



AGENDA
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
 June 29, 2021
 7 PM PST
 Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

I. Call to Order

Velazquez

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

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via Google Docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Gatica

- Strike BAG
- Strike SFS
- Strike TGIF
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Add Jenny Wang for Ficomm appointment
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Add Ysabella Sardillo to CRC appointments
- Strike ARCF
- Add Discussion Item Bruin Bash 2020 fees
- Strike AAC
- Strike ASRF
- Strike TGMF
- Add Veronica for Student outreach committee
- Strike Sumeya appointment

- Mominah motions to approve agenda, Tayloneei seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended
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III. Approval of the minutes*

Gatica

6/21/21

- Jane motions to approve 6/21/2021 minutes, Maya seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, 6/21/2021 minutes are approved

IV. Public Comment

Velazquez

- Public comment concluded at 7:15pm

V. Funding

<u>Capital Contingency*</u>	_____	Minasyan
<u>Contingency Programming*</u>	_____	Minasyan
<u>SFS Allocations#</u>	_____	Subhan
<u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u>	_____	Jackson
<u>Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#</u>	_____	Wang
<u>ASRF Allocations#</u>	_____	Quint
<u>AAC Travel Mini Grant Allocations#</u>	_____	Quint
<u>ARCF Allocations#</u>	_____	Ogunleye
<u>TGIF</u>	_____	Ni

VI. Special Presentations

- None

VII. Appointments

Campus Safety Alliance Vice Chair: Jeffrey Umana#

Gatica

- No opposition, Jeffrey Umana appointed as Campus Safety Alliance Vice Chair

Campus Programs Committee: Kylie Kim, Alan Wang*

Velazquez

- Tayloneei motions to appoint Kylie Kim, Herman seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, Kylie Kim appointed to Campus Programs Committee committee
- Jane moves to appoint Alan Wang to Campus Programs Committee, Sarah seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, Alan Wang is appointed to the Campus Programs Committee

Community Activities Committee: Avnita Chatterjee, Jasmine Tzeng*

Velazquez

- Angelina motions to appoint Avnita Chatterjee to Community Activities Committee, Jane seconds
- By motion of 13-1-0 the motion passes, Avnita Chatterjee appointed to Community Activities Committee
- Tayloneei motions to appoint Jasmine Tzeng to Community Activities Committee, Cassandra seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, Jasmine Tzeng appointed to Community Activities Committee

Student Fees Advisory Committee: Karina Isobel Mara*

Velazquez

- Cassandra motions to appoint Karina Isobel Mara to Student Fees Advisory Committee, Natalia seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, Karina Isobel Mara appointed to Student Fees Advisory Committee

Student Fees Advisory Committee: Luis Garcia Chavez*

Chavez

- Jane motions to table agenda item, Angelina seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, the vote is tabled until next USAC meeting

Student Health Advisory Committee: Sumeya Abdulkarim*

Velazquez

Campus Retention Committee: Carlos Jose Figueroa*

Yu

- Promise motions to appoint Carlos Jose Figueroa to the Campus Retention Committee, Tayloneei seconds
- By motion of 2-2-10 the motion does not pass, Carlos Jose Figueroa not appointed to Campus Retention Committee

Ficom: Jenny Wang*

Minasyan

- Tayloneei motions to appoint Jenny Wang to Finance Committee, Mominah seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, Jenny Wang appointed to Finance Committee

Campus Retention Committee: Ysabella Sardillo*

Jackson

- Jane motions to appoint Ysabella Sardillo to the Campus Retention Committee
- By motion of 11-3-0 the motion passes, Ysabella Sardillo appointed to the Campus Retention Committee

Student Initiated Outreach Committee: Danica F.*

- Vote tabled

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Velazquez

- Had first meeting with directors
- Met with Public Health Advisory committee about what bruin bash will look like this year
- Had meetings with MOs and with Patti and Roy in terms of what we can and can't do with the budget right now
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B. Internal Vice President

Gatica

- Conducting interviews with ARC
- Please make sure to send appointment names and emails as early as possible
- Making a summer council meeting post on our Instagram
- Created a written public comment doodle form for every meeting

C. External Vice President

Wang

- Tomorrow is UC wide strategy session to tackle cohort based tuition increase
- UCLA representation on UC wide leadership going well
- Meeting this week to discuss cross campus registration, hosting registration, doing a variety of workshops and programming

- Working on developing advocacy training and resource guides

D. General Representative 1 Written

Valles

- Moving forward with releasing general staff applications July 1st to support the work of the directors!
- Check-ins with directors and Chief of Staff
- Will be hosting first official office exec meeting this week and finalizing timelines for the year.

E. General Representative 2 Written

Pungchai

F. General Representative 3 Written

King

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

- Started working on academic dishonesty cases
- Hired more student advocates to the board
- Started my bi weekly meeting with CAE and Jane
- Discussed next steps in regards to priority enrollment decisions, discussed plans for fall quarter
- Discussing accessibility more broadly with Jane

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Sanghavi

I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Subhan

- CSC is hosting Summer Training for members of CSC Projects this Thursday July 1st 202. CSC Directors will be presenting on topics such as CAC Annual, Transportation, and topics surrounding transitioning in person operations for next year

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Ni

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Yu

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

- Planning out social media content calendar for the summer

Jackson

N. Transfer Representative Written

Chavez

- Held Summer Management Meeting to discuss retreat planning.

O. International Student Representative Written

Garcia

- Communicated with Dashew Center and Ashe Center regarding responding to inquiries about vaccination information for international students
- Researched on travel bans and its effects on the university's proposed student vaccination timeline requirement
- Reached out to Transfer Leadership Coalition for inspiration in drafting the ILC constitution
- Working on creating a mentorship program for incoming international students
- Started drafting the application form and planning for Fall internship program in the ISR Office
- Drafted a basic structure and discussed main components for the ISR website
- Connected with Ashley Pham, ISR SOLE Advisor
- Launched the ISR Summer Office Hours

Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Chacon, O'Connor, Perez, Solomon

IX. Old Business

- None

X. New Business

International Students: Vaccine Requirement

Garcia

Natalia: A few weeks ago a few international students started reaching out to me about the difficulties they're facing with vaccines not being so accessible in their home countries. Added on to this concern, UCLA Housing and the University in general have posed a challenge to the international community by requiring students to come as early as six weeks before school starts to get two dose vaccines or two weeks to get one dose vaccine. Not only does this incur a lot of additional expenses for international students, it also poses a huge difficulty in addition to the already complicated procedure for international students to rent apartments in the US. Not to mention, many international freshmen and sophomores have not been to the United States, let alone Westwood. Apart from this, student visas also are preventing incoming students from arriving in the US earlier than four weeks before school starts and travel restrictions are also in place preventing early arrival for students flying from China, Iran, the

European Schengen area, the UK, the Republic of Ireland, Brazil, South Africa, and India. I want to propose for UCLA to adopt as an alternative solution for international students who cannot arrive early. An example of that can be isolation and regular COVID testing until the students are able to become fully vaccinated. So as the International Student Rep I plan to further communicate with UCLA Housing and hope that I can have a seat at the table during any decision making process that directly impacts international students. I will also be reaching out to the Dashew Center to ensure that the voices of my constituents are being heard and advocated for, especially as further guidance is being released by the university. Lastly, I appreciate any input from council members on ways you guys can possibly support international students during this time of difficulty and I also call for support and collaboration from fellow council members as I plan on compiling helpful resources and information and releasing these in an international student survival guide before school starts. Thank you.

Letter for Gold Book

Velazquez

To the UCLA Academic Senate and Administration,

We write to you today to once again demand that the UCLA administration halt the implementation of the Gold Book policy on policing.

This past spring, several student leaders wrote a letter detailing their concerns over the extreme militarization and increased authority provided to police by the [Gold Book](#) plan on policing at the University of California. Yet, that student input was wholly neglected by the faculty and staff on the UCLA Academic Senate, and the university now continues to move forward with the Gold Book policies.

In light of the more recently released subset of the Gold Book entitled the [UC Presidential Campus Safety Plan](#), we, the student leaders of the Undergraduate Students Association Council and the Academic Senate, demand recognition of our dissent once again. Though this Plan was issued under the guise of integrating concerns for equity and diversity into the university's policing policies, the policies remain painfully inadequate with regard to rising concerns for the safety of student populations that are historically and systemically targeted by police.

The following sections raise particular alarm for their lack of specificity and accountability:

- Section 1.2 outlines a community-led process involving faculty, staff, and students to define and advise strategies, yet this section fails to outline the details of this process that ensure that the leadership and direction of the committee's selection remain oriented towards the community's needs. What is more, given the burden that already exists on students' shoulders to protect their rights in the face of neglectful university decision-making, this section fails to identify how this "community-led process" will either properly compensate students for their labor or ensure that they are not taken advantage of.
- Section 1.13 states that UCOP will form a systemwide workgroup to recommend standards for officers, but fails to include information regarding who will be on this workgroup and how the members will be chosen. Without these details explicitly stated before implementation, there is no guarantee that this workgroup will remain accountable to the values of equity and inclusion.
- Section 2.1 states that campuses will consult with the community to develop a response service portfolio, but fails to specify what will constitute a sufficient consultation with the community and which community will be consulted.
- Section 2.3 states that campuses will consult with their local county offices to coordinate training and care for mental health services, but does not specify what these mental health services will entail and what the degree of separation will

be between mental health services and police forces. Therefore, this statute fails to provide both a baseline of mental health service training as well as assurance that students seeking mental health care will not be further injured by contact with police aggression during crises.

- Section 4.1a details that the UC plans to use the UC Davis Police Accountability Board procedures as minimum standards for accountability, but fails to outline what is included in these procedures and why they are a sufficient baseline for accountability. Furthermore, this section ought to include a plan that incentivizes UC campuses to go above and beyond the bare minimum of accountability required, but this section fails to outline such a plan.
- Section 4.2b states that the UC Ethics Office will provide independent investigations of accountability bodies regarding use of force, but neglects to mention what criteria will determine their “independent” nature, which is essential to specify given that the office remains internal to the UC workforce.

The common thread across these shortcomings in the Presidential Safety Plan is a failure to specify exactly how the university plans to hold itself accountable to the needs of its students. With such vagueness, there is little to no hope that these policy revisions will legitimately address ongoing police practices that target Black and brown student communities. Seeing as these revisions purport to be a responsive solution to the abhorrent patterns in UC police behavior, they fail to serve their purpose and should not move forward in the implementation process. We strongly urge the UCLA Administration to reject this plan for its perpetuation of a police system plagued by systemic racism and instead mobilize in favor of a specific and stringent plan that prioritizes restorative justice.

In solidarity,

Breeze Velazquez, **President**

Cassandra Gatica, **Internal Vice President**

Sarah Wang, **External Vice President**

Hailey Valles, **General Representative 1**

Passa Pungchai, **General Representative 2**

Carl King Jr., **General Representative 3**

Angelina Quint, **Academic Affairs Commissioner**

Maya Sanghavi, **Campus Events Commissioner**

Mominah Subhan, **Community Service Commissioner**

Promise Ogunleye, **Cultural Affairs Commissioner**

Jane Ni, **Facilities Commissioner**

Tayloneei Jackson, **Student Wellness Commissioner**

Herman Luis Chavez, **Transfer Student Representative**

Natalia Garcia, **International Student Representative**

Rehousing CRC & SIOC projects

Velazquez

Breeze: So for this, we are able to rehouse the projects but it would still take a lot of discussion of course. This week, Patti, Jessica, especially Patti and Roy have been super helpful in all of this. There is potential for us to collaborate and work with the MOs in this and in that case, I will be forming some sort of task force this upcoming year that Patti is willing to help us out with.

Patti: I just want to clarify one statement in regards to the rehousing, just to clarify the path forward is a collaborative discussion with all parties to see the best steps for not necessarily affirmation that we're at this point ready to do any of the rehousing or changing or moving any organizations at this time but it's getting everyone together to collaboratively discuss solutions for the future, so I just wanted to clarify that point.

Breeze: Yes, so I think this upcoming year I definitely want to continue to work with the appropriate people and will probably reach out to folks that have CRC and SIOC appointments for this as well as any other folks that have the time and the capacity to serve and be in attendance to these meetings, as well as folks from the MO Coalition.

Budgets*

- Tayloneei motions to approve the 2021-2022 budget as amended, Hailey seconds
- By motions of 14-0-0 the motion passes, 2021-2022 budgets are approved as amended

Mother Organization Funds

Velazquez

Breeze: I just want to discuss one quick thing in regards to the MO funds. I wanted to clarify that as USAC we can't withhold funds at this time because we don't have anything that the SOU would allow us to withhold even if we did want to stand in solidarity with student organizations to do that. At this point in time, there is a document that Patti mentioned that Naomi had signed last year that would give the deadline for CPO to potentially give us the receipts that were promised later this year, right?

Patt: So based on the MOU, a collaborative group of individuals from all parties came together last year to sign an agreement just going through the expectations of the MOU and the discussion of having the reports back to council as stated in the MOU that will be happening at the beginning of fall quarter. So keep an eye out for that meeting and that presentation to council.

Breeze: Yes, so at that point in time that is something that we can think about doing but at this point, some of you guys who have them present seen there is no way to withhold funds. So that might be something that will come up in the fall again, but at this point in time all we can do is support in the capacity that we're doing right now which is attending meetings and making sure that we're advocating on our end and appointing the best possible students to these committees.

Bruin Bash Fees 2021 school year

Ogunleye

Promise: So this discussion item, both Maya and myself wanted to kind of see if there was strong opposition to the possibility of us moving the funds that were not expended this past year to be able to utilize them this coming year on the events that happened during the first week of school. So essentially what that means is that the funds that weren't spent this past year due to the pandemic, as the person who was also the one who planned this one that happened this past year, we weren't able to utilize all of the funds and we were hoping to be able to at the end of the year but we were not able to. The ability to utilize these funds in the upcoming year would definitely help with rising inflation and also just because the Bruin Bash fee is not the only thing that we utilize for paying for everything, we also dip into our personal budgets for our specific commissions and doing so unfortunately makes it more difficult for us to be able to stipend our directors and also just have other operations in our commission throughout the year. So we wanted to bring that to council and kind of have input from y'all before we move forward with anything on this side. It's not necessarily like a vote or anything but we definitely did want to discuss it.

Maya: I just wanted to echo everything Promise said and also add that especially this year because of continuing uncertainty with venue planning and just event planning in general with Covid and the Delta variant and all that, Bruin Bash might end up being more expensive than it normally is because we might have to change venues or just do a bunch of things that we don't normally pay for. So I think in addition to everything that Promise said about how these funds weren't utilized for their purpose last year, or just kind of all reasons that we were thinking, would be important and good.

Breeze: Is this a discussion around asking for more funds or just kind of how you guys plan to allocate funds?

Promise: We were advised to bring it to council so that we can see if anyone is very against this or if there are things that anyone wanted to bring up, because this would mean essentially that these funds wouldn't go into regular surplus, they would be set aside specifically for Bruin Bash.

Patti: From now until July 30, there is a purchase needing to be made for Bruin Bash that can be utilizing those funds. Once we get past that date, then we're starting into that next fiscal year and those funds are no longer available, so that's where there could need a vote of the council to ensure that you can still access those funds.

Breeze: So we can't vote on it tonight right? We have to wait until next week?

Josh: That is correct because it was added this week, so it was not open to the general public. So the next USAC meeting you can vote.

Breeze: Okay, I encourage all council members to do their research on it. Thank you so much guys.

XI. Adjournment*

Velazquez

- Breeze adjourns meeting at 10:49pm

Good and Welfare;

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item