



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
May 24, 2022  
7 PM PST  
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/92657782154>

## **I. Call to Order**

King

- Carl calls the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

### **A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Signed via google docs

## **II. Approval of Agenda\***

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- Strike Resolution in Solidarity with Survivors
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike TGIF
- Strike AAC Travel Mini Grant Allocations
- Strike SWC Programming Fund Allocations
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike SFS Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency Allocations
- Eliana moves to approve the agenda as amended, Kian seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

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

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- Sarah moves to approve the minutes from 5/17/22, Anna seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes are approved for 5/17/22.

## **IV. Public Comment**

King

- Public comment closed at 7:08pm.

## **V. Funding**

- A. ~~Capital Contingency\*~~ J. Wang
- B. [Contingency Programming\\*](#) J. Wang

- Allocations: \$10,554.45 to 19 non-USAC entities and 1 USAC entity
- Alicia moves to approve \$10,554.45 to 19 non-USAC entities and 1 USAC entity, My-Lan seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Contingency Programming is approved for the week.

- C. ~~SFS Allocations#~~ Flores
- D. ~~SWC Programming Fund Allocations#~~ Majer
- E. ~~Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#~~ Johnson
- F. ~~ASRF Allocations#~~ Cortez
- G. ~~AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#~~ Cortez
- H. [ARC Allocations#](#) Verdugo

- \$25,946.05 to 17 student organizations
- Accepting applications until end of the week
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

- I. ~~TGIF#~~ Chiu

## **VI. Special Presentations**

### **A. CALPIRG Presentation**

Castronovo

- Presented by Katie Wagman, Clara Castronova, and Radha Patel

#### **I. Organizational Structure**

- Mission: CALPIRG Students' mission is to train student leaders to act on problems that affect the lives of all Californians and to promote solutions. We do this by combining the energy of students with the expertise of professional staff including advocates and organizers who work both on and off campus to advocate for the public.
- Statewide Organization:
  - We have chapters at 8 of the UCs as well as at other state universities in a number of other states.
  - Student Board of Directors
    - 36 elected student members
    - Votes on budget + statewide lead campaign + approves new campaigns
  - UCLA Board Representatives:
    - UCLA has 6 representatives on our state board
  - Statewide Executive Committee
    - 6 students elected from the Board of Directors
    - Drives statewide priorities
- CALPIRG at UCLA
  - 300 volunteers
  - 50 interns
  - 6000 educated through class presentations
  - 15k on email list

#### **II. Campaigns**

- Beyond Plastics:
  - Goal of the campaign: Get the LA County Board of Supervisors to Pass an Ordinance Phasing Out Single-Use Plastics in LA County
  - Accomplishments so far:
    - Passed LA County Ordinance!
    - Met with the offices of 6 city council members
    - Collected over 2000 petitions signature, 200 photo petitions, 50 letters from students
    - Support of 17 Small Businesses
    - Spoke at national conference on plastic pollution
    - Lobbied state representatives on the issue
    - Held many events like a Beach Clean up and upcoming Sustainability Festival
- New Voters Project
  - Goal: Planning out the midterm elections and getting the campus registered to vote
  - Accomplishments so far
  - Met with the EVP office to assess what plans we should accomplish for next years midterm elections
  - Registered students on our campus to vote at the correct addresses
  - Gathered photo petitions in support
- 100% Clean Transportation
  - Goal: Extend the EV infrastructure in LA (city and county)
  - Accomplishments so far
  - Met with various city council members that have shown support for our proposals, including the chairs of the environmental and transportation committees
  - Collected hundreds of petitions
  - Raised awareness for the issue of EV infrastructure
  - Got LA County BOS to implement part of our proposal into their infrastructure plan
- Affordable Textbooks
  - Goal: Get the UC Regents to pass an open textbooks grant to incentivize faculty to use

open-access resources to make course materials more accessible and affordable for all students!

- Accomplishments so far:
- Met with Academic Senate COLASC Committee
- Testified at the capital
- Earned 100 faculty to student interactions
- Published a letter in the newspaper
- Met librarian Ginny Steel who is a leader in the open access movement

### III. Organizational Highlights

- Winter Kickoff: 130 new and returning volunteers came to our Winter Kickoff- our largest meeting of the quarter!! And the largest kickoff meeting of any CALPIRG chapter in the county!
- Pledge Drive: CALPIRG Students is funded through a voluntary, opt-in fee of \$10 per quarter; X Students are currently pledging, 11% of the student body, Collected 2500 pledges this school year, Building grassroots support for our Beyond plastics campaign!
- What's Next?
  - Summer canvass
  - Fall: Lead Campaign: Beyond Plastics
  - Other Campaigns Running
  - New Voters Project
  - Basic Needs- Textbooks and Hunger and Homelessness

## **VII. Appointments**

## **VIII. Officer Reports**

### A. President

King

- I finally got access to the President's instagram and twitter account. I have seen many of you start to reshare posts for hiring so I will keep sharing whatever others want reposted. I think we have a group chat where you can post what you want to be reposted.
- I met with the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Task Force this morning regarding potential talk of bringing back the mask mandate because of the increased levels of Covid cases and a lot of individuals won't be able to take their finals. They are trying to figure out the best way to go about this and how the university will move forward with this in regards to booster shots and things of that nature. I will keep everyone updated on that. If you have any feedback that you would like me to express in these meetings, please let me know.
- On Friday, I met with the director of SOLE to discuss future collaborations.
- I spoke with a current member of the ASUCLA Board of Directors for one of the first positions that we need to hire for because of the mandatory retreat coming up. They said that they would be willing to help us find individuals and would also be willing to sit in on the interviews.
- We are going to be finalizing our appointment search committee and appointment review committee tonight.

### B. Internal Vice President

Le

- We are just finalizing transitioning the IVP Social media and all of those other resources and logging into those.
- We are working on hiring our executive staff. Applications just opened yesterday and they are due on June 13th but we will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis so we will be issuing interviews shortly for anyone who has applied.
- This week I also worked to co-sponsor Carl's resolution for Buffalo, NY.

### C. External Vice President

Johnson

- This week I co-sponsored two resolutions, both of which will be mentioned later on.
- I was able to meet with some lovely organizations, one of them being CALPIRG, shout out to them because their presentation was great.
- I also finalized applications for the EVP Director and staff position applications and they should be out by the end of the week to UCLA students.

- I have been transitioning, sifting through emails and responding back to old emails and such.
- D. [General Representative 1 Written](#) Kohanteb
- Contacted the previous Gen Rep 1 to get access to the office instagram and email account
  - Received access to office and began setting up desk
  - Met with Eliana, Gen Rep 3, to discuss potential co-writing a resolution
  - Begun to create application for staff
- E. [General Representative 2 Written](#) Hammonds
- Transitioning
  - USAC trainings
  - Redesigned logo
  - Posting executive staff/directors application by the end of this week
  - Working on graphics to post via social media
- F. [General Representative 3](#) Sisman
- It has been a great week. I had a meeting with CALPIRG and thanks to them for an amazing presentation.
  - I have been trying to get stuff moving on providing enough jobs at UCLA for foster youth. So I am talking with Jessica and we will be meeting with people from Associated Students UCLA and hopefully other employers of students as well. Shoutout to JeiRonemo because he got the whole foster youth advocacy going.
  - I worked with Juan, Phoebe, and a bunch of great people on rewriting my resolution on the transcript notations.
  - We put out our hiring applications which are going to be open until June 10th for my director positions.
- G. [Academic Affairs Commissioner Written](#) Cortez
- Commissioner Updates:
  - Transitioning
  - Did a takeover on Instagram on the 18th to share info w/ the student body on AAC and hirings
  - Usac trainings
  - Established weekly officer hours for the spring and summer (excluding finals week)
  - Began scheduling interviews for potential AAC board members
  - Academic Senate
  - Working on a survey for the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions & Relations to Schools to get student input on A-G ethnic studies requirement
  - Working on a proposal to add an additional transfer seat to CUARS
  - External
  - Meeting w/ Registrar, Corey Hollis from CAC, Eliana, and Juan to ask about transcript notation + incompletes
  - Worked with councilmembers on resolution for Roe v Wade
  - Met with the MSA to discuss a prayer space on the hill
  - Departmental outreach via email to share hiring information
  - Joined the UCOD remote access taskforce
- H. [Campus Events Commission Written](#) Boffa
- UltraBloom : EDM Concert held in Ackerman Grand Ballroom on 05/19 with a total attendance ~ 500 students
  - Finalized internal leadership decisions and will begin transitioning new leaders
- I. [Community Service Commissioner](#) Flores
- This previous week, I have been working on the first few rounds of interviews for staff for next year.
  - This past Saturday, We had our Project Bruin Event which was spearheaded by our own council member Anna Meyer, the Student Wellness Commissioner. It was such a huge event and it went amazing. Thank you

so much Anna for organizing that and leading that where we had different students from different elementary schools come to STEM related workshops led by student organizations here on campus.

- I will report more on the outcomes and how many people attended soon.
- I worked on resolutions with Phoebe and Eliana and a few other council members.

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Verdugo

- We are having the Jazz Reggae Festival on Memorial Day next Monday so get your tickets or sign up to volunteer.
- We had an incredible Echo Park tour for one of our series diversity tours on Sunday and it was beautiful.
- We are trying to finish up finding vendors for JRF and finalizing our end of year event.
- Other than that, just finishing up transition with Promise.
- Our staff applications for our director staff close on the 29th so if you could share that would be great. We are doing interviews as they come in.

K. Facilities Commissioner

Chiu

- Working on transitioning. The applications for the Executive Board for Facilities commission closed last Friday. The director positions are still out tomorrow until 11:59pm. I have done a lot of interviews with people the last couple of weeks really pulling together the roster and hopefully the results will be out by next week.
- I worked with Juan, Eliana, and other folks on the Punitive Notations Resolution and co-sponsoring other resolutions. I spoke a little bit with the FAC SOLE advisor for the current year 2021-2022 but I know that there is a transition to a new SOLE advisor for FAC next year so I am looking forward to meeting that individual.
- I am already starting to create some sort of plan for some of the general meeting facilities for the facilities commission for next year so hopefully people are still excited to apply.

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Broukhim

- We have been working on hiring directors and staffers.
- I have also been working with Eliana and a bunch of other council members to try to get foster youth to work on campus.

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Majer

- Commissioner Updates
  - Onboarded new executive board staff and committee directors
  - Discussed the retrofitting of John Wooden Center with AVC Mick Deluca and Erinn Mchaman for the addition of outdoor weightlifting equipment in Drake Stadium with student leaders from FitWell and HNF.
  - Weekly meeting with the COVID-19 Case Management Team and monthly meeting with the Semel Healthy Campus Initiative Center Steering Committee to give student recommendations
- SWC Updates
  - The 2022-23 SWC Executive board and committee directors were hired!
  - SWC SEARCH participated in UCLA's Undergraduate Research Week by presenting five oral presentations on topics regarding Imposter Phenomenon, COVID-19, the SWC Event Evaluation Program, and LGBTQIA+ health.
  - Active Minds Outreach committee presented at local high schools to destigmatize mental health and address death by suicide.
  - BruinNecessities prepared Basic Needs packages for pick-up!
- SWC Events
  - CPR hosted SuperCPR on the Hill to provide residents with free CPR certification
  - HNF, Active Minds, and HNF supported the USAC Community Service Commission in the execution of Project Bruin, an event to encourage the pursuit of higher education among K-8 students throughout the LA community
  - Total Wellness hosted "A Foodie Faire: Vegan Ventures" to encourage plant-based diets and a positive relationship with food.

N. Transfer Student Representative

Moreno

- This past week, I was able to meet with different staff members at the Transfer Student Center. They had an event going on for the Transfer students in the Kerckhoff patio.
  - I have also been in contact with Danielle Espinoza and we are trying to plan events next year for the transfer students to engage with each other.
- I am meeting with Josh this week to really get things going for my office for the next school year.

O. International Student Representative

Nath

- My office has been working on transitioning. I finally got in touch with the previous ISR and I am starting to get transition documents but I still haven't got access to instagram and stuff so that should be there by the end of the quarter.
- Apart from that, I have tried to find volunteers who can help out with the office and we are also starting to create a list of all student organizations that will be relevant to the ISR's office eventually and sending out emails to set up meetings.

P. Administrative Representatives

O'Connor, Luna, Alexander, Solomon, Chacon

- Josh: "Hi friends, just a quick update. At this moment in time, you should all have access to your USAC email accounts. That is how administration, myself, Jessica, the notes, the agendas. They will all go out to your formal accounts. If you do not have access to that please email me and I am going to drop my email in the chat. Please email me ASAP so we can get you access to those USAC email accounts. Number two, Carl did just point out that you all have quite a few appointments that are coming up. Please read your bylaws and the constitution particularly well. You should read all of it. It is listed on the USAC website but if you have not looked over your specific bylaws please do so as many you have appointments that need to be appointed by Week 10 which is next week. Please make sure that you are working with My-Lan and Carl to get those on the agenda. They have to be posted by this Thursday because Monday is a holiday so please by five o'clock have it posted to the agenda. Start looking at what your appointments need to do and who you want to appoint. Jessica, Orlando, Patty, and I are all here for you as well. Carl has been through this so he knows. Reach out to any of us if you have any questions about those pieces. But read your bylaws and know what your appointments are and start making a plan of when you want to bring your appointments forward to get voted in. That's all I have right now. Take care of yourselves as we are entering finals. There is a lot on your plate right now, so don't overstress yourself. Make sure that you are pacing yourself with what is coming up on your plate."
- Jessica: "One quick reminder for your board of directors appointments. As you are putting out the applications, try to find students if you can include it in your application that the board retreat dates are June 13th through 15th and I will put that in the chat. It is really critical for the students who come forward to be interviewed to be appointed for those dates because that is really where they are going to get all of the training overview of ASUCLA and how the board operated the financial things. If a student were to miss that, then they wouldn't be able to serve their term as the board of directors appointment for USAC. So just something to be transparent about when you are getting students to interview or apply to the position, make sure that they can commit to being available for those dates for the retreat. If there is anything you need for your office that you are not getting access to, let us know and we can help out with that. If anybody feels like you want to meet one-on-one, I am happy to set up individual zoom meetings as needed so just reach out."
- George: "The same updates from last week. I said that there is an upcoming alumni association board meeting on June 4th. There also will be a new alumni rep for you all. I still have to meet them but there is a new person and they will be your new alumni rep. So awesome. I will keep you all posted on that. I don't know when my last USAC meeting will be but I will let you know."

## IX. Old Business

A. By-Law Change\*

Robinson

- Eliana moves to approve Article V, Section E, 2 ii, iv, v, Kian seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-1, the motion passes and the Bylaw Change is approved.

- B. [Another By-Law Change\\*](#) Le
- Waiting to vote on ByLaw Change until CRC committee has a chance to review bylaw change.
- C. [Appointment Search Committee](#) King
- Juan Flores
  - Eliana Sisman
  - Alicia Verdugo
- D. [Appointment Review Committee](#) King
- Kian, Naomi, Hansika requested to be on the committee, but one has to serve as the alternate.
  - Council votes anonymously for the alternative.
  - Naomi Hammonds
  - Hansika Nath
  - Kian Kohanteb chosen as alternate.
- E. [Constitutional Review Committee](#) King
- Sarah Broukhim
  - Daniela Bravo
  - Teddy Moreno
- F. [Budget Review Committee](#) King
- Phoebe Chiu
  - Sarah Broukhim
  - Juan Flores
- G. [Resolution: In Solidarity with Survivors\\*](#) ~~Sisman, Flores~~
- H. [Resolution: Removal of Punitive Notations From Student Transcripts\\*](#) Sisman

**A Resolution for the Removal of Punitive Notations from Student Transcripts**

**Sponsors:** Eliana Sisman, General Representative #3; Juan Flores, Community Service Commissioner; Phoebe Chiu, Facilities Commissioner, Carl King, Jr., President; Hansika Nath, International Student Representative

**Whereas,** grades of 'Incomplete' are assigned when a student's work is of adequate quality but is incomplete for reasonable cause. Students typically only have one quarter to complete their work to fulfill the Incomplete Petition Contract unless there are extenuating circumstances which require a letter of support from the professor<sup>1</sup>, creating another barrier. Once students complete their work, the professor will fill out a Report of Academic Revision and submit it to the Registrar's Office. Incomplete Petition Contracts also consist of a \$5 charge to student bar accounts (Billing & Accounts Receivable System<sup>2</sup>) before removing the 'Incomplete' notation. However, the 'Incomplete' notation, 'I,' and the Final Grade are on the transcript even after finishing this process.

**Whereas,** students do not receive 'Incomplete' grades because they are irresponsible or unwilling to complete coursework. Instead, it is due to circumstances beyond their control, such as disabilities and chronic illnesses, hospitalizations, extensive and necessary increases in working hours, natural disasters, and deaths in the immediate family<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://caac.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/IncompletePolicy.pdf>

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<https://www.finance.ucla.edu/business-finance-services/student-accounts/billing-accounts-receivable-system-bar>

<sup>3</sup> <https://registrar.ucla.edu/student-records/grades-and-academic-revisions>

**Whereas,** students with disabilities and chronic illnesses, including those living with Long COVID, are especially likely to get an 'Incomplete.' Mentioned students often need extra time to do their work due to hospitalizations, fatigue, pain flares, or other difficulties caused by disability and chronic illness.

**Whereas,** disadvantaged students, in general, are likely to get multiple 'Incomplete' grades since they are more vulnerable to barriers in completing their coursework.

**Whereas,** a permanent 'Incomplete' transcript notation penalizes students. Review committees for graduate school programs, employers, fellowships, grants, and financial award programs may flag 'Incomplete' transcript notations, which may prevent them from receiving opportunities. Students may also feel pressured to disclose the reason behind an 'Incomplete.' Disclosure may entail revealing a disability or a painful personal event they endured, which is psychologically taxing and can subject students to prejudice.

**Whereas,** all students who get 'Incomplete' notations on their transcript have endured obstacles, which an equitable university must do its best to remove. Since disabled students frequently get 'Incomplete' grades due to their disabilities, current practices of leaving 'Incomplete' notations on students' transcripts forever is a form of discrimination based on disability, serving as a barrier to the inclusion of disabled students and the diversification of higher education.

**Whereas,** other UCs have decided to put a stop to the misuse of 'Incomplete' notations to punish and discriminate against students instead of helping them by not leaving 'Incomplete' on their transcripts forever<sup>4</sup>.

**Whereas,** inflicting this harm on students who have not done anything wrong, just because circumstances beyond their control made it necessary for them to receive extra time to complete their coursework, is unjust and incompatible with the True Bruin Value of "Respect-I will respect the rights & dignity of others."<sup>5</sup>

**Whereas,** leaving 'Incomplete' notations on transcripts forever puts a stigmatizing and harmful mark on many disabled students because of their need for disability accommodations and is a form of flagging. Flagging is a manner of marking student records that reveals the disabilities and need for accommodations by students who have disabilities. Flagging unnecessarily and inappropriately exposes disabled students to discrimination, and therefore the Justice Department and federal courts have ruled that flagging is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.<sup>6</sup>

**Whereas,** UCLA's Academic Senate, administration, and student body have expressed their commitments to non-discrimination, civil rights, equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) for every community, including students with disabilities<sup>7</sup> and disadvantaged students. Therefore, they have committed to removing unjust obstacles and establishing equal opportunity and dignity for all members of the UCLA community.

**Therefore, let it be resolved** that USAC stands with the brilliant activists for disability rights and student rights who have been working for years to reform the 'Incomplete' notation. USAC urges the Academic Senate to make 'Incompletes' into temporary placeholders instead of permanent marks on transcripts, so 'Incompletes' can follow their original intention of assisting and not punishing students that try their best to complete coursework despite uncontrollable obstacles.

**Let it further be resolved,** that USAC advocates that the Academic Senate extends the amount of time for students to remove their 'Incomplete' notations from the next regular quarter to the next three regular quarters, not including Summer sessions, and

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<sup>4</sup>[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Xcl\\_u85HlhSmqBe0znfKswSF75idvj3AdMs8flrGcd8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Xcl_u85HlhSmqBe0znfKswSF75idvj3AdMs8flrGcd8/edit?usp=sharing)

<sup>5</sup> <https://truebruin.ucla.edu/>

<sup>6</sup>[https://www.ada.gov/regs2014/testing\\_accommodations.html#:~:text=Flagging%20announces%20to%20anyone%20receiving,ADA%20for%20fear%20of%20discrimination.](https://www.ada.gov/regs2014/testing_accommodations.html#:~:text=Flagging%20announces%20to%20anyone%20receiving,ADA%20for%20fear%20of%20discrimination.)

<sup>7</sup> <https://senate.ucla.edu/committee/codei>



remove the \$5 bar account charge to provide leniency to students and a better chance at completing their Incomplete Petition Contract and achieving desired grades, effective Spring 2022.

**Let it further be resolved**, that USAC calls for the Academic Senate to consider a retroactive extension for two additional quarters for students with an active Incomplete Petition Contract where the deadline is to submit work by the end of Spring 2022.

**Let it finally be resolved** that once a student either completes their work and gets a passing grade or does not complete it in time and gets an F, UCLA will need to remove the 'I' from their transcript. Instead, UCLA will replace the 'Incomplete' with the same notation any other student would have on their transcript, indicating which quarter they took the class and their final grade. The averaging of grade points and units will only affect the cumulative GPA and not the term GPA, as listed in the current policy<sup>8</sup>.

- Phoebe moves to approve A Resolution for A Removal of Punitive Notations from Student Transcripts, Divine seconds.
- By a vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and A Resolution for the Removal of Punitive Notations from Student Transcripts is approved.

## **X. New Business**

### **A. Resolution: Roe v. Wade**

Johnson, Cortez

## **A Resolution In Solidarity With All Affected Individuals By Roe v Wade, Taking A Stance Against its Potential Overturn.**

**Sponsors:** *Divine-Faith Johnson*, External Vice President; Daniela Anais Cortez Bravo, Academic Affairs Commissioner; Phoebe Chiu, Facilities Commissioner; Eliana Sisman, General Representative 3

**WHEREAS**, on May 2nd, 2022, a draft of a Supreme Court document was leaked to the public, demonstrating that there is an intent to overturn Roe v. Wade<sup>9</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1972, the decision of Roe v Wade was established to protect an individual's right to safe and legal abortions by extending protections in the name of one's constitutional right to privacy<sup>10</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, this present attack on Roe v Wade is not the first: in 1976, the Hyde Amendment determined restrictions on abortion options for impregnated individuals. Subsequently, under the Reagan Administration, new laws gave states individual autonomy over decisions on abortions. This was exacerbated by the Affordable Care Act's divestment from reproductive healthcare, including cuts to abortion cost coverage, followed by attempts to defund Planned Parenthood – all events that emboldened abortion bans in states like Mississippi and Texas<sup>11</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the denial of reproductive choice goes against bodily autonomy, and the majority of college students support the option and access to abortion.<sup>12</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, college-aged women 20-24 years old make up the majority of those who have abortions, and 40% of people report that they have abortions because “having a child could derail their education;”<sup>13</sup> and,

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<sup>8</sup> <https://caac.ucla.edu/policies/incompletes/>

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<https://www.npr.org/2022/05/03/1096075487/leaked-document-suggests-the-supreme-court-intends-to-strike-down-roe-v-wade>

<sup>10</sup> [https://www.plannedparenthood.org/files/3013/9611/5870/Abortion\\_Roe\\_History.pdf](https://www.plannedparenthood.org/files/3013/9611/5870/Abortion_Roe_History.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.vox.com/23055389/roe-v-wade-timeline-abortion-overturn-political-polarization>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0362331900001014>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.guttmacher.org/united-states/abortion>

**WHEREAS**, the decision to overturn Roe v. Wade would have an abominable impact on the lives of all bodies that are able to bear children in the United States of America, ultimately depriving individuals of the autonomy and agency over their own bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Jewish community and other religious minorities have a range of opinions on abortion, there is a strong and broad commitment in these traditions to defending the life of pregnant women above all else, and therefore many abortion bans will undermine their religious and cultural freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, the impediment of reproductive freedom would have the most disproportionate impact on the lives of marginalized individuals, such as BIPOC individuals, LGBTQ+ community members, people with disabilities, and other populations who are vulnerable to systemic injustice and an inequitable healthcare system<sup>14</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the illegalization of abortion is an infringement of reproductive freedom that permeates sexism, racism, misogyny, transphobia, ableism; and

**WHEREAS**, the overturn of Roe v. Wade explicitly criminalizes individuals with bodies that are able to bear children for their ability to choose on matters that include but are not limited to pregnancy in the case of unexpected conception, medical emergencies, or sexual violence.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council stresses the opposition to the potential overturn of Roe v Wade.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council calls on the UCLA Administration to acknowledge the emotional stress that this news has caused and must publicly acknowledge the weight of the issue.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council will support the previous Council's letter to California Governor Gavin Newsom, dated May 5, 2021, calling for him to constitutionalize abortion in the state of California.<sup>15</sup>

**LET IT BE FINALLY BE RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council calls on the UCLA Administration to mobilize support in the form of extended psychological services and resources to work with organizations and communities affected by the potential overturn of Roe v Wade.

- Juan moves to approve A Resolution In Solidarity With All Affected Individuals By Roe v Wade, Taking A Stance Against Its Potential Overturn, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 13-1-0, the motion passes and A Resolution in Solidarity With All Affected Individuals by Roe v Wade, Taking a Stance against its Potential overturn is approved.

B. [Resolution: In Solidarity with Buffalo, NY](#)

King

#### **A Resolution Standing in Solidarity With Victims and Families of Buffalo, New York Racist Attack**

**Sponsors:** Carl King Jr., USAC President

**Co-Sponsors:** Divine Johnson., External Vice President, Mylan Le, Internal Vice President

**WHEREAS**, on May 15th, 2022, a white supremacist stormed into a super market in a predominately black community and opened fire on members of this community. This racist massacre resulted in 13 innocent people being shot, with 10 suffering

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<sup>14</sup> <https://www.aclu.org/issues/reproductive-freedom/abortion>

<sup>15</sup> <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A4j4nBu5HP6n3YIZMHA5lm7kiArrXPh6TqW5Kkl9YVv/edit>

from fatal injuries, including a retired police officer and an 86-year-old woman who had recently visited her husband in a nursing home.<sup>16</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the cowardice gunman live streamed this disgusting act to a cohort of other white supremacists. The gunman was also seen apologizing to a white man he almost shot during the attack.

**WHEREAS**, the number of hate groups in the United States has increased by over 100% in the last 20 years, and this massacre is only a testament to the rise of hate targeted at minority groups in the United States.<sup>17</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 alone, 55.1% of hate crime offenders were white, and race/ethnicity/ancestry was the motivation behind 61.8% of reported single-bias incidents.<sup>18</sup>

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council stands in solidarity with the victims, their loved ones, and members of the Buffalo, New York community where this atrocity took place.

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council condemns all forms of racism and hate crimes.

- Teddy moves to approve A Resolution Standing in Solidarity With Victims and Families of Buffalo, New York Racist Attacks, Juan seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and A Resolution Standing in Solidarity with Victims and Families of Buffalo, New York Racist Attack is approved.

C. Discussion on Summer Meetings

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- Carl: "I think we should do what the council did last year. We lowered the quorum to eight individuals because everyone is doing stuff in the summertime. We also met every two weeks. Does anyone have a problem with us doing that again or any other recommendations?"
- Kian: "I actually have a question. What are the meetings going to be regarding in the summer? Is that the same as these meetings?"
- Carl: "Yeah, so basically it will be the same thing. We will just have meetings as if you know the regular school year. If incidents pop up or issues pop up because there will be students here, we will try to deal with them."
- Phoebe: "Are we going to be meeting at the same time?"
- Carl: "I mean we could try to change it. Typically we just have the meeting on Tuesdays at 7pm. I don't know if we can change that actually."
- Josh: "Carl, you can change it. We would need to agree, particularly if people are international or out of state. We would want to find a time that works for everybody. We should not go later than a start time of 7pm. We can go earlier but we would have to take people's work schedule into advisement once we find what our day time and frequency of the schedule will be. We could do weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, whatever you choose to do. We just have to make that public so that the general student body is aware of when you all are meeting."
- Phoebe: "Okay, what is the earliest time possible in the day that one can run a council meeting?"
- Josh: "We could start as early as 9 am. So I think we might need to know when to meet in regards to the times. As of right now, we can just decide on the quorum and the number of times we are going to meet. We

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<sup>16</sup> <https://www.cnn.com/2022/05/16/us/buffalo-supermarket-shooting-monday/index.html>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/intelligence-report/2019/year-hate-rage-against-change>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes/hate-crime-statistics>

would have to vote to change the quorum and vote to change the meeting time. You might also have to put it on next week's agenda because it is only a discussion item on this week's agenda or you could also vote to make it an action item."

- Phoebe motions to make Lowering Quorum for Summer Meetings an action item, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0 the motion passes and it is added to the agenda as an action item.
  
- Phoebe motions to Lower the quorum for council meetings to eight people for the summer, Giovanna seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and the quorum is reduced to 8 people for the summer.

## **XI. Adjournment\***

- Carl adjourns the meeting at 8:48pm.

Good and Welfare;

\* Indicates Action Item  
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