



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
April 4, 2023  
7 PM PST  
Zoom:

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## **I. Call to Order**

King

- Carl calls the meeting to order at 7:16pm.

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

- Signed via google docs

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

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- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike SFS Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Add BOD Allocations
- Add Jonathan Wisner to the admin report
- Strike ARC Allocations
  
- Ana moves to approve the agenda as amended, Sara seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

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

Le

- Ana moves to approve the minutes from 3/7/23 and 3/14/23, Sara seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes are approved.

## **IV. Public Comment**

King

- Clara Castronova: "Hi everyone, my name is Clara and I am here to update everyone on what CALPIRG is doing on UCLA's campus. We are running four campaigns this quarter. We are continuing our Ocean Conservation campaign which by the way thank you for passing the resolution for that last week. Now UC Riverside and UC Berkeley are following suit and going to pass those resolutions this week hopefully. We are having an oceans day next week which is a big event. A couple of students are going up to Sacramento to lobby for that campaign. We are conditioning our Plastics Campaign to get Amazon to stop shipping plastics and then our other community campaign is that we are restarting our Hunger and Homelessness team which is going to be mostly focused on service work. We are also restarting the Save the Bees campaign that works to ban bee-killing pesticides in California. We are also doing a mini recruitment drive and we are already going to do over 50 class announcements to let students know about our work. Thank you for your time."
  
- Kahlila Williams: "Hello my name is Kahlila Williams and I am here addressing the concerns around the statue of Powell cat. I understand that you know some students deeply resonated with Powell Cat in whatever fashion that might be to them but I do think that USAC should prioritize the needs of our black community at UCLA. For too long we have been undermined and pushed down, especially in regard to what our needs and services are. We have been pushing for the renaming of Campbell Hall to Bunchy Carter and John Huggins Hall after the two black panthers that were slain in Campbell Hall during a black student union meeting. We have been pushing for that and we have petitioned for that and our petition has been approved however we still have not seen the name change and we still do not have a memorial or statue or anything in regard to those two black panthers that have been added to UCLA. Many students still do not know the history of what has happened in Campbell Hall so I do think that it is USAC's priority to prioritize the needs of black students and what we have been calling for years before we even think about making a Powell cat statue or anything in remembrance of Powell cat. I understand that the cat was on campus and might have had a big significance to some students but our community and our needs should definitely come first."

- Olive Long: “Hi everyone, I’m Olive Long with ITE, which is a transportation engineering and transportation planning student org, and this is a comment/question regarding the CS Mini Fund. We host a yearly STEM outreach event for local high schools which is partially funded by CS Mini. Currently, the application for the fund isn’t available. Orlando, our SOLE advisor, also let us know that at least a few other student groups are affected by this unavailability. The reason for this, to quote from the fund application guidelines, is that “the student council is having trouble finding people to fill the position of CS Mini Fund Committee members, and funds cannot be distributed without a committee”. The relevant deadline for us, in Spring, is April 22nd, which is coming up at this point. Orlando and I have tried since February to contact various relevant people, and various relevant offices, but we haven’t gotten a reply yet, so I was advised to reach out to you all. So, I’d just like to request that some way be found to make this fund available by the April 22nd deadline, even if it’s on an ad hoc basis - I understand that there have been many organizational difficulties over the past few years, and for CS Mini in particular lots of staffing turnover, but CS Mini is an important funding source for us to be able to conduct our community service activities, and there aren’t really any other funding sources that could cover our particular event at least. Thank you all for your time, and I’d really just appreciate any updates you can provide or short-term actions (namely forming a committee to distribute funds) you could take regarding this to just make sure we and all the other affected student groups can secure funding for our community service events. Just to reiterate, the deadline as currently listed is April 22nd.”
- Sydney Shepherd: “Hello, my name is Sydney Shepherd and I just wanted to second what Kahlila said. Although Powell Cat obviously had some significance on the campus, we do want to prioritize the remembrance of John Huggins and Bunchy Carter, the two black panthers that were killed on this campus at Campbell Hall. They deserve to have the hall renamed after them as well as have their own statues and until those statues are prioritized and those lives and people have been prioritized no other statues especially those of nonhuman lives should be honored or remembered before ours. Thank you for your time.”
- Lexi Daetz: inquiring about BOD allocations on behalf of Pediatric Aids Coalition
  - BOD Allocations to be presented later on in the meeting
- Samone Anderson: “Hey you guys, I am also here to speak tonight about what the council can do to support the efforts behind getting the building renamed for John and Bunchy. It was really disheartening honestly because there are more than 5,000 signatures collected. I mean that was just in 2020 and we have put out several petitions for these men’s lives and nothing has been done about it. They have been dead for more than 50 years. They were murdered more than 50 years ago and I will be honest that in my five years here at UCLA I never even knew about this Powell cat but you can’t walk around this campus really not knowing about that unless you choose to not know because we quite literally have a commemoration for these brothers every year and it was very insulting to me and to my community to sit here and listen to council members talk about how it wasn’t that deep and we are talking about two peoples lives that were lost. That cat ain’t that deep when you are comparing them to two people who are murdered, and whose time was taken from them by the government over a political play right here on this campus so you all have to wake up. I am very disappointed in the council members who did not say anything and did not even speak up at the last meeting. It was very disheartening to hear Carl, Thyra, and Eiliana really be some of the main people sitting here, especially the other black members of the council I am extremely disappointed and I just think that we can do better. I think Council can support this with some funding. In terms of the statue, you can support definitely it in terms of helping fund this annual memorial event that we do for these brothers. We absolutely need the support to push this issue to the renaming committee to the chancellor to get the name changed. It is very insulting really all the barriers and hoops that black people have to go through and people think that it is so simple to put up a petition and then we can put a statue up or something but no there are actual barriers and you all would really help for you to work with ASU and do your due diligence and learn how we can politically collectively strategize to get several of things on campus renamed. I really hope that this is a lesson and that we can keep the momentum going behind us not just this year but going into next year as well.”
- Aniyah Story: “Hello, my name is Aniyah Story and I am also here to advocate and demand USAC support and a proper memorial for Bunchy Carter and John Huggins and just to lift up some of the histories of these two people. Not only were they Black Panthers who were slain in a meeting on this campus but they also had some really great achievements and I would like to lift up that they have directly impacted the student body here today. They were both

members of the high potential program which is a program that would eventually develop into AAP which is a program that I am a part of and many Bruins are a part of. A lot of people that I know personally are in this program and find a lot of support there. As some of my friends said earlier there has been a lot of activism and a lot of advocacy for this and still, the people who are supposed to support us and represent us are still not taking action and again you know with Powell cat, it's great and he has supported a lot of students but I really wish a lot of the same support energy and attention was put towards this proper memorial. Thank you."

- Vidhi Dev: "Hi everyone, I am Vidhi and I am from a student club called Students for Socialism. Like so many other people here we have been advocating to rename Campbell Hall to Carter Huggins Hall and to properly memorialize Bunchy Carter and John Huggins. I think that it is really shameful that this campaign has been going on for so long and UCLA even started the process of making a renaming committee and it has been about three years since that process started and absolutely no progress has been made for it even though the criteria for renaming buildings talks about how it should reflect "the diversity and values of the UCLA Community". I think it is important to give respect and honor to two people who were so important to the Black Liberation Movement and who were so important to the UCLA black community. I think someone else mentioned that they were a part of the high potential program which is now the AAP program and it has been very disappointing how inactive USAC and UCLA have been about something that they should be taking a lot more seriously and all the comments about how everyone loved Powell cat. But absolutely in no circumstance should a cat's life come before human beings. I would like to empathize with that and once again I am from Students for Socialism if anyone else in this meeting agrees with me please feel free to talk to us and DM us on Instagram. Thank you."
- Mercy: "Hi, I just wanted to second what everyone has been saying and just show that I support and feel like this should definitely be a priority, especially considering the lack of support that black students have gotten in terms of things like the club referendum and the EARN referendum and it has been a trend for people to turn away and not support black students and I don't think that a cat should come before black students on this campus. Thank you."
- Public comment is closed at 7:41pm.

## **V. Funding**

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| A. <u>Capital Contingency*</u>   | Prentice |
| A. <u>Contingency Programming*</u>   |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requested: \$86,546.40</li> <li>- Recommended: \$24,738.00 for 50 non-USAC entities and 1 USAC entity</li> <li>- Ana moves to approve \$24,738.00, Sara seconds.</li> <li>- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and \$ is approved for Contingency Programming.</li> </ul> |          |
| B. <u>SFS Allocations#</u>   |          |
| C. <u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u>  |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allocation: \$1,950.00 to non-SWC groups</li> <li>- No opposition, passes as a consent item.</li> </ul>   |          |
| D. <u>Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#</u>  |          |
| E. <u>ASRF Allocations#</u>  |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allocation: \$2,000 to 1 non-USAC entity</li> <li>- No opposition, passes as a consent item.</li> </ul>   |          |
| F. <u>AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#</u>   |          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allocation: \$1,000 to 2 non-USAC entities</li> <li>- No opposition, passes as a consent item.</li> </ul>   |          |

G. <u>ARC Allocations#</u>	Verdugo
H. <u>TGIF#</u>	Chitt
I. <u>IVP Partnership Fund Guidelines*</u>	Le

- Naomi moves to approve the IVP Partnership Fund Guidelines, Eliana seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the IVP Partnership Fund Guidelines are approved.

A. Spring 2023 USA/BOD Allocations\*

- Ana moves to approve the Spring 2023 USA/BOD Allocations, Sara seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the BOD Allocations are approved.

## **VI. Special Presentations**

A. Occuspace Expansion Proposal

Cortez

- **Occuspace Expansion Proposal: Integration of Sensors in Study Spaces**
  - Executive Summary
    - Response to COVID-19
    - AAC, CLICC and Occuspace employ sensor services
      - Similar to UCLA Dining application
    - We want to expand these services, so they are operable beyond CLICC
    - To do so, **visibility** and **awareness** are important to **maximize** the sensors' utility as a data point to present to the UCLA Library
    - Request integration of CLICC study spaces into the UCLA Mobile application
  - Stakeholders
    - USAC Office: Programming + Policy
      - Operated by student fees
    - Academic Senate: shared governance
    - Part of UCLA Library
      - Has study spaces, classrooms, and lab
      - Offers loan devices
  - Our Collaboration with Occuspace's Services
    - Return to campus amidst COVID-19
    - AAC contacts Occuspace and UCLA Library
    - Add onto UCLA Dining x Occuspace contract, service extension to CLICC
    - Funded in share between CLICC and AAC
    - Secure and expand existing Occuspace services
  - Occuspace
    - Occuspace is the creator of **privacy-friendly occupancy monitoring sensors** that determine how busy spaces are in real time. The sensors **detect WiFi and Bluetooth signals** from electronic devices to estimate the number of occupants in the building and **do not collect any personally identifiable information**. The **data is made available on the company's free mobile app, Waitz**, that students can use to know before they go to the Dining halls or libraries to avoid crowds. Visit [occuspace.io](https://occuspace.io) for more information.
  - How Does It Work
    - The Occuspace **sensors use Bluetooth and WiFi technology to analyze radio frequency signal data** in an area from any electronic device, such as a laptop, phone, or wearable (i.e., Apple watch or FitBit), that has Bluetooth or WiFi turned on. The sensors are privacy-friendly and **do not collect any personally identifiable information**. The MAC addresses visible to the Occuspace devices are encrypted before being irreversibly hashed. **Hashed data is then sent to Occuspace servers and deleted from the sensor**. No PII is collected or transmitted in this process. **If you do not want the Occuspace sensors to observe your electronic device(s), you can turn off your device's Bluetooth and WiFi while in the building**. For more information, visit [occuspace.io/privacypolicy](https://occuspace.io/privacypolicy).
  - Student Experience At UCLA With Occuspace
    - When you come to the library and it is crowded it's frustrating. Now, if you want to see how busy the library is before you come, there's a new app that can tell you.
    - There is the Waitz app. You can download it for free on iPhone or Android to see where crowds are in the library at any time.
    - Now you can plan before leaving your dorm or house where you want to go in the library

to study based on where people are or aren't. We also have a screen at the entrance to tell you what floors are most crowded.

- UCLA bought this technology to make it easier to find an open place to study.
- Search for "Waitz University" in your app store to download. Then click "Choose Campus" to find UCLA and see how busy the library is before you go.
- Case Studies & Data
  - Colleges employing Occuspace
    - Currently, 28 universities are working with Occuspace across North America
    - Ranging from libraries, dining services, recreation centers, to administrative offices
  - This includes 5 out of 9 UCs
    - UC Irvine, UC San Diego, UCSB, UC Santa Cruz, and UCLA!
    - UCSD has the widest use of the service (administrative offices, libraries, dining services, classrooms and recreation centers)
  - Experiences with Other Colleges? Is It Safe?
  - Create more awareness + visibility of Occuspace to students

#### **Providence College**

- Challenge: student experiences with the Library were not favorable & space utilization was poor. Headcounts (to track data on utilization) required a lot of manual labor, which was displacing capacity that could be employed in improving library experiences.
- Occuspace
  - Offered real-time data on space utilization aka knowing how popular a space is
    - Helped library focus their improvements and investments on certain spaces
    - Helped students know when were the best times to use spaces with live views of capacity
  - Granted peace of mind with highly privacy-friendly services
  - Since then
    - Students can know how busy libraries are from their phones
    - The library has renovated and improved their 24/7 Study Space
    - Added a Student Success Center to spaces they learned were not heavily occupied for studying
      - Aka repurposing of space to expand resource offerings
      - Experiences with the Service at UCLA Dining

#### **Challenge:**

- Large crowds in dining halls has impacted students' experience with access to food
- UCLA Dining wants to manage traffic with actual data
- Balance the distribution between times of open dining services and student demand – there was an imbalance during certain rush periods
- Overall, improve student experience with dining services

#### **Solution:**

- Occuspace has given data that allows dining to make data-backed improvements
- Use it by looking at the live data and being responsive to rise in demand in peak times
- Success → multi-year renewals + expansions we hope to grow

**Charles Wilcots, UCLA Dining Ass. Director: "The Occuspace solution is accurate, easy to work with, and allows students to see how busy dining spaces are in real-time."**

Scope: AAC sought student feedback during the Fall quarter from week 7 - finals week

- Questions
  - Quick survey with short responses & multiple choice questions
  - Inquired about student satisfaction with UCLA library spaces, experiences, experiences finding seats in study spaces, and knowledge about UCLA's library resources
- Methods
  - Tabling with incentives – Diddy Riese cookies as an incentive
  - Walking up to students – Stickers as an incentive. Students were given informative pamphlets after responding to the survey.

- Social media

Scope: AAC sought student feedback during the Fall quarter from week 7 - finals week

- Limitations
  - The personal labor
    - Only two of us (Brittney, my Assistant Commissioner & I) could do majority of the footwork
  - The campus climate at the time: Focus diverted towards the strike, rightfully so.
    - Time crunch – could not hold off on surveying, so both events unfortunately had to overlap
    - Affected turnout (got about 200 responses, more would've created a more generalizable study)

Scope: AAC sought student feedback during the Fall quarter from week 7 - finals week

- Findings
  - **Access:** Distribution of popular study spaces
  - **Access:** Most people take 5-10+ minutes finding a place to sit
  - **Access:** Many people do not know how many libraries/study spaces there are at ucla (15)
  - **Planning:** Students want more modernized study spaces
  - **Access:** Over 100 people did not know about the CLICC study spaces
  - **Access + Planning:** 95% of survey respondents are interested in a crowd-sourcing database before heading out to libraries
  - **Utility:** Over 70% (most of others were off-campus) use occuspace/waitz for dining halls
  - Benefits of Occuspace & Potential

#### **Students:**

1. More awareness of
  - a. Various study spaces across campus
    - i. Accessibility + Availability
  - b. Resources
    - i. Visibility via digitization to respond to under-utilization.
      1. Disperse responses to demand aka student need
    - ii. Bring students to different spaces
      1. Not just spaces, but to also resources there
        - a. Aka beyond CLICC's spaces there is also tech rentals, labs, classrooms
2. Access
  - a. Crowd mitigation + public health safety
    - i. Live data + historical trends = planning ahead
    - ii. Specialized information
      1. Peak times by day and location
      2. Especially now, when Powell is under construction!
  - b. Information
    - i. Digitizing = more information readily available + easier to spread

## **VII. Appointments**

## **VIII. Officer Reports**

### **A. President**

King

- We had some of our first spring quarter meetings with my cabinet members and directors just to plan out the spring quarter and to follow up and catch up on a bunch of emails. I tried to stay on top of it during spring break but it was hard to do when we were on break.
- I am still following up on one of the biggest pressing issues regarding the assessment that we were promised from student affairs specifically Vice Chancellor Monroe Gorden was supposed to be due to the council last year regarding the climate assessment within CPO and as I said we still were not given updates. I sent a follow-up email before we went on spring break and I got no response from Vice Chancellor Gorden. I know he is active on his emails so he is actively ignoring me at this point and that is a problem because we do need to know what was going on in CPO and I don't see why he wants to hide anything going on in that organization.
- I really want to stay on top of this issue because last year the council really pushed for this and individuals slept in Murphy Hall for some of these things and they are very important.

### **B. Internal Vice President**

Le

- We set up our weekly IVP meetings again for the spring which will start Mondays in Week 2. I just sent an email out to my staff members so hopefully, we can all be in the same office again or just in the same room again.
- Over spring break, the main thing that we worked on was getting those partnership fund guidelines finished because the fund did need to be released so the students can start applying pretty early into the spring quarter. We will start publicizing the application soon so hopefully, a lot of clubs have the opportunity to apply.
- Lastly, I am also catching up on emails. I know I had a bunch of emails during spring break but I haven't been able to check a lot of them and reply to them so thank you for being patient.
- The IVP executive staff is planning a social for the members right now just to meet each other again and end this year strong.

C. External Vice President

Johnson

- I don't have a lot but the first Executive and all staff meetings were on Monday. Over the break, we are helping Thyra to plan the Transfer Lobby day and just getting excited about that event.
- We are also working on our winter transparency reports and those will be posted on social media within the coming weeks. We are also planning out our spring quarter right now and we have a few lobby days planned out including with USAC. We are also planning some last-quarter events as well so if any offices want to collaborate let me know.

D. General Representative 1 Written

Kohanteb

- Met with Sarah to discuss ways to promote activities done by USAC
- Met with clubs to discuss how they can utilize USAC funding bodies
- Met with the Panhellenic President to see how we can help their community
- Met with External staff to plan Midterm stress relief event

E. General Representative 2

Hammonds

- I just want to say a special thank you to Thyra and to Sara and everyone else who helped support the commuter population with the surplus proposal. We were able to get that executed well and with minimal work from USAC because the department basically took things over. With Sara's help, we were able to secure \$30,000 extra dollars to help commuters cover some of the permit grants so which was really helpful for undergraduate and graduate students. I have heard some great feedback from the commuter GroupMe so we are just getting those funds sent out to people. The decisions were already made over break so that was the main thing that we were doing.
- I really just want to thank you all for voting to help support commuter students and allocate funds from USAC to this cause.
- I met with the Armenian student association over break to talk about their resolution and just how we can follow up with that and execute some of the demands that they have made. I know they also followed up with a couple of other council members so we are excited to be working on that.

F. General Representative 3

Sisman

- I have been working on the Disability Peer Mentoring program. We already have about 30 slides up for training already so we are all going to be meeting soon and then hopefully the program will be up and running soon. Thank you all for supporting that.
- I met with the Daily Bruin and did an interview on the resolution and our solidarity with Armenian students and then just followed up on that resolution as well.
- My brilliant staff and I researched more on the reduced fee so we will be talking about that soon with the academic senate on that issue.
- I also want to second what Carl said about how important it is that the CPO issues are addressed. It is important that we know what is going on so that we can help the students.
- We have a meeting tomorrow about memorializing Bunchy Carter and John Huggins so if you are interested in joining in on this please let me know and I will send you the information.

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner Written

Cortez

<b>Internal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared for the Distinguished Teaching Awards meeting by reviewing applications, making nominations, and voting on the final 5 recipients of the award amongst TAs.</li> <li>• Checked in on the CRC appointment, Ashley and I shared updates on our events. On CRC's end, many admit weekends are being focused on at the moment, so I amplified details about funding for these events.</li> <li>• Working on transition packet.</li> <li>• Logistically, setting up times for meetings next quarter, and I am also starting to inform stakeholders about my term cut-off.</li> </ul>
<b>Platforms + Committees</b>	<p>Working with In-N-Out continuously to develop PGV week. We are also reaching out to the TSC to see if we collaborate.</p> <p>Working with GR2 and Sanctuary Campus to secure the venue for our mental health speaker event.</p> <p>Finance is reopening funds on Monday. I am assisting during week 1 with the review of a handful applications.</p>
<b>Academic Senate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared for Curriculum Committee meeting, where we discussed updates to program policies and also revised a minor program proposal.</li> <li>• Met with executives from the Academic Senate to address concerns of unwelcoming environments for student representatives. We settled on re-emphasizing to faculty and staff the role of student representation and nurturing inclusive meeting facilitation strategies. There will be metrics of accountability to ensure that Chairs and Analysts check in with students on a quarterly basis. The work of DEI in the Senate is continuous, and they are also looking into more diversified faculty representation.</li> <li>• Monthly Senate meeting where we discussed the needs of our committees.</li> </ul>
<b>External</b>	<p>Met with ASUCLA's Inclusive Access team to discuss student concerns with the program for hopes of improvement. We want to get student input, so I am devising a survey now. This input will be used for a USAC resolution to request improvements of ASUCLA's program. I also reached out to student orgs to seek collaboration.</p> <p>Met with SGS to discuss ideas for transition process improvement.</p> <p>Met with SGS and SGA to discuss surplus allocations</p> <p>Met with the HSI committee on Retention and Belonging where we discussed student townhall and Latinx Resource Center updates twice</p> <p>Recommended a USIE Vice Chair appointment to ARC, and I continue to work with USIE to see how AAC can still support them despite the gap in history from our historical partnership.</p>

H. Campus Events Commission

Boffa

I. Community Service Commissioner

Flores

- Before I get started with my report, I just want to shout out to Thyra. She has accomplished so much and she is doing so much in her position that is just awesome I want to recognize all of her amazing work.
- This upcoming week we have our Homeless Houseless Day of Service happening this Friday. Thank you to all the council members who helped to promote that. We have more people registering than we initially anticipated so we are trying to see if we can add an additional site for volunteer opportunities. In the past, CSC has done an awareness week where it was just a week of educational panels but this week we wanted to be a little more hands-on and more action-driven and oriented.



- I also wanted to provide some information about the Basic Needs Town Hall which happened last quarter which CSC hosted to help bring forward building coalitions partnership we are going to have more opportunities for you all to engage and partner in these town halls to be a part of these conversations.
- I also wanted to bring up that SFS which is managed by CSC is basically running out of funds for this year. We are almost coming to a close but we are still accepting applications so please apply also in your application we are going to try to offer alternative funding bodies at UCLA due to the limited funding that is available.
- The last thing I wanted to ask is where did we leave off with the BOD public comment situation that happened in Week 10 of the winter quarter. I had to leave early and I think that it is still an important conversation about mending our relationships with BOD and building and repairing our relationship with them, especially for future councils so I just wanted to ask about that and see where we were at with that.
- Carl King: "Yeah so basically, the next meeting should be soon because they meet once a month. I am technically an actual member per the bylaws that are supposed to sit on the board and so I am going to invoke my privilege and take up that spot for at least the next meeting that they have. Then we are going to figure out what is going on with Wudia and the other undergraduate representatives because they have not been coming to council and they are supposed to do that per their bylaws. That is part of their job description and getting our opinions on certain things and they haven't been doing that so for at least the next meeting I will be sitting in as an actual voter because it is in my position at the end of the way. That is currently where I am at and then we can have follow-up discussions with ASUCLA BOD."

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Verdugo

- Our Explosion concert from Hip-Hop Congress is happening next Thursday so save that date. More information will be coming out soon. Our marketing team is taking care of that and we are just finishing up performance agreements with Fernando and Jonathan right now to get our artists contracted.
- Our 1520 Fleet for HHC has also been postponed. It is going to happen on the 27th of April instead of the 15th. We just had logistical issues with the venue so we decided to push it back but that is still underway.
- Next, we have a concert to honor Women's History Month. It is a little belated but it is going to be called For the Girls on 4/28 so that is also coming up. There will be a vendor lineup at this as well so if you want to be a vendor and you identify as a femme person in any way you can apply to that as well.
- I am also planning the end-of-the-year event for CSC. I am just booking the venue and then I am going to set up meetings with the series that are going to be involved. There will also be two diverse city tours this quarter which I am really excited about. We are thinking of going to Little Ethiopia and then also going to K-Town but I will share more updates on that soon. We are going to have buses this quarter which is exciting so it will be free transportation and free food.
- I am also working to follow up on the resolution with the Armenian Student Association. We are going to set up a collaboration with them when I was talking to Mary over spring break.
- All of my staff meetings are planned out and they are happening on the odd weeks of this quarter so our first one is Friday and I am really excited to see everyone.
- I have been working a lot with SGA on cash advances and refunds and invoices and performance agreements and getting our surplus allocations and just all sorts of things. I have been trying to contact Linda but she has not gotten back to me. It is urgent that we launch CommUnity so I just want to put it out there that we really need a response.
- ARC has been having trouble with All Occasions because they have been asking for a very specific spreadsheet of our allocation and while we have provided it, we have raised our concerns about how the spreadsheet doesn't cover what our allocations are for necessary like how it supports cultural events a lot. A lot of what they wanted us to input on the spreadsheet wouldn't match what we were funding necessarily so that has been a little bit tedious we are learning without any guidance so it has been a little hard to do that as a student and this is a new thing since being implemented from last year.
- Word on Wednesdays is happening on odd weeks but it is canceled this week because of a workshop so we had to postpone until week 3. JRF logistics are going underway so we are getting our funding in order and getting our artists and performance agreements ready and a lot of other things like vendor permits and stuff like that for the festival. It is a very big event and it is going to be on a memorial day this year.

- Look forward to the artist development workshop that ARC is putting on and then our community projects component of ARC is also working to do a collaboration with diversity tours.

K. Facilities Commissioner

Chiu

- Since the last meeting, our building space committee has had their study nights at the John Wooden Center from 8:30 am to 1 am and I think a good number of people showed up each day and they stayed the whole time so we gave them free drinks and coffee and is very cool to see people enjoying the study space. I also met with Noor the GSA president earlier today to talk about the Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center. We are furthering conversations about what room in Kerckoff we want. Initially, we were thinking of room 138 but there might be some complications with that room and discussing whether or not we want to apply for funding to renovate the space to accommodate more students.
- I am meeting with Guy Adams tomorrow to talk about his experience with the UCLA T-shirt contest for the transit referendum. One of the things that were proposed that we might be able to do is design the next TAP card if the transit referendum passes so it might be a really great way of engaging students and also having student-created artwork on the TAP card so everyone can use it and feel excited about transit.
- I am meeting with the local relations director in EVP tomorrow to talk about Westwood Connective to make Westwood a more bikable pedestrian friendly and just overall more accessible neighborhood.
- TGIF is going to be tabling at the fair on Week 3 Friday for Earth month and we are going to talk a little bit about the projects that we funded and give more visibility to that and try to gather people that might be interested in joining TGIF next year but also to receive feedback on the fund and then some of the other committees. In fact, we are working on a project for garment workers' rights and how that intersects with UCLA procurement.
- We are doing some planning with the John Wooden Center Board of Governors to better engage students in those meetings that have started up again.
- Our Bruin Bazaar committee is going to be potentially hosting a clothing swap this Friday with zero waste. I think it is part of the climate conversations that are a part of the larger Climate Justice Forum campaign about environmentalists of color collectives.
- We are also having our student vendor fair potentially Week 6 on Friday. We haven't confirmed a date yet but we have 18 student vendors recruited.

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Broukhim

- We are working on finalizing the New York Times so that should be up and running soon. I just have to have a meeting with Jessica and the NYT representative and then one person from Student Affairs.
- We got our computer program up and running so hopefully that is being distributed to students. We got BOD funding approved and then we are also going to be sending out an email just for more financial transparency in USAC and then we also handed out almost all of our lab coats. We have 15 left so come get them. We are out of goggles but we have a lot of i-clickers left so come get them.
- We have our weekly meeting starting this week on Friday. We are just finalizing details on that.

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Majer

N. Transfer Student Representative

Cobbs

- Thank you to Divine for helping to coordinate the transfer lobby day. She is going to be able to pay for a transfer transportation and also housing accommodations and so if you guys know any transfer students that would be good candidates for that, the link is on my Instagram page.
- I am trying to organize the transfer unity meetings between the different organizations that I allocated money towards but it is difficult to coordinate all these different student leaders so hopefully, I can have that meeting soon to explain the process to access the funds and also to get a gauge of what events they would want to have with those funds.
- We are excited to hear about the BOD funding because those overnight accommodations are expensive even though we are getting student rates for the housing but it still costs almost \$18,000. Hopefully, the budget will alleviate some of that financial stress. I am working with PTSP to have an anime watch party at the transfer center so we are going to have the first meeting for that on Friday.
- I did have some significant issues with my stipend. I was told that I was going to get it on March 29th and there was an issue with actually getting it on that day. I had to advocate for myself to get a resolution for it

but it was just kind of a crazy situation considering the previous TSR left and I have been working so hard for those past two months and to just have all this miscommunication about my funds that I need as a student. I do want to mention that and I also know that this isn't the first time that this has happened so I think there needs to be more accounting of whoever is dishing out the stipends.

- I am working on the first Pan African Mental Health Week. I am hoping to get that sponsored by the SWC so I will be applying for Anna's funding grants. It will be a collaboration with the East African Student Association, the Afrolytics Connections, the Carribean Student Association, and then the faces of African Muslims that will be during week 4. We are trying to invite Dr. Jordan who talks about this theory called post-traumatization theory. I am a McNair scholar and so I use that scholar as a point of reference for my project so she is really important.
- I have been working with my chief of staff to get the TSR staff finalized.
- I allocated \$6,500 to help Naomi with the Bruin Commuter pass for transfer commuters so I am really happy to hear about the success of that. A lot of people messaged me on the side and said that they appreciated that we offered that opportunity. We are also going to be working with Eliana and Phoebe to work on the memorial statues and I am going to follow up with Students for Socialism I am also going to loop in ASU because the black mother organization needs to be involved in that.
- I am also coordinating a community service event with Juan through ASU so we are going to work to actualize that soon. The EMOJA day for UCLA is going to happen on April 17th so I will be acting as a representative for that.
- I want to collaborate with Daniela because she reached out but I just haven't had a chance to follow up because things are crazy. I have been working with Triple CP to strengthen the TSR's external relationships, particularly with community colleges because I don't think that is something that has really happened in the past.
- I am supposed to be organizing an Armenian transfer event with ASA but that also wasn't able to happen because of finals week so I am going to pick back up on that.
- I am working with MEChA and EMOJA to organize a black and brown banquet and it will be like an award ceremony to celebrate black and brown transfers in the community so I hope you all will support that as well.
- Last but not least, I will be working with the transfer co-ed fraternity to see how the TSR office can be involved in their initiatives.

O. International Student Representative

Nath

- This quarter my office is organizing the Career Affair that I spoke about specifically for business and engineering and that got approved so our dates are May 22nd and 23rd. Right now I am working with the different clubs from these sectors and organizing them and then I have to go to the career center in person and there are a lot of logistics of venue and catering and all of that going on.
- Aside from that, last quarter we had the Armenian students union come in and present their resolution about the blockade so I started working with someone from UCSD he has spoken to the senate and he has spoken to the vice-chancellors across UCSD and got approval for creating this resource, this mental health resources that specifically cater to students that have extreme circumstances going on in their countries.
- I am currently in conversation with CAPS about how we can implement that at UCLA and also do this in partnership with the Armenian Student Union as well as the Ukrainian students on campus because those are the two most relevant crises going on right now.
- My website is completely underway so we are hoping to get that out ASAP.
- Finally, I just want to respond to the public comment that was made earlier. I don't appreciate my words being misconstrued when I spoke. I boldly supported the proposal that there should be a statute instituted for to support the black Bruin community and I fully stand in solidarity with it. In no way did I mean to demean or ridicule. I think it is a priority but I don't take this accusation of me saying that it is not very deep very personally. I think it speaks to my character and I really apologize if my words came out the wrong way but I was talking about the car and the statue for the cat solely. Nowhere did I mean to say anything about the black Bruin community? As a matter of fact, I stand in full solidarity with the community and I am willing to support whatever resolution comes by I want to reiterate that I do think that this is a priority and I just hope that my words were not taken the wrong way.
- I would never stand at a platform like USAC and say that I don't support the Black Bruin community or that the killing of two people is not that deep. I want to reiterate that the state for the black panthers should be a

priority for us right now as well as the renaming of the buildings and I do urge everyone on the council to propose a resolution and let's get this done before we are out of office.

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Orlando: "Hello everyone, I just have one and a half updates. This week is the final week for registering new student organizations so if you are part of a new organization or if you know of other groups, Friday is the last day if they want to register. Although they may not get officially registered by Week 5 or 6 it will allow them to apply for funding, for CAC funding which is due in August, and then some of the early funding like CPO funding, as well as put their name in for the room lottery for the fall quarter so there is a lot of incentive for groups that are thinking about starting next year and registering during spring quarter. If you have any questions please reach out to me and I will drop the link in the chat as well. In addition to that, next week we will be hosting the One-Stop workshops for all new organizations and so this is an opportunity for new signatories to go to this workshop to participate. I will also drop that in the chat. Finally, starting week 3 or 4 we will be hosting a series of transition workshops for groups to assist them in transitioning leadership and all sort of information that they should be aware of."
- Jessica: "Hi everybody, check your email because we have a lot of fun stuff going on and I want to let you all know about it but mostly we have just had a lot going on for SGS. So I want to welcome Jonathan to our team. He is our new support manager and we are really excited to have him on board. If any of your offices are doing contracting you will be working with Jonathan. We have also just had a couple of adjustments within the student union team so events and operations are now both reporting to Marisa and then student government accounting and SGS are now both reporting to me so we are hoping that this will streamline processes a little bit more. We will also be following up and trying to set up some meetings soon just to go over some of the concerns that have been raised tonight and that have been raised in previous meetings. We want your feedback and would love to collaborate with you all in some of these areas where you think we have room for improvement."
- Jonathan: "Hi everyone, yes so I am a UCLA 2021 graduate, and not only am I a UCLA alumnus but I am also a USAC alum. I served as community service commissioner for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. I know what you are going through, I know the position that you are in and my goal here is truly just to support you. I know how awful and overwhelming all of this can be at times but I also know how super fulfilling and wonderful it can be so if you need me for anything my main focus will be contracts, insurance, and the like but feel free to stop by the office and say hello and come in whenever you want."

## **IX. Old Business**

## **X. New Business**

A. Undergraduate Universal Access Transit Pass Referendum Updates

Chiu

- After we sent it, UCOP gave their edits and suggestions. There is also new data that we have been provided that might change the figure of the referendum and we want to be transparent about that. We have addressed UCOP's edits.

Presented by Jeff Van:

"Hey, I am Jeff and I am from the Campaign team I am also part of the Facilities Commission under Phoebe and I am here to represent the campaign as well as Abdallah who was a representative from UCLA Transportation who we have been working closely with. He is not able to come to tonight's meeting because he is currently observing Ramadan but I wanted to convey some of his updates. So like Phoebe said, the text has been reviewed by UCOP. Shout out to Mike, the director of SOLE for facilitating that process, and thank you to UCOP for their edits. We have made those edits and we have sent them back to Mike to continue the review process with the Chancellors' offices. So like Phoebe said, we are requesting a slight fee increase to the original \$2.65 figure that was approved during the March 7th council meeting. We are proposing an increase to \$3.30 cents per quarter given the new information that we got from Abdallah from UCLA Transportation. This fee increase is primarily aimed at including the cost of the actual tap cards that students will receive so initially we weren't able to include that in the original fee because Abdallah and UCLA Transportation were originally planning for a broader range of options other than the physical tap cards such as the virtual mobile tap cards however Metro told Abdallah that only the physical tap cards could be used for special passes like the one that we are proposing which creates more of a cost. The cost of the physical tap card is \$2.00

a piece and this fee increased to \$3.30 doesn't technically cover the full cost. UCLA Transportation will still be subsidizing the difference between increasing this fee is that rather than have people pay two dollars at the CTO, we thought it would be more equitable to include the prices of the tap card into the fee because it means that students receiving financial aid will have that cost covered by their financial aid and even those who pay the full fee will pay less than what they have to actually pay for a tap card than if they were to pay for it upfront. We also believe that it will remove any barriers to entry just to make it as easy as possible to participate in the transit program. I understand that people on the council might be frustrated that we are coming to you with an increase in price especially after it had already been voted on and I share that frustration myself as the person who is responsible for interfacing with UCLA transportation and shepherding this referendum throughout the process and as the one who is going to be ultimately answerable to the voting population. However, before there are any suggestions that we have been negligent or deliberately misleading in any way shape or form, I just want to say that we have actually been very transparent. We have met or at least tried to meet with each of the council offices starting from the end of January and working around everyone's schedules and midterms and other commitments and soliciting feedback and ensuring everyone's concerns were addressed. We have been very clear that we have deferred to UCLA Transportation and their expertise in calculating these prices and I also want to note that these final prices, well not as ideal as the one before, are still less than the initial estimates that we provided to each council member individually. I just want to say that any notion that we were deliberately misleading the council and being unprofessional or springing any last-minute changes is simply not true. Abdallah has told me that there will be no more fee increases after this and even if there will be he told me that he will resist those changes and fight to have UCLA transportation absorb any costs. We just want to say that we have worked hard to keep the prices as low and affordable as possible. Thank you for your consideration and I am happy to take any questions."

Phoebe motions to change this to an action item, Alicia seconds.

By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Undergraduate Universal Access Transit Pass Referendum is made into an action item.

Phoebe motions to amend the fee from \$2.65 to \$3.30 for the transit referendum, Naomi seconds.

By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the fee for the Undergraduate Universal Access Transit Pass Referendum is changed to \$3.30.

## **XI. Adjournment\***

- Carl adjourns the meeting at 9:34pm.  
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