General Representative 3 Written

Wade

- Office has completed a few surveys on mental health and athlete experience at UCLA
- Got our marketing director back

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Velazquez

- Student Advocate Board should be meeting soon to get training done
- Books for Bruins was released yesterday, applications due next Monday

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Naland

I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Wisner

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Cooper

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Garcia

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Read

N. Transfer Representative Written

Bravo

O. International Student Representative Written

Madini

- Having our listening session tomorrow with Student Affairs and the Academic Senate

Q. Administrative Representatives

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

George: Alumni association will be having a spring event in April.

Fernando: SGS sent out a survey for USAC officers, I will post it in Slack.

**IX. Old Business**

**X. New Business**

[TSR Bylaw Change\\*](#)

Bravo

**USAC Bylaw Change Submission Form**

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

Proposed Bylaw Change submitted to USAC by: (if applicable)	Name: <u>Zuleika Bravo</u> Position: <u>Transfer Student Representative</u>
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**Proposed change(s) apply to the following Article(s) (including section(s)) of USAC Bylaws:**

Article II, Section C. 1. a.  
 Article IV, Section L, 1.  
 Article IV, Section L, 1. c. ii, iii, iv, v  
 Article IV, Section L, 1. d. i  
 Article IV, Section L, 1. e.

**Summarize and Attach the Bylaw change(s) you are submitting:**  
 (Additions should be in **bold** and removals should be noted with a ~~strike through~~)

Article II, Section C. 1. a.  
 1. Search  
 a. Before the end of Spring Quarter of each school year, **all council members shall work together to diversify the pool of applicants for all positions**, for which it is anticipated appointments will be made during the summer, ~~and shall be~~ advertised in a manner readily accessible to all students.

Article IV, Section L, 1.  
 1. The Transfer Student Representative shall **manage and preserve an internal office bylaws document to ensure the transition of institutional knowledge, and** be responsible for, but not limited to:

Article IV, Section L, 1. c. ii, iii, iv, v

c. Promoting, initiating, and supporting efforts to encourage improved support and inclusion for transfer students, and to improve the quality of the transfer student experience **by which includes, but is not limited to the following:**

- ii. The Transfer Student Representative shall **have regular meetings once a quarter** ~~aid student groups~~ with the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs **to aid in transfer student access, retention and yield projects.**
- iii. **The Transfer Student Representative shall have regular meetings once a quarter with the Dean of Undergraduate Education to aid in transfer orientation and transfer student matters related to academic affairs.**
- iv. ~~iii-~~The Transfer Student Representative shall serve as the Council representative to the Bruin Resource Center **and the Transfer Student Center, having regular meetings once a week with the heads of each department.**
- v. **The Transfer Student Representative, or delegate, shall meet with an administrator from the following campus departments a minimum of two times during the duration of their term (the first meeting shall be within the first three (3) months of the term):**
  - a. **Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion**
  - b. **Admissions**
  - c. **Academic Senate**
  - d. **Academic Advancement Program**
  - e. **Center for Community College Partnerships (CCCCP)**
  - f. **Community Programs Office (CPO) Access & Retentions Projects**
  - g. **Campus Tours**
  - h. **Engineering Transfer Center**
  - i. **Associated Students at UCLA Board of Directors (ASUCLA BOD)**
  - j. **New Student and Transitions Program (NSTP)**
  - k. **Undergraduate Research Center (and other research programs further detailed within the TSR internal bylaws)**

Article IV, Section L, 1. d. i

d. Addressing issues of transfer student housing.

- i. The Transfer Student Representative shall maintain on-going communications with various UCLA living populations **by attending or appointing students to the** ~~including~~ On Campus Housing Council, Student Family Housing's **University Apartments South Residents' Association, Residential Life's Transfer Living Learning Community** ~~students living in off-campus housing,~~ commuter students' **Commuter Committee**, and other communities that may be deemed appropriate.

Article IV, Section L, 1. e.

**e. The Transfer Student Representative will aid in the transition of power to the newly elected Transfer Student Representative within a minimum timeframe of one week post-election.**

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

Date Approved by Council:

Record of Council vote:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

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: \_\_\_\_\_

New File Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Justin moves to approve TSR bylaw changes, Laura seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, TSR bylaws are approved

**XI. Adjournment\***

Riley

- Emily adjourns the meeting at 11:29pm

**Good and Welfare**

\* Indicates Action Item  
# Indicates Consent Item  
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