



AGENDA  
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
 July 26, 2021  
 7 PM PST  
 Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/s/97123303841>

**I. Call to Order**

Velazquez

- Breeze calls the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Signed via Google Docs

**II. Approval of Agenda\***

Gatica

- Strike TGIF
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Strike ASRF
- Strike TGMF
- Add Discussion Item about Academic Senate Appointments
- Add appointment for Jeronimo for CRC
- Strike SFS
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Strike BAG
  
- Tayloneei moves to approve agenda as amended, Maya seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

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

Gatica

7/12/2021

- Jane moves to approve 7/12/2021 minutes, Emily seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, 7/12/2021 minutes are approved

**IV. Public Comment**

Velazquez

- Public comment concluded at 7:09 p.m.

**V. Funding**

<del>Capital Contingency*</del>	J. Wang
<del>Contingency Programming*</del>	J. Wang
<del>SFS Allocations#</del>	Subhan
<del>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</del>	Jackson
<del>Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#</del>	Wang
<del>ASRF Allocations#</del>	Quint
<del>AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#</del>	Quint
<del>ARC Allocations#</del>	Ogunleye
<del>TGIF</del>	Ni

**VI. Special Presentations**

- None

**VII. Appointments**

<u>Student Risk Education Committee: Zerxes Bhadha</u>	Subhan
- No opposition, Zerxes Bhadha appointed to Student Risk Education Committee	
<u>Student Initiated Outreach Committee: Cydni Willhite</u>	Velazquez
- Tayloneei moves to appoint Cyndi Willhite to the Student Initiated Outreach Committee, Herman seconds	
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, Cyndi Willhite appointed to Student Initiated Outreach Committee	
<u>Student Health Advisory Committee: Juan Padilla</u>	Velazquez
- Tabled	
<b><u>VIII. Officer Reports</u></b>	
<u>A. President</u>	Velazquez
- Been meeting with directors	
- Meet with Dean Rush	
<u>B. Internal Vice President</u>	Gatica
- Starting office hours this Wednesday	
- Finalized business plans for upcoming school year	
- Meeting with SOLE advisor tomorrow	
- Planning on expanding leadership lobby	
<u>C. External Vice President</u>	Wang
- Tuition hike did pass but we were able to get all of our proposed amendments into the final draft	
- Organizing across UCSA in September	
- Recruiting for UCLA Delegation	
<u>D. General Representative 1 Written</u>	Valles
<u>E. General Representative 2 Written</u>	Pungchai
<u>F. General Representative 3 Written</u>	King
<u>G. Academic Affairs Commissioner</u>	Quint
- Doing trainings for staff	
- Been in discussions with Chief of Senate about academic senate	
- Academic senate apps just dropped today	
- Started office hours last night	
- Attended meeting about switch to Canvas from CCLE starting fall 2021	
<u>H. Campus Events Commission Written</u>	Sanghavi
<u>I. Community Service Commissioner Written</u>	Subhan
<u>J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written</u>	Ogunleye
<u>K. Facilities Commissioner Written</u>	Ni
- Worked with CAE	
- FAC apps also out now	
- Went to a meeting with leaders from SOAR and events offices about campus meeting spaces next year	
- Talked with office of sustainability	
- Continuing to hire staff	
- Attending a UC climate resilience seminar	
<u>L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written</u>	Yu
<u>M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written</u>	Jackson
<u>N. Transfer Representative Written</u>	Chavez
<u>O. International Student Representative Written</u>	Garcia

Q. Administrative Representatives

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

Jessica: One quick reminder to start thinking about what you wanna do for fall quarter, if you're planning to resume with in person meetings or virtual. We just need to know ahead of the quarter starting so we can plan out physical space.

Josh: Make sure to check in with the Breeze before you yield the floor to other people, the only person that can do that is Breeze. The other thing is to make sure you all have a weekly written report.

**IX. Old Business**

- None

**X. New Business**

**A Resolution to Commemorate the Signing of the ADA and to Push UCLA Towards Further Accessibility\***

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**A Resolution to Commemorate the Signing of the ADA and to Push UCLA Towards Further Accessibility**

**Sponsors:**

Jane Ni, Facilities Commissioner  
Angelina Quint, Academic Affairs Commissioner

**Co-Sponsors:**

Hailey Valles, General Representative One

**Sponsoring Organizations:**

Disabled Student Union at UCLA

**WHEREAS**, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on this day, July 26, in 1990 and is an equal opportunity law for people with disabilities and prevents discrimination based on disability.<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits organizations, employers, and educational institutions from excluding or denying individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to receive program benefits and services.<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the UCLA ADA/504 Compliance Office monitors and implements compliance with state and federal laws including the ADA and Section 504; advises the campus community regarding making services, programs and activities accessible; and investigates ADA/504 related issues and reports of disability-based discrimination.<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the UCLA ADA/504 Compliance Officer must be knowledgeable about the requirements under state and federal disability discrimination laws, regulations, and guidance to advise the University about its policies, procedures, and practices and to investigate complaints alleging violations of Section 504/ADA, discrimination based on disability, and disability harassment.

**WHEREAS**, the ADA/504 Compliance Officer is currently hired under the Center for Accessible Education (CAE) and has been an interim position for the past two years, which poses a direct conflict of interest regarding ADA/504 related issues and reports of disability-based discrimination within the CAE.

**WHEREAS**, there continues to be an alarming shortage of Disability Specialists hired under the CAE, resulting in an approximate 1:685 student/counselor ratio, whereas the national recommendation by AHEAD is 1:115 for a university of our size.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://beta.ada.gov/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ocr/civilrights/resources/factsheets/504.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://ada.ucla.edu/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/EJ1280981.pdf>

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the UCLA USAC supports the ADA and long term inclusive design at the university.

**LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT** the USAC recognizes that they themselves and the university at large has a long way to go in implementing basic accessibility standards to promote the inclusion of all students regardless of disability status, understanding that they must continue to listen to and amplify the voices of the Disabled Student Union as well as other disabled students.

**LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT** the USAC supports past, current, and future activism from the disabled community at UCLA through tangible advocacy and support in their capacity as council members;

**LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED**, that the USAC calls on university administration to recommit support to the ADA by taking tangible steps such as prioritizing hiring an ADA/504 compliance officer housed under the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, hiring more Disability Specialists under the Center for Accessible Education, and providing anti-ableism trainings for their staff and faculty.

- Taylonnei motions to approve a Resolution to Commemorate the Signing of the ADA and to Push UCLA Towards Further Accessibility, Mominah seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, resolution is approved

#### Academic Senate Appointments

Quint

Angie: Hi, so I kind of just wanted to have a discussion about academic senate appointments, and my Chief of Senate Ashely should be here to speak a little bit more about it.

Ashley: Hi everyone, my name is Ashley, I'm the Chief of Staff for Senate this year and Angie asked me to come by to kind of talk about the timeline for appointments really quickly. So appointments have to be done by August, and I just wanted to ask if council would be open to doing, I think it would be a consent appointment or vote appointment. I was wondering if it would be possible to have those USAC meetings where they make the appointments for Senate on the 23rd and the 30th of August. I don't know if this has been discussed or not.

Breeze: Yeah, so I can go ahead and talk since I was AAC last year. So I know for us personally, even though they say to have them in by August, they could push it to September. These would not be consent items because your appointments for academics should be stipend, they would have to go through a whole voting process which means they would have to go through ARC and we would have to go through the whole entire process of the other appointments that we had earlier in the night. We can start having those meetings as soon as you guys get those appointments though. But I know that there's like 29 appointments off Academic Senate so it might take longer than those two meetings, unless we stay here until like three or four in the morning.

Herman: Yeah I think what you're referring to is an emergency USAC meeting, to have a meeting held sometime within our biweekly meetings, either between August meetings or between our final August meeting and a hard first September meeting to dedicate that time only to appointment interviews and have it be shorter, because of what you're saying Breeze, about how we'd be here until three or four in the morning if you tried to fit in 25 appointments into two days. I was also not aware of the possibility of extending appointments into September. Correct me if I'm wrong Angie or Ashley but I think that you might be referring to an emergency council meeting specifically for appointments where all we do is those interviews so that we can sort of more equitably disperse the time that we are doing appointment interviews between our already established biweekly August council meetings and then the remaining interviews for that exact purpose of not being here until four in the morning for two weeks in a row.

Breeze: Just my thoughts on it, I think you can start pushing the board if you can early August and I'm open to having those appointments be at a later time but I know that my own appointments, I just have to talk to Taylor to make sure that they were still well prepared to be fully appointed but I know I have like an appointment come in as late as November because they had to get replaced by someone else and it still ended up working out. That means that if you guys are really like "we need to get these in" we could think about it and I think all of council could discuss where their thoughts are but I do know from my own experience if you reach out to Taylor he should be helpful in moving it later.

Ashley: Thank you for clarifying, we didn't really know that was an option and I think admin tends to tell you a date and want it done by then, they don't really offer an extension so it's nice to know that that's possible. However, I did just want to bring it up to council, feel free to discuss amongst each other and take a vote or whatever it may be. If it is easier to do a special meeting specifically tailored to amendments as one was suggesting, I don't know if that would be a better alternative. Either way, I just want to mention that as a possibility for the 23rd and the 30th depending on how everyone in council is feeling, if you guys want to just keep doing it during your regular council meetings in September. I did just want to bring it up as an option for the rest of the council members to think about, thank you.

## **XI. Adjournment\***

Velazquez

- Breeze adjours meeting at 8:04 pm

**Good and Welfare;**

\* Indicates Action Item

# Indicates Consent Item

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