



AGENDA  
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
 May 18, 2021  
 7 PM PST  
 Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

**I. Call to Order**

Velazquez

- Breeze calls the meeting to order at 7:01pm

**A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Signed via Google Docs

**II. Approval of Agenda\***

Gatica

- Strike SWC programming fund
- Strike TGIF
- Strike ARCF
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike BAG
- Strike ASRF
- Strike TGMF
  
- Promise motions to approve the agenda as amended, Jane seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, the agenda is approved as amended

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

Gatica

5/11/2021 old board minutes; 5/11/2021 new board minutes

- Tayloneei motions to approve old board 5/11/21 minutes, Maya seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, 5/11/2021 minutes for old board are approved
  
- Hernan motions to approve 5/11/2021 new board minutes, Promise seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, 5/11/2021 minutes for new board are approved

**IV. Public Comment**

Velazquez

Radha: Hi everyone, my name is Radha. I'm the newly elected Chair for Calpirg students, here to share with you our newest updates. First off, we just elected our new Board of Directors and Executive Committee for next year. As you all know, except the members of the public, Calpirg is a student run group in California that started more than 45 years ago and we work to take action within the public interest and give students a voice in issues that they care about such as protecting the environment and public health. I got involved with Calpirg as the Chair because I am a person who was marginalized and pushed away from areas of advocacy in the past. I can still remember my voice being taken away from me when my ballot was taken away from me on my first election, and this was a place where I was able to amplify my voice when I didn't have a voice to amplify my issues for a long time. As a student-run, student funded group we have the ability to win big campaigns from mobilizing our state to 100% clean electricity by 2045 to addressing affordability. I'm now going to tell you about our pledge drive and our accomplishments for that. Just a few weeks ago we finished our quarterly pledge drive. Pledge is a very important part of our organization because it gives us the ability to raise funds so we can be trained by our staff in order to be powerful activists, have resources to win big campaigns such as our ability to ban plastic bags in California to protect our ocean, and continue strengthening the student voice on issues that they care about. Statewide we have more than 30,000 students that pledged with us. That is 30,000 student voices supporting our move to 100% clean energy by 2030. At UCLA, we raised 354 new pledging student members out of our goal of 325. This is a huge accomplishment and it wouldn't have been possible without the help of the power of students striving for a clean, greener world. Lastly, I wanted to say congratulations to our new USAC board, I can't wait to see all of the inspiring work that you all will do this next year.

- Public comment concluded at 7:10pm

## **V. Funding**

Capital Contingency\* \_\_\_\_\_ Minasyan

Contingency Programming\* \_\_\_\_\_ Minasyan

Total Requested: \$10,880.75

Total Recommended: \$5,592.96

12 non-USAC entities

1 USAC entity

- Promise motions to approve \$5,592.96 to 12 non-USAC entities and 1 USAC entity, Tayloneei seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, Contingency Programming allocations approved

SFS Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Subhan

Total Requested: \$3,000

Total Recommended: \$1,500

1 non-CSC org

- No opposition, SFS allocation passes by consent

SWC Programming Fund Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Jackson

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Wang

ASRF Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Quint

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Quint

ARCF Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Ogunleye

TGIF \_\_\_\_\_ Ni

## **VI. Special Presentations**

Daily Bruin \_\_\_\_\_ Chanterreau

Guillaume: Hi everybody, it's nice to see you all. My name is Guillaume, I'm a third year History student, I'll also be the campus [indiscernible] at Daily Bruin for next year. First of all, I wanted to congratulate all of you for having been elected.

[Indiscernible] so congratulations for making it to this year's council. So basically the purpose of my presentation today is to formally introduce myself to everybody on council and talk about a few things I think you will find valuable to know. So the first thing is I would like to talk about the difference between news and opinion in the Daily Bruin. The opinion section, as well as the editorial, does not represent news or the paper as a whole. Our work is completely separate and we follow different journalistic procedures. We do not make any opinions in the news section as we have the duty to remain objective. If you would like to submit an op-ed to the editor, please contact the Opinion Editor, I will send you all an email later tonight recapitulating what I go over today and you all will have my contact information. One of my goals is to have a direct line of communication with all of you where we can have a great collaboration this year. So please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have on campus politics or anything your office is working on, or any information that you think would be worth for us to cover. That's pretty much it, thank you for having me today,

Mother Organizations \_\_\_\_\_ Gatica

Athina: Hello, my name is Athina and I am the current External Vice President of Samahang Pilipinos. First I'd like to thank you all for giving us a space to share our story with you and we are here to represent the Mother Organization Coalition so I'll pass the mic to my colleagues Maxine and Eric to introduce themselves.

Maxine Dimalanta: Hi everyone, and thank you for having us. My name is Maxine Dimalanta, I use she/her pronouns. I am Samahang Pilipino's Access Coordinator this year and currently the Student Initiated Outreach Committee, or SIOC's Chairperson, and I'll pass it to Eric.

Eric: Hello, my name is Eric, I use he/him pronouns, and I am the Vietnamese Student Union's incoming External Vice President, and again we'd like to thank you all for your time here today.

Maxine: Thank you Eric. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Mother Organization Coalition, we are the group on campus [indiscernible] cultural organizations who represent different racial and ethnic backgrounds and historically marginalized communities on campus. After the course of a long history, about thirty years ago, we created the Campus Retention Committee

which is essentially the committee of 6 retention programs that provide peer counseling workshops and other retention services to under-represented and marginalized students as a result of horrible retention rates back in the 80s when affirmative action was still in place but the university was doing nothing to support our students. Out of activism from the student body and our predecessors the CRC was born. Fast forward 10 years later the Student Initiated Outreach Committee was born. It was a response to Proposition 209 that prohibited the use of affirmative action because we saw a tank in students of color presence on the UC campus and it hasn't risen since prop 209 has been there. Luckily our projects were born and we provide peer advising and peer tutoring services to students of color throughout the greater LA area. We are funded by student fees. We are entirely funded by student fees, and I want to say that again, we are entirely funded by student fees because our committees are student initiated and student run, student led, and student funded. That's why the projects were born, the projects sit under the committees, but the committees themselves are the main decision makers, we are supposed to allocate all of the funding we are supposed to make all of the executive decisions to control our projects because we know best what students need, similar to the way USAC knows what students need. We are oftentimes elected by our constituency. And on top of that it is within the spirit and written into the Statements of Understanding for both the CRC and the SIOC, which are our governing documents they are our bylaws they are signed by the administrators of Student Affairs, USAC, as well the President, AAC, FSC, and SWC the committee leadership as in the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson. The reason I'm giving you all of his context is because our committees and our program have been under attack for the last 15 years by an administration who frankly does not care about us, who have set up a power dynamic that strip students of their autonomy and the jurisdiction and authority that has been granted to us through the by-laws. It's been 15 years since we started off advocating for our communities the way we're supposed to because we know best. These programs are everything to me. I don't think you all understand how much advocacy and how much passion from all of our predecessors from the last three decades went in to creating these programs because we love our community so much that we couldn't bear to see the university let us and our needs be ignored. They've been doing it again and they've been doing it for the last three years. Last year, USAC demanded the community programs office, which is the department that houses the CRC and SIOC, for budget transparency. I think many of you who were in this space saw that. It's all over Reddit. It's all over the internet. But at that time, nobody understood that it wasn't the committees and the project's fault, it was the administration. And the Student Affairs administration has been complicit in the lack of transparency of budgets for the last five years. We are not allowed to touch 1.2 million dollars of student fees. We have asked for budgets over and over again, some of you who know me know that we have been advocating for that all year, but they still refuse to give us itemized breakdowns of each of those budgets no matter how many times we asked, no matter how many resolutions are passed, how many letters are signed, we don't get to touch that money. On top of that there is so much illegitimate administrative oversight in the hiring of our staff. For context, we hire student staff to do this work because this university is not going to do it for us. But because these are student run, student lead programs, we are supposed to do the hiring. And over the course of this year we saw that not happen, our voices were ignored by the administration who has no idea what our communities need. It's like if your directors and your offices had to be cleared by the advisors and by the administrators over you. That's not how this works, especially when it comes to student fees. The last part that we wanted to make known for you all today is that over the last 15 years, they've created and maintained a hostile working environment for student leaders by gaslighting us, emotionally and mentally manipulating us, and basically obstructing transparency of not only university policy but budgets as well. For those of you who were in those meetings last year, you saw the amount of trauma our students come out of and that is not an isolated incident, it's been 15 years of this. I know that was a lot to dump on a lot of you who may not have been too familiar with what's been going on, but we just come here to give you that context.

Eric: Thank you, Maxine. I would just like to reiterate that without our project creators, we are all students as well but we are taking on more than we are being compensated for, and we are being disrespected in all of our spaces. Please keep in mind that we are students and that our APC is taking on not only the part time salary job of APC but the full time salary job of the Project Director as well. This trickles down to all of our students who receive our service, so it is really important that we have the solidarity of USAC.

Athina: So just to recap, on behalf of the Mother Organization Coalition, we'd like to ask for USAC's support and demand accountability from UCLA administration. Regarding what support looks like, we did reference that two years ago, USAC did release a resolution and the MOs are willing to work with council on that and to release another resolution acknowledging everything the students have gone through and the lack of accountability from UCLA administration. Also, I think what would be more immediate is a letter of solidarity from USAC council regarding what MOs have planned in the future. We'd also be willing to work with USAC council on teaching you the full history of the MO Coalition, so really getting to understand our history to better understand our community conditions. Again, we'd like to ask for support in reclaiming student initiated, student run and student funded spaces, especially against administration that has historically ignored our voices.

## VII. Appointments

- None

## VIII. Officer Reports

### A. President

Velazquez

- Released office applications this week
- Had a meeting regarding CAB and how to transition the new Chair
- Ongoing transition meetings

### B. Internal Vice President

Gatica

- Still transitioning
- Released staff applications, due May 26
- Had committee meeting with Education Work Group today, plans for fall quarter, capacity levels for in person classes

### C. External Vice President

Wang

- Released apps, due the 23rd
- Scheduling meetings with other EVPs at other UC campuses
- EVP office will be publicizing link for appointed officer positions for UCSA

### D. General Representative 1 Written

Valles

- Released executive staff applications as of May 14th and will be distributing applications to student organizations throughout the week to maximize accessibility
- Transition meetings with new council members
- Strategizing and laying our year-long timeline to execute proposed initiatives

### E. General Representative 2 Written

Pungchai

### F. General Representative 3 Written

King

### G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

- Still transitioning
- Released office apps, due this Sunday
- Met with different offices to discuss points of collaboration

### H. Campus Events Commission Written

Sanghavi

- Completing internal leadership hiring this week, and will begin transitioning new leaders starting next week.
- **Ultrabloom:** Virtual EDM concert being held on **May 26th 6:00-7:30pm** in partnership with Duffl and Brownies & Lemonade. Open to all students!

### I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Subhan

- We are continuing hiring staff this week and will be transitioning new leadership starting next week

### J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

### K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Ni

### L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Yu

### M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Jackson

- **SWC:** All leadership is hired and we've begun the transition process!
- **SWC Bruin Necessities:** Dental Care Disparities Event w/ Pre-Dental Student Outreach Program will be tonight at 6PM
- **SWC Body Image Task Force:** Body Image and Media Representation of LGBTQ+ and Disability with Annie Segarra event highlights will be posted on the @uclabodyimagetaskforce Instagram soon!  
@uclabodyimagetaskforce

### N. Transfer Representative Written

Chavez

### O. International Student Representative Written

Garcia

### O. Administrative Representatives

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

Josh: Our first USAC/GSA joint training is this Friday from 2-4pm. Make sure to mark those on your calendars.

George: Hello everyone, I am the representative for the alumni association, my role is more of a support, if you have any questions, I'm available to you all.

Fernando: I just wanted to remind everyone about the email I sent out last Friday with some information I need from you all. The most important thing I need to get is the info for the hiring process by tomorrow by 10am.

**IX. Old Business**

- None

**X. New Business**

**Appointments Review Committee**

Velazquez

Breeze:

- Cassandra Gatica- Chair
- Herman Luis Chavez, Taylonnei Jackson
- Sarah Wang - Alternate

**Constitutional Review Committee**

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- Maya Sanghavi
- Hailey Valles
- Cassandra Gatica

**Budget Review Committee**

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- Promise Ogunleye
- Emily Yu
- Mominah Subhan

**XI. Adjournment\***

Velazquez

- Breeze adjourns the meeting at 7:57pm

**Good and Welfare**

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