



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
August 23, 2021
7 PM PST
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

I. Call to Order

Velazquez

- Breeze calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via Google Docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Gatica

- Add UC AFT Resolution to New Business
- Strike UC Community Safety Plan response
- Strike TGIF
- Strike BAG
- Strike ASRF
- Strike TGMF
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Strike SFS
- ISR Verbal Report
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Add discussion item for USAC Collaboration with Funds to New Business

- Emily motions to approve the agenda as amended, Tayloneei seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

III. Approval of the minutes*

Gatica

8/9/2021

- Tayloneei motions to approve 8/9/2021 minutes, Angie seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, 8/9/2021 minutes are approved

IV. Public Comment

Velazquez

Simone: Hey you guys, my name is Simone Anderson and I am the ASU Chairperson for this year. I just came to clarify some information that has been brought to my attention and there's some misconceptions going around about the Black Bruin Resource Center. The Black Bruin Resource Center is not fully funded, we are currently doing a spark campaign right now on behalf of ASU and the Black Bruin Resource Center, we have to run two separate spark campaigns right now to fully fund a resource center for the Black student community. We do have the Black community space on the hill, we were given a \$50,000 programmatic budget to operate the space in Kerckhoff and the space on the Hill. We also control the Black forum space in Hanes hall. Essentially, in three spaces we're supposed to operate and program and provide resources for the Black community off of \$50,000 which is obviously insufficient, just in terms of, I don't know what your guys' knowledge is with ASU (indiscernible) is not fully funded, that's where twenty seven Black student organizations sit and make up every student led organization in the Black community. They do not have a consistent annual operating budget nor does us as ASU staff have an annual operating budget. The university just recently committed to funding admin weekend along with every mother org's events recently this past summer but everything else the Union does, African graduation, the Higher Education Conference, all of our projects, everything we do were essentially applying to funding apps for, nothing other than the director's salary is being funded by the university and that \$50,000 programmatic budget which ASUCLA is actually contributing to. In terms of where we're at with the Black Bruin resource center, we are currently in a stand off so to say with Monroe Gordon. The student center has always been initiated by students. ASU began advocating for it seven years ago due to the abuse our projects were enduring in CPO. I'm pretty sure you guys are aware of what the mother org coalition has been going through with CPO over the past decade

under Tony Sandoval's administration, but a whole lot of discrimination and abuse of students of color in there. So this has always been a student initiated ask, and we intended this to be a student run space. Mr. Gordon is telling us that the Board of Governors, there's students that sit on that Board with other alumni, cannot govern that center so we are currently fighting about what it means to be student initiated and student run, because they're trying to turn our center into another CPO and that's what ASU is going through right now in terms of Black Bruin Resource Center and current politics and aspects and we are looking for the support of council to have our backs as we continue to advocate to have this center remain student run and also for it to be funded more sufficiently. Thank you.

- Public comment concluded at 7:13 p.m.

V. Funding

Capital Contingency* _____

_____ J. Wang

Contingency Programming*

J. Wang

Total Allocated: \$850.00

- Hailey motions to approve \$850.00, Mominah seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, Contingency Programming funds are approved

SFS Allocations# _____

Subhan

SWC Programming Fund Allocations# _____

Jackson

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations# _____

Wang

ASRF Allocations# _____

Quint

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations# _____

Quint

ARCF Allocations# _____

Ogunleye

TGIF _____

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VI. Special Presentations

SHAC Presentation

Ahdoot

Aaron: Hi everyone, my name is Aaron Adhoot and I'm the Chair of SHAC.

Hannah: Hi my name is Hannah Altman. I use she/her pronouns and I serve as the Executive Oversight Board Representative for the undergraduate student body meaning that I negotiate all things UC ship as well as sitting on the Student Health Advisory Campaign.

Rosalinda: Hi everyone, I'm Rosalinda and my pronouns are she/her/hers and I'm an undergraduate representative.

Aaron: I'd like to first thank USAC for giving us the opportunity to present today today we want to talk about student health for this upcoming academic year to provide some insight to both council members and those attending. I know right now it's the middle of a pandemic. A lot of things are changing within Ashe and CAPS and so we thought it'd be helpful to give a really brief presentation about student health and a little bit more about our work on SHAC. SHAC's primary roles to make recommendations in the provision of health services at the Ashe center and CAPS and so as you'll see we over the past year we formed partnerships with organizations including Ideas at UCLA, Bruin Shelter, Transup, a number of organizations specifically those you know that represent marginalized student groups as well as under resourced student groups in order to advocate for their health needs and make sure that everyone's voice is included in the provision of health services at UCLA and we also work with the UC ship Executive Oversight Board and that's Hannah's position she's a representative there and we advocate for benefits in UC ship and work for more affordable health plans for students so that's a little bit about our work.

Hannah: Okay so I'm just gonna go over a few things we have accomplished over the past year. So we have been working on helping spread COVID-19 information and recommendations for student health that come from the Ashe center to students and

we use infographics on social media and we also help Ashe and CPS staff understand any confusion and needs among the student body during this pandemic. We've also worked on improving our social media presence among the student body so we began uh building relationships with other organizations on campus to be able to give you know more well-informed recommendations and understand the issues that students and different communities on campus face. We have also given and compiled an official list of recommendations for the 2021-2022 academic school year to the Ashe staff and Caps staff based on suggestions given to us by students and different student orgs based on the issues that they have encountered when seeking health care at UCLA. So these are some of the recommendations we have given. So we have recommended for a trauma informed medical abortion team, increasing the number of confidential telehealth spaces for students to use on campus, we have also recommended the introduction of peer concierge staff at CAPS since the Ashe center has had it before and we think it'd be very helpful to have something like this at CAPS as well and there's there's a list of other recommendations. We can move on so preparing for the 2021 2022 academic school year things you should probably know and we need to know is that the UC ship the UC ship automatically enrolls us as students, however every student has the ability to wave out of the UC ship insurance and this process has to be done on the Ashe website and the information required is you have to show or provide proof that you you're enrolled with the other any other insurance and the waiver is now open through September 20th. And then the beginning of fall quarter the COVID vaccine is required for all students in UCLA and you're required to upload picture verifications of your vaccine card to the Ashe portal by September 9th to verify the complete two weeks inoculation period prior to returning to campus. However there are limited medical exemptions and accommodations based on disabilities or religious beliefs as well as deferrals for those who are pregnant so please reach out to the Ashe center directly for more information and to verify if you're able to be exempt. Then the flu vaccine, the flu vaccine will be returning as a requirement for all students at UCLA and that center will be giving the flu vaccine out September 20th at the immunization requirement fair at the John Wooden center Court I guess. Eligible students are able to receive a grant to assist them in paying for their out-of-pocket expenses will medical expenses that exceed 500 and are up to three thousand dollars.

Rosalinda: So just as a clarification, the flu vaccine also won't be due until mid-November so just because of when it comes out but they will be placing like, last year's mandatory but they didn't place holds on students accounts for people who didn't get it, and this year they might be. They've not made a final decision about that so just for anybody looking at meeting minutes or anything like that. So what we are really looking forward to is hearing from you about what you need from us and where we can work with you all, we are at the end of the day USAC and GSA appointments, the grad students will be giving the same presentation to GSA and so we wanted you to bring your concerns and your ideas and so you are always welcome to come to our meetings with admin, Ashe, and CAPS. Two weekends ago we had Zulieka the former TSR and head of student parents come to our meeting with admin to raise her concerns and I think that was a really productive conversation so we definitely encourage you to come and then we can also provide you information on any policy changes and get your feedback on those policies. I knew this past year those of you who are also on council last year, we worked a little with you on like the upcoming UC ship increases and how we did everything we could but at the end of the day that wasn't possible to change it as much as we would have liked. So if you have your own feedback on anything student health related please come to our meetings and fill out our feedback form which is linked in the chat as well as you can email us at shaq.ash.ucla.edu and we're really always here for your concerns.

UC AFT Presentation

Velazquez

Caroline: My name is Caroline Luz, I teach in labor studies and I'm the head of the Communications Committee of our Union. I'm here with my buddy Raul.

Raul: Hey, Raul Newman. I teach in the school of music and musicology and I teach Indian classical music

Caroline: We're here to talk to you today about lecturers at the University of California. Some of you may have heard my spiel before so forgive me if you've heard this. I'm delighted to hear that some of our students are here today that's so awesome. So what we want to talk to you about is lecturers at UC and what is a lecturer you may ask. So lecturers are essentially non-tenured faculty, we do the same work as your tenure track professors do but we're employed and have the same teaching credentials but we're employed on short-term contracts and most of us have to reapply for our jobs every year. You may not know this but lecturers teach about 30 to 70, 30 to 40 of credit hours at the UC particularly introductory level and core requirement classes that are required to sort of establish your academic career, so if you've ever taken a class in the writing program that's probably going to be a lecturer that taught you, if you take language classes more likely than not that those are going to be lecturers that are teaching you. And as a result we carry a lot of the academic load of the university, over 80 percent of teaching faculty that are

non-tenured at UC are employed part-time which means that we often teach one maybe two classes over the course of a year rather than a full-time load and what that means is that our annual median annual salary is under \$20,000 a year. Most of us don't qualify for health care benefits or any kind of retirement which is particularly preposterous given the global pandemic and everything that you just heard from the folks from ship and it means that we have to often take on second, third, sometimes fourth jobs to make our ends meet and to be whole. What we've been really fighting for is to make our jobs more secure and more stable so that we don't get distracted by all those overwhelming needs. Even full-time lecturers in the UC, people who are teaching a full rafter or four classes a year their starting salaries fall below the low income level which means that with our \$3,400 hundred dollars a month take-home pay most of us are struggling to make rent even if we're full-time employed and we're also not paid for a lot of the work that we do outside of the classroom, so writing letters of recommendation not considered part of our job, mentoring and advising our students is not considered part of our job, curriculum development or updating our syllabus adjusting our course materials not considered part of our job, that entire shift to online learning that we've been through in the past couple years none of that was considered part of our job and most people didn't even know if they were going to have a job in the fall so how are you going to expend all that additional labor to update and make your courses really really good when you don't know that they're there. I don't know if you can see in the bottom hand corner of this screen one of the really important things to keep in mind is that lecturers are disproportionately women, so about 37 percent of tenured faculty across the UC, that's at every rank of tenure from associate professor assistant professor onto full professor, about 37 percent of tenured faculty are 30 are female and u57 of lecturers and teaching faculty at UC are female so we're really carrying the load, women in the UC are carrying the load and the average turn of service one, of the biggest problems is that we are churned out of the university after a couple years and what that means is that our members have to spend all their time finding other jobs hoping to look for other jobs because they just don't know if they're going to have a job in the fall and that issue of job security has been central to our contract campaign, so for the past two years UC AFT has been fighting for an improvement in all of these conditions and our campaign has focused on three main issues: number one is those workload standards that I mentioned. So we want to make sure that all of that work we're doing outside of the classroom which right now is considered unpaid work is compensated so that we can provide our students the best possible education. We're fighting for fair compensation so that we can bring up that minimum base pay so that no teaching faculty that you see has to struggle to make ends meet and so that our compensation aligns with our training, our expertise, and our contributions to the university and will keep pace with the incredible pace of inflation and the high cost of living in the state of California. And third and probably most important to our campaign has been transparent and consistent rehiring processes that create just a modicum of stability. We're fighting for some really basic things as far as this goes such as the right to teach the class you've taught before if you've proven to do a good job, one of our main campaign issues is that you should have be able to teach that class again before they bring in somebody else to teach it who's never taught it before. I'm happy to answer more questions. But that's a little pitch here as we head into the fall, as I mentioned we've been bargaining for a new contract for over two years, our contract negotiations have visually reached an impasse this past summer and what that means is that we can no longer make progress at the bargaining table and it's time for collective action so we're reaching out to you guys in part because we know that students are going to be central to our campaign in the fall because our working conditions are your learning conditions so we improve our working conditions that means your learning conditions are going to get better, that job stability is going to mean that your professor can hang out after class a bit longer and won't have to rush off to drive an uber or something to make ends meet. It'll mean that your professor will be around to see you through your career, I often have students ask me after I'm done teaching what I'll be teaching the next quarter or what'll be the teaching the next year and I don't know because I don't know if I'm going to be around. Or you start with someone freshman year you build a really strong relationship you don't know if you're going to be there to write that letter or recommendation they're going to need to get into law school their third or fourth year right, so we want to be around we want to be part of the teaching of the community at campus that we care so much about and we want to be members of and we know that students are going to be central to our efforts to sort of elevate these concerns and win a fair contract this fall. So what we're asking you to do in the most basic level is actually to sign a really quick solidarity pledge, I'm going to put the link to our website it's weteachuc.org in the chat, there's a button on that website that says stand with teaching faculty and if you click that link you can enter in some very basic personal information we're not trying to blast you with ads for you know some stuff we just need to sort of build a mailing list so that we can reach out to you all and once you've added your information there it's gonna prompt some specific sign up forms if you want to join particular pieces of our organizing efforts for the fall we're hoping for example to visit as many student organizations as we possibly can. Breeze was so kind to invite us tonight, we're so honored to be part of this meeting here but we know that y'all are connected in other ways to other groups on campus and one of the first things we're really hoping to do is just get a chance to meet with as many of those groups as possible so there's a link if after you fill out your information it'll produce some links there and there's an rsvp there where you can sign up to have us come visit your group we're also going to be doing informational pickets in October and you can sign up to join us on the picket line we're also hoping to organize a kind of student solidarity rally as part of those occasions so by signing up here you don't have to commit to any of this today you're just sort of joining our

mailing list so that we can reach out in the future. And then I think that Breeze and maybe some other folks in this body are going to potentially work on a resolution in our support, I know that Justin, Gen Rep three or two excuse me, helped to push through last year, we'd love to see that again but more than anything we just are really hoping that y'all can help us elevate these concerns as we head back into the fall. There's a lot to be discussed about going back to campus and what that means for people there's a lot that everybody is thinking about right now we just want to sort of put ourselves on your radar and let you know that we're going to be hitting the ground running this fall we might drop in on your class you might see us around campus in our blue t-shirts, I left mine at home I'm actually at my parents house right now so I don't have my blue t-shirt but keep an eye out for that and we just are so thankful for your support and um we'll be happy to involve you in our campaign in any way that you can that we can.

VII. Appointments

Academic Senate (Legislative Assembly Council) Marilyn Pham* Chavez

- Taylonnei motions to appoint Marilyn Pham to Academic Senate (Legislative Assembly Council), Sandra seconds
- By motion of 11-0-1 the motion passes, Marilyn Pham is appointed to Academic Senate (Legislative Assembly Council)

Academic Senate (Undergraduate Student Council) Yashmeen Sharma* Chavez

- Herman motions to appoint Yashmeen Sharma to Academic Senate (Undergraduate Student Council), Sarah seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, Yashmeen Sharma is appointed to Academic Senate (Undergraduate Student Council)

Academic Senate (Legislative Assembly Council) Mariam Aref* Quint

Academic Senate (Council on Research) Luis Angel Yepez* Quint

- Jane motions to appoint Luis Angel Yepez to Academic Senate (Council on Research), Herman seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, Luis Angel Yepez is appointed to Academic Senate (Council on Research)

Academic Senate (Academic Freedom Committee) Nunu White* Quint

- Tayloneei motions to appoint Nunu White to Academic Senate (Academic Freedom Committee), Herman seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, Nunu White appointed to Academic Senate (Academic Freedom Committee)

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President Velazquez

- Met with different students for Academic Dishonesty cases
- Had first meeting with Honorary Naming Committee
- Had first meeting with Monroe Gordon - discussed Black Bruin Resource Center, Covid, CPO Accountability
- Response and Recovery Task Force had our first meeting today
- Looking over the Presidential Safety Plan and releasing a response

- Herman moves to begin council meetings for the school year on Week 1, September 28th at 7pm, Hailey seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, council meetings set for the upcoming academic year

- Jane motions to hold council meeting on Tuesday, September 7th at 7pm, Mominah seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, next meeting will be held September 7th at 7pm

- Emily motions to hold a special meeting on August 30th at 7pm, Jane seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, special meeting will be held August 30th at 7pm

B. Internal Vice President Gatica

- Released a transparency report on our social media pages
- Extended application deadlines for office staff
- Meet Material Needs Platform released a survey
- Working on meeting with Bruins for Accessible Resources and Bruin Shelter
- Instagram name change to @usaivp

C. External Vice President Wang

- Working on Bruins Vote with CALPIRG

- Released a social media post on the recall
- SOS will be on September 4th

D. General Representative 1 Written

Valles

External Updates:

- I. Bridging the Gap
 - A. Sorting through resources provided by representatives from CSUN BUILD PODER program
 - B. Beginning stages of developing proposal for STREAM initiative based on findings offered by CSUN
- II. Decoding Academia
 - A. Working with ISR on incoming student guide
- III. Foster Youth Advocacy
 - A. N/A
- IV. Seat in the Classroom
 - A. N/A

Internal Updates:

- I. REGROW
 - A. Preparing with staff for quarterly internship
- II. Social Media
 - A. Gathering information from staff for introductory post
 - B. Posting introductions of executive + general staff week of 08/23/21
- III. Community Over Competition
 - A. Meeting for mental health resource guide
 - B. Meeting for mental health coalition
 - C. Met with Active Minds to discuss mental health coalition
 - D. Met with staff and introduced them to current work
 - E. Compiling list of organizations for outreach regarding mental health coalition
 - F. Discussed Mental Health Coalition with IVP
 - G. Receiving feedback/input from other organizations regarding mental health coalition
- IV. Finances
 - A. Attending budget training
 - B. Discussing with directorships how funds will be allocated in future events
- V. Chief of Staff + GR1:
 - A. Hosted staff initiation
 - B. Outreach & Planning for the office's initiatives
 - C. Shared google drive compiling documents from entire office
 - D. Check-ins
 - E. Continuing conversations with LGBTQ Resource Center Training Proposal
 - F. Met with CAPS Representative to discuss mental health coalition
 - G. Attended budget training
 - H. Contributed to drafting of resolution in support for Afghan students

E. General Representative 2 Written

Pungchai

- Spoke with SWC last week about MHP collaboration efforts
- Arranged meeting w/ Jacob Linder and FSC about the USAC budgetviewer; Jacob plans to work from FSC office now

F. General Representative 3 Written

King

- Released answers for questions asked during student body survey
- Hired more general staff members
- Met with financial wellness fitness center social media team about Gen Rep 3 coordination

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

- Meeting with students for academic dishonesty cases

- Working on creating a training manual for student advocates to help t
- Have a meeting with Student Advocate Board director tomorrow
- Working to get Academic Senate folks appointed
- Attended a conference called Echo 360, a platform for online learning

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Sanghavi

I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Subhan

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Ni

- Chief of Accessibility attended meeting regarding College Pads program with TSR, IVP, and FSC
- Met with Dining Sustainability in order to discuss reusable container pilot program
- Met with CEC, DSU to discuss accessibility measures for BruinBash and met with CAE associate director after
- Met with UCLA Housing Maintenance to talk about Accessible Infrastructure
 - o They agreed to unscrew some seats that were blocking access for wheelchair/mobility aid users and to ask for more Braille on signs on the Hill
- Continued onboarding around 40 staff members, going to be hosting first meeting this week
- Attended regular biweekly meeting with CAE leadership, AAC, and DSU
- Was out of office Aug 10-19

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Yu

- We have been coordinating with Student Government Accounting to sort out any remaining relief fund disbursement issues, such as checks that have bounced back, PayPal account errors, and incorrectly formatted mailing addresses. Any payments that are currently being mailed out are ones that had the aforementioned technical issues. Students with questions about the relief fund disbursement should email them to usacrelief@gmail.com.
- Our CRC appointment candidate, JeiRonemo Thomas, was appointed to CRC last USAC meeting!
- I am trying to find a prospective appointment, the Commuter Liaison, to sit on the Undergraduate Commuter Committee.
- Worked with Chiefs of Staff to set up a committee progress oversight structure for the upcoming year.
- FSC Education committee directors are working with ISR on New Student Survival Guide project. FSC is researching and writing the housing and financial aid part of the guide.
- Attended a meeting with IVP and TSR and College Pads, a company that works with universities to create off-campus housing search platforms at no cost to students. We hope to have this platform implemented at UCLA.
- Met with developer of the USAC Expenditure Viewer project to facilitate the handover of the Expenditure Viewer from GR2 to FSC. The USAC Expenditure Viewer was developed over the past 2 years in the 2019-2020 GR2 office and 2020-2021 GR1 office. The latest version, yet to be launched, was presented to Council on August 9th.
- Next week, FSC Director of Funding Initiatives will attend a meeting with the Chair of the USAC Finance Committee (FiCom) to learn more about how student organizations can apply for USAC funding.
- General Staff Application was released! It is being publicized through Instagram and department email listservs. Apply through the following link by August 31st, 11:59 PM PST: bit.ly/FSCStaff
 - We are writing up a series of IG posts describing the different committees and positions available, as well as what they've been up to so far. Accountability and staff expansion rolled into one!

Upcoming initiatives:

- Once the FSC office in Kerckhoff becomes accessible in September, I'm looking forward to sorting out the space, cleaning it, and taking inventory of our lab coat and goggles stock to be able to get the Lab Coat and Goggles Loaner Program up and running.

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Jackson

- SWC Wellness Wednesdays on Instagram/Twitter @swcucla are live now!
- Wrapping up the first round of 1:1s with committee directors + overall executive board.
- Finalized the categories for the UCLA Wellness Hub! We will now be doing asset mapping of wellness resources.

- Sent out facilitator invite emails to potential facilitators for the Health Equity Summit. We will be sending out guest invite emails tomorrow! **The Health Equity Summit will be held on Sunday, Sept 12 at 10AM!**
 - o If you're interested in either participating as an attendee or facilitator, please DM me on IG @swcucla OR email me at swc@usac.ucla.edu!
- Networking with corporations for the inaugural Healthcoming.
- Held a publicity meeting to discuss branding ideas!
- Working with ISR office on the International Student Survival Guide.
- Interviewing appointees for Undergraduate Council, Congressional Advisory Board, and Legislative Assembly!

N. Transfer Representative Written

Chavez

- Held six ARC Interviews for Academic Senate

O. International Student Representative Verbal

Garcia

- Holding International Student Welcome Weekend
- Working on International Student Guide with other USAC offices

Q. Administrative Representatives

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

Jessica: Just an update on the room reservation lottery that will be happening for fall quarter. Signatories for groups should've received an email today, the important dates for lottery are between August 27th - 30th there will be sign ups to get your organization included in the schedule for what day and time you'll have your lottery appointment. Between September 7th and September 22nd, lottery will be happening for meeting room reservations. The other thing I wanted to note is for funding bodies that may need space for meetings or funding hearings, Fernando and I will pre-book those for you all.

Josh: I sent out an email to you all of the current open appointments through USAC, please review. The goal is to have the positions filled before October 1st.

Orlando: Just wanted to reiterate what Jessica said about the signatories.

Fernando: I just want to reiterate that if you have directors you are looking to hire, check your emails and CC Vuong when responding.

Patti: We will be continuing our partnership with Student Committee of the Arts for Art in the Union event during Welcome Week. We will also be expanding our programming throughout the fall quarter, we'd love to collaborate with your offices. This past year we did a newsletter and we want to continue that throughout this school year.

IX. Old Business

Academic Senate Appointments*

Quint

X. New Business

UC Community Safety Plan Response

Velazquez

USAC Collaboration w/ Funds

J. Wang

Jenny: Thank you guys for staying so long. I just wanted to before the school year kind of starts I wanted to create a space ir council wanted to talk about what they wanted to see from funding this year. I think a big push is kind of just to do more with funding in terms of like advertising education like I've started doing workshops and we're going to keep pushing for that but I wanted to see like if there was anything specific from council that you guys were interested in doing this year.

Breeze: Yeah actually I did have something that I really wanted like help with. I guess in speaking with the MOs I think that there's a lot of confusion on what funds they're able to apply to and they usually apply, for example, like CAC or CPC or whatnot right but I don't know if there's some sort of way that maybe council members could also collaborate and we can create some sort of guide that might help student orgs to kind of better, I don't know, give them an idea of like while they might not think oh a certain event would qualify to allow them to apply it might because I know like I kind of like directed people this past summer and I think it would be kind of helpful especially when new leadership transitions in it takes awhile to get accustomed to learn like funding.

UC AFT Resolution

Velazquez

A Resolution Calling for Academic Leniency for Afghan Students

Sponsors:

Angelina Quint, Academic Affairs Commissioner

Co-Sponsors:

Jane Ni, Facilities Commissioner

Hailey Valles, General Representative 1

WHEREAS, the Taliban has taken control of many major cities in Afghanistan and installed themselves in the Presidential palace of Kabul, and many Afghans are currently trying to leave the country,¹

WHEREAS, the U.S. has failed to uphold its promise that the U.S. military-trained Afghan army was to assume control of the nation during U.S. withdrawal and failed to evacuate U.S. citizens, Afghan allies, and Afghan refugees in a timely manner,

WHEREAS, Biden has ordered the withdrawal of U.S. military troops from Afghanistan by September 11th in spite of widespread fear of a return to oppressive Taliban rule²,

WHEREAS, the U.S. has deployed troops to Kabul to evacuate American citizens and allies while the Afghan people, who have been impacted by decades of U.S. imperialist forces, have flooded the airport of Kabul in attempt to flee violence³,

WHEREAS, at least seven Afghans have already died trying to escape the country and make it to the Kabul airport⁴,

WHEREAS, amidst the Taliban's seizure of Kabul and widespread violence perpetrated against women, children, and minorities within the nation, the Afghan people continue to face the threat of COVID-19 transmission as the Taliban have banned vaccinations in eastern Afghanistan's province of Paktia⁵,

WHEREAS, there are currently 3.5 million Afghans internally displaced in addition to the nearly 1.5 million Afghans who fled to neighboring countries in 2020⁶,

WHEREAS, the UN World Food Program has released a report of 14 million Afghans experiencing food insecurity, 2 million Afghan children facing severe hunger, and half of the nation living in poverty, amidst conflict and COVID-19⁷,

WHEREAS, the Taliban have carried out targeted attacks on the Hazara community, previously the largest Afghan ethnic groups in the nation prior to their massacre in 1893⁸,

WHEREAS, the Taliban has stopped Afghan Sikhs from evacuating the nation roughly a year after at least 25 Sikh Afghans were killed in Kabul, leaving Afghan Sikhs and Hindus pressuring international governments to evacuate them from Afghanistan⁹,

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² <https://apnews.com/article/afghanistan-taliban-13304940ec709865ca52aae2d832b963>

³ <https://apnews.com/article/joe-biden-middle-east-kabul-taliban-3b850a19ba426dfa82e3f0533c33402d>

⁴ <https://apnews.com/article/afghanistan-kabul-airport-deaths-8254e2e79a1a88dd1bd8802b6b9dedac>

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⁶ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-58283177>

⁷ <https://www.wfpusa.org/countries/afghanistan/>

⁸ <https://minorityrights.org/minorities/hazaras/>

⁹ <https://indianexpress.com/article/india/taliban-stops-72-afghan-sikhs-and-hindus-from-boarding-iaf-plane-7464332/>

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council stands in solidarity with the Afghan community and with our Afghan students whose families and community are being severely impacted by the crimes and persecution perpetuated by the Taliban.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the USAC calls on university administration, the Academic Senate, academic departments, and individual professors to practice academic leniency for Afghan students and to take into account the needs of Afghan students during this time. We strongly urge professors to simplify summer session midterms, and we condemn making remote exams and assignments more difficult and strenuous for students.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the USAC calls on university faculty and administration to take a public stance in solidarity with the Afghan community and with Afghan students, and donate to causes that provide aid to Afghanistan and to the Afghan community.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the USAC calls on the university, systemwide administration, and students to exercise empathy in this distressing time for Afghan students and heed our demands to practice academic leniency and stand in solidarity with the Afghan community.

XI. Adjournment*

Velazquez

- Breeze adjourns the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

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* Indicates Action Item
Indicates Consent Item
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