



AGENDA
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
 May 11 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

- ISR verbal report
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Strike ASRF
- Strike TGMF
- Strike ARCF
- Strike BAG
- FSC verbal report
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Seat at the Table Initiative
- Move election results to new business item

- Emily moves to approve agenda as amended, Justin seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

III. Approval of the minutes*

Luong

5/4/2021

- Promise motions to approve 5/4/2021 minutes, Jonathan seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, 5/4/2021 minutes are approved

IV. Public Comment

Riley

Nicholas: I urge USAC to pass the resolution in support of the Burmese students and the people of Myanmar. I believe it has become increasingly difficult for the students in Myanmar to maintain their studies as the country is breaking apart with the constant internet cut [indiscernible] and how people have to focus on their families as well. I think it's important for UCLA to stand behind the students and that public statements should be released by the school so that more people are aware of the situation that is going on in Burma, and even though they're giving students enough resources, I believe that a public statement is necessary in order for things to progress further. Thank you.

Luke: Hello, good evening council. My name is Luke and I also urge USAC to pass the resolution in support of the Burmese people, the Burmese students and the people in Myanmar fighting against the military [indiscernible] right now. Just [indiscernible] the effects of the coups on UCLA students, a lot of students like Nicholas said have been unable to focus on their studies as much as they could, given the very frequent internet cuts happening in Myanmar right now. In terms of that, so students not only have been struggling with their studies, but with their families and Nicholas has also mentioned, a lot of people in the country are unaware of the military coup happening in Myanmar right now which has gotten so bad that there is currently more than 770 civilian casualties right now and there has been so much hurt, violence, and bloodshed on the people of Myanmar. So I am here today to urge USAC to pass the Resolution in Support of Burmese Students and the People of Myanmar, not just for the Burmese students at UCLA, but also for the civilians of Myanmar fighting for their futures.

Justin: Hello, I'm speaking in my capacity as an individual right now. Speaking in support of Palestinians being hurt and killed by Israeli right wing forces. What is happening right now is present day colonialism and settlement in a neighborhood in Jerusalem, as well as bombings that are happening in Gaza. I think media in the U.S. right now is showing out in support of Israel

and kind of switching what the real situation is including terrible takes on Twitter by Andrew Yang among others about really what this is. I don't know that there's much that we as a last council can do, but I urge the next council to consider, like we have set precedents for supporting students during traumatizing experiences overseas, considering a resolution to urge for academic leniency among other things for Palestinian diaspora students. Also I wanted to plug a protest happening at 11000 Wilshire Blvd on Saturday because it is also the anniversary of when the first settlement of the Israeli project really began. Thank you.

Bakur: I'm also speaking as an individual mainly to focus the attention of not only the new council but the wider student body who might be listening. The past few days, as a Muslim, as an Arab, and more importantly as a human, they weren't the easiest days. Innocent people, kids, and women getting killed. Not only the holiest month for Muslims, but even days. People start fasting in the morning, but before they can break their fast, they are dead. If there is one regret that this is my last meeting, is that I cannot no longer do something in my capacity as a council member, so I do really hope that the next council can do something about this. While what's happening is on a greater scale than usual, but it is not something that is happening for today or for tomorrow, for a few days. It's something that has been continuous for like seventy years. We don't always get to listen or to hear about what's happening just because media doesn't generally cover it, the reality is that it's a continuous struggle for many students. We do have a good population of Middle Eastern students and Muslims and specifically Palestinian and many of their allies. It's not only something for now, to provide support for what those students need, but it's something that I think the new council may need to look into more structured support for those students going forward. That is mostly what I wanted to say. I do really hope that the new council members will listen to this and if they're not here, then they would get to hear about this. Thank you very much.

Arsh: Very good evening to everyone present here today. My name is Arsh, and I'm here in my capacity as a member on the ASUCLA Board of Directors to share some updates over the past couple of months with the undergraduate student body. In terms of updates, we have recently approved a Diversity and Inclusion Statement of ASUCLA in it's 100 years of history which is a great thing of pride. The marketing department is launching computer bundles with the Westcom technology loan in order for students to have access to any technological equipment they might need in order for them to continue their education with the least trouble. The Student Union Operations Department is also in the process of developing a business model for an E-Sport lounge that is potentially going to be coming in the Ackerman Student Union. Finally, I wanted to share that management is also in the process of updating the Point of Sale systems in our UCLA Store and all on campus restaurants operated by ASUCLA which will soon be equipped to accept CalFresh, SNAP, and EBT benefits in order to address food insecurity on campus. It's estimated that this will come into effect very soon. Finally, I just wanted to take a moment to extend my appreciation to the outgoing council for all of your effort over this past year. In a time where everything was stacked against us, your resilience made accomplishments that would have been a reach today. Not to forget the various collaborations that we've had this year, the good times including advocating with Gen Rep 2 and Facilities Commission to promote ethical and sustainable labor practices, working with IVP to host the first ever Mask Design contest, and FSC to distribute all \$313,000 in Covid Relief Funds to students, which is an insane feat. Including, but not limited to, collaborating with the Office of the President to shed more light and transparency on UCLA student fees. All these accomplishments certainly set a promising precedent for the continuous energy between ASUCLA and USAC, I am personally very excited to see how it develops in the coming years. Thank you for trusting me, and Naomi, for appointing me as one of the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Representatives, it has been my honor to serve in this capacity and to redefine the Bruin experience. One final comment, ASUCLA is open to every member of the Bruin community for life, not just to students, even as alumni you are as much welcome into the space and you have as much of a stake as you do right now. I would like to welcome everyone regardless of whether you are a student or an alumni, and finally I wish you all the best in everything ahead. Thank you.

- Public comment concluded at 7:20pm

V. Funding

Capital Contingency*

Minasyan

Contingency Programming*

Minasyan

Total Requested: \$4,575.92

Total Recommended: \$4,346.44

11 non-USAC entities

- Jonathan motions to approve \$4,346.44 to 11 non-USAC entities, Emily seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, Contingency Programming allocation approved

SFS Allocations#

Wisner

Total Requested: \$1,669.62

Total Recommended: \$1,169.62

1 CSC org and 1 non-CSC org

- 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~~

Cooper

Total Allocated: \$78,653.34

VI. Special Presentations

~~USAC Seat at the Table Initiative~~

Riley

VII. Appointments

- None

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Riley

- Continued serving on Public Health Compliance Committee
- Announcement about commencement went out this past week
- BERF did not pass during elections, team is looking to transition
- Officially signed letters for a lot of committee meetings we had this year about CRC and SIOC budget
- Last pre-meeting with Vice Chancellor Gordon coming up tomorrow at 2pm
- Going to be transitioning Breeze

B. Internal Vice President

Luong

- Office transitioning
- Posted a series about what our office has accomplished this quarter on IG
- Working on transitioning Cassandra, working with her more throughout rest of the quarter

C. External Vice President

Arasasingham

- State candidate town hall last Wednesday
- Continuing BruinsVote initiative
- Transitioning office to next EVP
- Bruin Trailblazers Scholarship - met with External Affairs to finalize details of scholarship
- Able to double contribution for Bruin Trailblazer Scholarship

D. General Representative 1 Written

Laubach

E. General Representative 2 Written

Rodriguez

F. General Representative 3 Written

Wade

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Velazquez

- Having one last event tomorrow to discuss financing education
- Closing out Books for Bruins, waiting to mail out gift cards
- Transitioning Angie over

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Naland

I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Wisner

- This weekend we had Robert S. Michaels ceremony, awarded scholarships to 20 people
- Excited about commencement updates
- CSC is hiring, applications are out

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Cooper

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Garcia

- We will be emailing second round of recipients for relief fund
- Herf grants allocation meeting- met last Monday, finalized a proposed allocation

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Read

N. Transfer Representative Written

Bravo

O. International Student Representative Written

Madini

- Still have one more academic senate meeting on May 18th
- Plans to mandate vaccines for students, faculty, and staff, issues with international students abroad and how they will be affected - UCLA will recognize vaccines by world health organizations
- Will be transitioning our office

Q. Administrative Representatives

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

Jessica: Congratulations on making it through an incredibly tough year. Quick reminder that your signatory authority is still current until the end of the fiscal year. The rec form deadline is June 30th. Also reminder to complete transition packets.

Josh: Congratulations to the outgoing and incoming board.

Fernando: SGS staff worked on a transition PDF including information to help fill your transition packets. We need to set an installation ceremony date and I created a poll for you all to select a date.

Patii: ASUCLA Event Services Team are opening our meeting room for study spaces.

IX. Old Business

Transfer Student Rep Bylaw Change*

Bravo

- Emily moves, justin seconds
- 13-0-0 the motion passes, TSR bylaw changes are approved

X. New Business

Election Results

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Eligible voters - 29,270

Cumulative total ballots cast - 5,802

Voter turnout % - 19.82%

President

- Armaan Singh (Bruin Solutions)
 - R1 - 1761
 - R2 - 1878
 - R3 - 2282
- Rutik Shinglot
 - R1 - 980
 - R2 - 1061
- Breeze Velazquez (For the People)
 - R1 - 2247
 - R2 - 2434
 - R3 - 2819
- Moises Hernandez
 - R1 - 425

Winner is: **Breeze Velazquez (For the People)**

Internal Vice President

- Bakur Madini
 - 1786
 - 34.92%

- Cassandra Gatica (For the People)
 - 3329
 - 65.08%
- Winner is : **Cassandra Gatica (For the People)**

External Vice President

- Sarah Wang
 - 3820
 - 76.00%
- Jacob Keer (Bruin Solutions)
 - 1206
 - 24.00%
- Winner is: **Sarah Wang**

General Representative (STV)

- Number of Ballots - 4981
- Threshold - 1246
- **General Representative 1: Haley Valles (For the People)**
- **General Representative 2: Passa Pungchal (Bruin Solutions)**
- **General Representative 3: Carl King Jr.**

Academic Affairs Commissioner

- Angela Quint (For the People)
 - R1 - 2592
 - R2 - 3006
- Atharva Kulkarni (Bruin Solutions)
 - R1 - 1533
 - R2 - 1748
- Lizeth Chimal (Bruins Adelante Coalition)
 - R1 - 717
- Winner is: **Angela Quint (For the People)**

Campus Events Commissioner

- Brigid Ahern
 - 1290
 - 28.58%
- Maya Sanghavi
 - 3223
 - 71.42%
- Winner is: **Maya Sanghavi**

Community Service Commissioner

- Rohit Gore
 - 1638
 - 37.39%
- Mominah Subhan
 - 2743
 - 62.61%
- Winner is: **Mominah Subhan**

Cultural Affairs Commissioner

- Promise Ogunleye (For the People)
 - 4267
 - 100.00%

- Winner is: **Promise Ogunleye**

Facilities Commissioner

- Elijah Simas (Bruin Solutions)
 - 1938
 - 40.12%
- Jane Ni (For the People)
 - 2893
 - 59.88%
- Winner is : **Jane Ni (For the People)**

Financial Support Commissioner

- Emily Klarissa Yu
 - 2844
 - 62.12%
- Sam Seidel (Bruin Solutions)
 - 1734
 - 37.88%
- Winner is: **Emily Klarissa Yu**

Student Wellness Commissioner

- Tayloneei Jackson
 - R1 - 1950
 - R2 - 2602
- Kavya Juwadi
 - R1 - 1272
- Brandon McClelland (Bruin Solutions)
 - R1- 1412
 - R2- 1798
- Winner is: **Tayloneei Jackson**

Transfer Student Representative

- Herman Luis Chaves (Bruins Adelante Coalition)
 - 2462
 - 54.39%
- Harmonie Yacob (Bruin Solutions)
 - 2066
 - 45.61%
- Winner is: **Herman Luis Chavez (Bruins Adelante Coalition)**

International Student Representative

- Natalia Garcia Tang (Bruin Solutions)
 - 4257
 - 100.00%
- Winner is: **Natalia Garcia Tang (Bruin Solutions)**

Constitutional Amendments - #1

- Yes
 - 3557
 - 82.47%
- No
 - 756
 - 17.53%
- **Referenda Result : PASSES**

Constitutional Amendments -#2

- **Yes**
 - 3635
 - 80.96%
- **No**
 - 855
 - 19.04%
- **Referenda Result: PASSES**

Constitutional Amendments - #3

- **Yes**
 - 3503
 - 80.83%
- **No**
 - 831
 - 19.17%
- **Referenda Result: PASSES**

Referenda* - Bruin Emergency Relief Fund Referendum

- **Yes**
 - 3013
 - 60.65%
- **No**
 - 1955
 - 39.35%
- **Referenda Result* : FAILS**

[ISR/TSR Bylaw Change*](#)

[Bravo/Madini](#)

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: 0	Against: 0
Abstain: 0		

Proposed Bylaw Change submitted to USAC by: (if applicable)	Name: <u>Bakur Madini & Zuleika Bravo</u> Position: <u>International Student Rep & Transfer Student Rep</u>
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Proposed change(s) apply to the following Article(s) (including section(s)) of USAC Bylaws:
Article II, Section C, 4, j, 2 Article II, Section C, 4, k, i Article IV, Section L, 4, ii

Summarize and Attach the Bylaw change(s) you are submitting:
(Additions should be in bold and removals should be noted with a strikethrough) <u>Article II, Section C, #4, j, 2.</u> j. The following appointments, to be appointed by the Transfer Student Representative: 1. Student Fee Advisory Committee: one (1) stipended appointment 2. Academic Senate Committees, in collaboration with the Academic Affairs Commissioner: a. The Undergraduate Council: two (2) appointments for one (1) year terms b. Legislative Assembly: two (2) appointments for one (1) year terms

c. Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: one (1) appointment for one (1) year term

Article II, Section C, 4. K.i.

k. The following appointments, to be appointed by the International Student Representative:

i. Academic Senate Committees, **in collaboration with the Academic Affairs Commissioner:**

- a. Legislative Assembly: one (1) appointment for one (1) year terms
- b. Committee on International Education: one (1) appointment for a one (1) year term

Article IV, Section L, 4. c.ii

c. The Transfer Student Representative shall appoint, subject to the council’s approval, undergraduate students to the following committees:

- i. Student Fee Advisory Committee (1)
- ii. Academic Senate, **in collaboration with the Academic Affairs Commissioner:**
 - 1. UgC (Undergraduate Council) (2)
 - 2. LgA (Legislative Assembly) (2)
 - 3. CODEI (Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) (1)

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)

For Student Support Services Use Only:

Input by:

Date:

New File Name:

- Breeze motions to approve the ISR/TSR bylaw change, Zuleika seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, ISR/TSR bylaw change is approved

[Resolution to Abolish the University of California Police Department*](#) [Luong](#)

A Resolution to Abolish the University of California Police Department

Sponsors:

- Emily Hong Van Luong, Internal Vice President
- Justin Rodriguez, General Representative 2
- Naomi Riley, President
- Aidan Arasingham, External Vice President

WHEREAS, Black Panther and current political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal states:

Abolitionists are, simply put, those beings who look out upon their time and say, “No.”
 They want to abolish state policies that they cannot abide. Slavery. Mass Incarceration. The death penalty. Juvenile Life. Solitary Confinement.
 Police Terrorism.
 Those goals are worthy of the name. Only the fire and will seem to be lacking.¹
 Let us recover their vision—and build new ones that soar towards the bright morning of Freedom; and

¹ <https://abolitionjournal.org/mumia-abu-jamal-long-live-john-africa/>

WHEREAS, the oft-referenced charge of police is “to protect and serve,” yet police frequently act against that charge in surveilling Black people, suppressing labor organizing, and in general, engaging in white supremacist violence; and

WHEREAS, as stated by Mariame Kaba, “efforts to solve police violence through liberal reforms...have failed for nearly a century...The only way to diminish police violence is to reduce contact between the public and the police”²; and

WHEREAS, there is no substantive distinction between the University of California Police Department and local police departments. Policing at the UC began with Berkeley Police Chief August Vollmer in the early 20th century, who took lessons he learned from the Philippine-American War and applied them to policing, earning him recognition as “the Father of Modern Policing”;³ and

WHEREAS, a report by Civilytics Consulting called *Policing the American University* drew observations on the role of campus police departments in policing the boundaries of campus and surrounding communities, policing Black students and community members, and having origins in suppressing campus movements back in the 1960s;⁴ and

WHEREAS, UCLAPD currently spends approximately \$21 million⁵ dollars per year on the police department, with approximately 60 sworn officers and 40 non-sworn. This budget has steadily ballooned since the 2008 Great Recession, when many student programs were cut and tuition was raised;⁶ and

WHEREAS, a report released in April 2021 noted that “less than 10% of [UCPD-related] events [at UCLA] involve either force or the threat of violence...and more than 80% do not result in follow-ups for any asserted or possible crime”⁷; and

WHEREAS, Million Dollar Hoods found, through combing and cleaning UCPD records obtained via California Public Records Requests, that Black and Latinx Westwood residents were 19 and 2 times more likely than white residents to be stopped by UCPD; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 during the Tuition Hike Protests at UC Davis, Lt. John Pike doused several seated students at point blank range with pepper spray, and began a UC-wide and nationwide conversation about campus police reform;⁸ and

WHEREAS, in 2020 UC Santa Cruz deployed officers to police the Wildcat Strikes, organized by grad students for COLAs, at the cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars. UCPD also utilized military surveillance technology provided by the California National Guard and the FBI to monitor students’ movements;⁹

WHEREAS, according to *State of Crisis: Dismantling Student Homelessness* by the UCLA Center for the Transformation of Schools found that 1 in 20 UC students are homeless or have experienced homelessness at some point in their college career;¹⁰ and

² <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/12/opinion/sunday/floyd-abolish-defund-police.html>

³ <https://www.kqed.org/news/11847612/who-was-august-vollmer-and-is-he-responsible-for-the-modern-police-force>

⁴ <https://www.civilytics.com/publication/cpd-report/>

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https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/labor/bargaining-units/pa/docs/pa_2017-2020_appendixa_wage-table.pdf

⁶ <https://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/20/education/20tuition.html>

⁷ <https://escholarship.org/content/qt4jm4t63k/qt4jm4t63k.pdf?t=qs161f&v=lq>

⁸ https://www.huffpost.com/entry/uc-davis-pepper-spray-video_n_570fc93fe4b03d8b7b9fb62b

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<https://www.vice.com/en/article/7kppna/california-police-used-military-surveillance-tech-at-grad-student-strike>

¹⁰ <http://transformschoools.ucla.edu/stateofcrisis/>

WHEREAS, Counseling and Psychological Services, the department providing students with direct psychological treatment, and the RISE Center, the department providing students with preventative care, are chronically underfunded, with 80 counselors serving a population of over 30,000 students and having to rely on frequently outsourcing services;¹¹ and

WHEREAS, students deserve to have their basic needs met and to have adequate access to healthcare, not to have resources funneled away into a bloated police force; and

WHEREAS, after the summer 2020 Black Lives Matter uprisings and the detainment of protesters in the UCLA-leased Jackie Robinson Stadium, the USAC joined the Divest/Invest Faculty Collective in a boycott of UCLA's proposed Public Safety Advisory Council on August 26, 2020 and demanded the creation of a Divest/Invest Council to examine where police funding could be best reallocated to support true campus safety¹².

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC stands in solidarity with Black, Brown, Indigenous, formerly incarcerated, and system impacted students who are disproportionately surveilled and criminalized by the UCPD.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the USAC calls on university administration to entirely abandon expansions of campus police, outlined in proposed policies known as the "Gold Book," and listen in good faith to student demands, and put those demands into practice.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the USAC supports the demand of the No UCPD Coalition in defunding UCPD to be redirected into CAPS and RISE funding, as well as severing connections between UCPD and mental health crises.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the USAC calls on university and systemwide administration to affirm the humanity of its students, staff, and faculty and heed our calls to disarm, defund, and abolish the University of California Police Department.

- Emily motions to approve a Resolution to Abolish the University of California Police Department, Zuleika seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, a Resolution to Abolish the University of California Police Department is approved

[A Resolution in Continued Support of Burmese Students and Myanmar*](#) [Luong](#)

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT BURMESE STUDENTS AND THE PEOPLE OF MYANMAR

Primary Sponsors:

Co-Sponsors:

Naomi Riley, President
Emily Luong, Internal Vice President
Sachi Cooper, Facilities Commissioner
Bakur Madini, International Student Representative

Supporting organizations:

The Burmese Student Association at UCLA

WHEREAS, the national elections have concluded and declared the ruling civilian party, the NLD, as the legitimate winners yet the military has refused to accept the outcome; and

¹¹

<https://dailybruin.com/2019/11/04/ucla-remains-vague-about-directing-donations-while-caps-remains-underefunded>

¹²

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GoT_5aMSs_IXBxy6lnSkt7Dml_CLSpbretnBymNm0Q/edit?usp=sharing

WHEREAS, the Myanmar military (hereinafter referred to as the “Tatmadaw”) staged a coup against the civilian government on February 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Tatmadaw has declared a state of emergency and installed an interim President from their party for one year, neglecting the democratic will of the Burmese people, and threatening to erase years of hard earned progress in democratic reform that Myanmar has achieved; and

WHEREAS over 700 civilians, including children, have been murdered, over 4496 have been arrested since coup and over 3448 have been detained and/or sentenced by the Tatmadaw since the February coup; and

WHEREAS, the newly installed military government have closed banks and frozen financial transactions, leaving students and their families unable to access funds, and jeopardizing their ability to continue their studies across UC universities; and

WHEREAS, the newly installed military government have imposed a communication blackout cutting off internet connection among other means hindering the ability of students back there to view course material, complete assignment, or attend classes; and

WHEREAS Burmese diaspora students in the United States face high levels of stress and anxiety due to the uncertainty of the current and future well-being of family members and/or people of Burma back home; and

WHEREAS, Burmese students in Burma face extreme country conditions, such as the threat of the Tatmadaw entering their homes and threat of being shot or arrested wherever they go, that complicate their ability to keep up with their studies; and

WHEREAS, Burmese students face an increasing frustration with the lack of public support of the Burmese people and its peaceful struggle for democracy from their respective academic institutions; and

WHEREAS, UC Los Angeles, has provided the necessary academic, financial, and mental health relief and resources for its Burmese students; and

WHEREAS, UC Los Angeles has failed to release a public statement to condemn the atrocities happening in Myanmar and support the Burmese people, including its students, and their peaceful struggle for democracy.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, UC Los Angeles releases a public statement condemning the coup and standing in solidarity with the Burmese students; and

FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED, UC Los Angeles continues offering support through these difficult times and actively facilitate the different accommodations Burmese students need with other departments and entities inside UC Los Angeles; and

FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED, UC Los Angeles allow affected students flexibility with P/NP grading; and

FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED, UC Los Angeles calls on the professors teaching the classes of the affected students to show empathy and patience; and

FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED, UC Los Angeles reaffirms its support for Burmese students.

- Emily motions to approve a Resolution to Support Burmese Students and the People of Myanmar, Bakur seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, a Resolution to Support Burmese Students and the People of Myanmar is approved

[A Resolution in Support of California Senate Constitutional Amendment 5*](#) [Arasasingham](#)

Resolution in Support of California Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 5

Primary Sponsors:

Aidan Arasasingham, External Vice President

Co-Sponsors:

*Zuleika Bravo, Transfer Student Representative
Sachi Cooper, Facilities Commissioner*

WHEREAS, The University of California Board of Regents should represent student interests and guarantee that the needs of students are heard,

WHEREAS, The University of California system includes more than 280,000 students;

WHEREAS, Representation at the University of California Board of Regents includes only one student regent amongst 25 other board members;

WHEREAS, Two seats on the Board of Regents should always be held for students;

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the California State University includes two students nominated by the governor as trustee with full voting capabilities;

WHEREAS, The Board of Governors for the California Community Colleges have started the initiative to incorporate two student representatives prior to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, The student regent is the foundational access point into the realities students face;

WHEREAS, The student regent helps guide the Board of Regents to advocate for policies that align more closely with the struggles the students incur;

WHEREAS, Student regents undergo a thorough and competitive recruiting process involving an application and multiple interviews to ensure their dedication to the position;

WHEREAS, Student regents have a one year “student regent-designate” position in which they shadow the current student regent which gives them the expertise and knowledge to effectively serve as student regent the following year;

WHEREAS, Several board committees meet simultaneously and conflict with student schedules;

WHEREAS, Students would have more opportunities for recognition at discussions of different committee agendas;

WHEREAS, the Government Relations Committee of UCSA recently endorsed SCA 5;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls for the permanent designation of two voting seats on the Board of Regents for students;

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association supports California Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 5 and calls on all levels of UCLA administration to support it as well.

- Zuleika moves to approve a Resolution in Support of California Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 5, Emily seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, a Resolution in Support of California Senate Constitutional Amendment No.5 is approved

[A Resolution in Support of Federal Support for the BruinHub Commuter Student Project*](#) [Arasasingham](#)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE BRUINHUB COMMUTER STUDENT PROJECT

Primary Sponsors:

Aidan Arasasingham, External Vice President

Co-Sponsors:

Zuleika Bravo, Transfer Student Representative

Sachi Cooper, Facilities Commissioner

WHEREAS, there is a true need for commuter student and houseless student support from the university;

WHEREAS, Westwood, the closest living community to the UCLA campus, has the highest average rent prices in California, forcing many students to live further from campus to save money;¹³

WHEREAS, a super-commute (defined as a 90+ minute one-way commute) is a constant reality for at least 18% of students who live off-campus;¹⁴

WHEREAS, almost half of students experience housing insecurity and 15% of students face houselessness during their undergraduate career;¹⁵

WHEREAS, these issues are exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, as many students face increasing care responsibilities, higher costs of living, and difficulty accessing public transportation;¹⁶

WHEREAS, UCLA has committed to returning to predominantly in-person instruction, so most students will need to report to campus to receive and excel at their education;¹⁷

WHEREAS, the issues of long commutes and houselessness disproportionately affect Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) UCLA students;¹⁸

WHEREAS, the BruinHub project is an innovative support system intended to be installed in the Wooden Center that will address the growing super-commute problem by providing a space for commuter students to safely study, relax, and sleep;

WHEREAS, the school will provide students with individual ‘study beans’ as a prototype, with plans to expand based on student responses to the project. These ‘beans’ provide private individual space for students to sleep and work;

WHEREAS, the BruinHub project is just one of many necessary initiatives that UCLA can and should implement to support commuter students, particularly those facing housing insecurity. Other important initiatives that deserve funding and recognition include the Safe Parking at UCLA initiative, rent relief grants, transportation support grants, and increased affordable housing provision;

¹³<https://www.latimes.com/business/real-estate/story/2019-10-09/westwood-california-highest-rents#:~:text=In%20Westwood%2C%20the%20average%20apartment,the%20highest%20rate%20in%20California.&text=For%20the%20second%20straight%20year,place%20to%20rent%20an%20apartment.>

¹⁴https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58e4e9705016e194dd5cdc43/t/5f174899f7eeee5f87c9a1a3/1595361446786/cityLAB+BruinHub+Update+July+21_2020.pdf

¹⁵https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58e4e9705016e194dd5cdc43/t/5f174899f7eeee5f87c9a1a3/1595361446786/cityLAB+BruinHub+Update+July+21_2020.pdf

¹⁶https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58e4e9705016e194dd5cdc43/t/5f174899f7eeee5f87c9a1a3/1595361446786/cityLAB+BruinHub+Update+July+21_2020.pdf

¹⁷<https://dailybruin.com/2021/04/02/ucla-announces-preliminary-plans-for-fall-return-to-campus-in-person-instruction>

¹⁸https://static1.squarespace.com/static/58e4e9705016e194dd5cdc43/t/5d8bb03f597be3780c8542bd/1569435766654/19-0924+MCiH_Final_Update.pdf

WHEREAS, the ability for the University to expand the BruinHub project would be augmented upon the receipt of Community Program Fund (CPF) support from Senator Alex Padilla or Senator Dianne Feinstein, and the University is in the process of applying for said funding;

WHEREAS, additional university, state, and federal support is needed to combat UCLA student housing insecurity, with additional interventions such as rent relief, housing grants, and new university and private affordable housing construction needed to address systemic housing unaffordability for students in Los Angeles;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UCLA USAC supports the BruinHub Project and joins in UCLA's effort to secure CPF support from the federal government for addressing student housing insecurity.

- Zuleika moves to approve A Resolution in Support of Federal Funding for the BruinHub Commuter Student Project, Elijah seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, A Resolution in Support of Federal Funding for the BruinHub Commuter Student Project is approved

XI. Adjournment*

Riley

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 8:29pm

Administering Oath of Office

Bora

Chief Justice Ranhita Bora administers oath of office at 8:30pm

Good and Welfare;

* Indicates Action Item
Indicates Consent Item
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