AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
April 4, 2023
7 PM PST
Zoom: https://ucla.zoom.us/j/98686577744?pwd=Zm5TeGNlVG5PcTxQ3MzckN1Z01XZz09
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I. Call to Order
- Carl calls the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
- Signed via google docs

II. Approval of Agenda
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike TGIF
- Add Discussion item on New York Times Funding

- Sara moves to approve the agenda as amended, Ana seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes
- Ana moves to approve the minutes from 4/18/23, Sara seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 4/18/23 are approved.

IV. Public Comment
- Clara Castronova: “Hello everyone, so I am just going to give our weekly updates. Quick update, we finished our campaign drive with people and students and volunteers and coordinators that are really excited about that. We had a record amount of people at our starting Kickoff meeting which means that we had the biggest kickoff for all of the students across the country. Other highlights from this week are that the California Fish and Game Commission is having a meeting where a bunch of helper students from across the state are going to give public comment. It is a really big opportunity to give feedback about increasing marine-affected areas in the state and if you guys are interested in giving public comment as well you can email me and I will tell you what to do.”

- Maya-Laila Matthews: “Hi everyone, my name is Maya-Laila and I just had a comment about the date of the President’s banquet. I was hoping to go because I know it is somewhat about diversity and inclusion right but it is also set right on Eid which is the largest and most important holiday for Muslim Students and it starts tonight and then ends Friday night so that is just sort of a point of contingency and I just wanted to make everyone aware of that. I would be attending for Activism through Policy, ATP, but I am also speaking for the entirety of the MSA just to get more awareness and more inclusion when we do have events to just be more aware of religious and spiritual practices that aren’t dominantly Christian.”

- Public comment closed at 7:12pm.

V. Funding
A. Capital Contingency
- Requested: $297,513.62
B. Contingency Programming
- Recommended: $14,250.08 for 228 non USAC events and 3 USAC events
- Ana moves to approve $14,520.08 to 228 non USAC events and 3 USAC events to Contingency Programming. Sara seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Contingency Programming is approved for this week.

C. **SFS Allocations***
   - Allocation: $5,836.67 for 2 CSC organizations and 7 non CSC organizations
   - No opposition, passes as a consent item.

D. **SWC Programming Fund Allocations***

E. **Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations***

F. **ASRF Allocations***
   - Allocation: $3,120.13 to 3 non USAC entities
   - No opposition, passes as a consent item.

G. **AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations***
   - Allocation: $4,417.00 to 3 non USAC entities
   - No opposition, passes as a consent item.

H. **ARC Allocations***
   - Allocation: $45,510.69 to 22 non USAC entities and $5,000 to 1 USAC entity
   - We still have around $25,000 left in our fund so please apply.
   - No opposition, passes as a consent item.

I. **TGIF***

**VI. Special Presentations**
**VII. Appointments**
**VIII. Officer Reports**

A. **President***
   - We had a cabinet and director’s meeting that happened to just discuss some of the funding initiatives that we have going forward.
   - I am still working on getting the abortion funding to the ASHE center and getting the money allocated to that.
   - We are working on the administrative aspect of that right now.
   - We did a career fair with the career center and it was a pretty accessible event we are probably going to do something with them again soon. We are just looking to plan something out with the whole office again soon.
   - We are finalizing details with the President’s banquet. I see that a lot of council members are coming so that is good. If you are not, please sign up and we will see if we can get you a spot but a lot of people have already signed up for it.
   - I spoke this week at the EMOJA transfer event on Monday which was super awesome being able to speak to transfers who potentially might go to UCLA.

B. **Internal Vice President**
   - **Written**
   - Held our usual weekly meetings
   - Discussed closing out the office and finishing ongoing projects

**IVP Meetings**
   - Deadline has passed
   - The outreach team has already started reviewing applications that were submitted earlier and will review the rest in the next week
   - The outreach team will be at the council next week to present and vote on allocations
   - We might have a few extra funds left, so we are discussing doing another cycle of funding applications for clubs/organizations that might have missed this deadline

**Housing Relief Fund**
- Reached out to landlords from who we have not received checks from
- Working with SGA to finalize the finances of the Off-Campus Housing Fair
- Set up the BAM network
- Working on moving the funding from ASUCLA to the Financial Aid Office

C  **External Vice President**  Johnson
- This week, my team and I had our all-staff meeting where we went over a couple of career choices and we all took little exams that the career center has regarding our personality traits and which career is the best one to go into based on that.
- We had an executive meeting this past week.
- With the help of Thyra, we are planning the transfer lobby day which is up and coming. We are also planning and finalizing our DC lobbying trip.
- We are also prepping for the Santa Cruz UCSA meeting that is coming up next weekend. I had a meeting with GCR to go over a Sacramento trip that Carl and I might possibly be attending at the end of May.
- Our first cycle for BAG for the spring quarter is ending this Friday and then we will be going through interview processes and the first round of money will be allocated again.

D  **General Representative 1 Written**  Kohanteb

E  **General Representative 2**  Hammonds
- It was a busy week. We hosted the mental health event and today we just followed up with that by posting some resources by Dr. Jazz. We also highlighted that Dr. Jazz has office hours set up in the BBRC to talk privately with students about their mental health and how they are doing just to talk which is super cool.
- I also attended the Black Admit weekend and I had the opportunity to talk to some of the admitted students about USAC, my major, and just my overall experience at UCLA.
- I am happy to say that we have two black assistant tutors in the Black Bruin Resource Center so will be every Monday and Wednesday to help students in some of their STEM courses. We have LS7C and LS30 so we can help with coding and biology, both of which are hard classes.
- I also attended Cookies and Conversations over in Res Life and it was really nice to talk to current students and some candidates about my USAC experience and kind of why I ran and we had some funny hypothetical questions.
- This week we have the spring entities lunch and we got to talk about the need for support for food pantries and food insecurity on campus specifically the ones in AAP, the BBRC, the transfer center, and more spaces across campus.
- We sent an email to our awarded participants because there seems to be some miscommunication from students about the refund. But I am happy to say that most of the refunds have been sent out which is good. A lot of people are asking if this will be coming back next year so I am looking into funding for that.
- We are also supporting the petition to keep the BBRC director and Eliana and I are going to talk about this more later.
- I spoke with Dr. Elizabeth Gonzalez who is the inaugural director of the Hispanic series institution at UCLA and she is working on the designation and how the funding process will go for folks who want to apply.
- We are having a town hall next Thursday from 4-6 pm and it is hybrid so both on Zoom and the Bruin Reception Room there will be food so please come!

F  **General Representative 3**  Sisman
- I have been working on the disability peer mentoring program and we are actually having our kickoff event on Thursday. It will be from 7-8:15 pm over zoom. We are screening a really cool movie about civil obedience and that will be up on our Instagram for more information.
- We are going to be presenting to the Campus Retention Community next week and seeing how I can collaborate with them. Thank you to Ryan Factora for inviting us.
- We are looking to re-establish our event on handling the addictive features of the internet and improving our mental health so thank you for all of the help on that. We are also looking to maybe create weekly support groups for students about this.
- Thank you to Jessica for walking me through the surplus process and how we can get the money to the recipients.
I will be working with Reggie Miles and Simone Anderson on the disability peer mentoring project that we are considering for the African Students Union Summer Programs. We are having the folks who are going to be working in those get hired through a USAC office to get them hired officially through someone and we don’t want it to be CPO.

I will be speaking at the Climate Action Now UCLA rally tomorrow so check that out on their Instagram. I worked with Naomi on a resolution.

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G  Academic Affairs Commissioner Written

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<td>• Drafted bylaw changes for AAC program responsibilities to now include the grad prep material rental program</td>
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<td>• Updated the Inclusive Access survey to incorporate feedback from the student organizations that I met with</td>
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<td>• Preparation for the Distinguished Teaching Awards committee vote on Non-Senate faculty</td>
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<td>• Met with executive team to discuss pgv week, support for our finance team, and books for Bruins</td>
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<td>• Began compiling financial expenditure information from Fall and Winter quarter to comply with the requests of FSC’s team from all of council</td>
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<td>• finalize survey -- send final to ASUCLA</td>
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<td>• get expert on IA to do a special presentation</td>
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<td>▪ Collect student testimony and present at PC</td>
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<td>• UCOP report review --&gt; craft a response</td>
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<td>• Met with In-N-Out to finalize details for PGV week, launching next Monday!</td>
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| Platforms + Committees       | Accountability & Transparency:               |
|                            | • Wrapping up internal transparency report, planning to show to next office |
| In-N-Out:                  |
|                            | • Finalizing questions and agendas for speakers |
|                            | • Finalizing recruitment of speakers           |
| PR/Graphics:               |
|                            | • Helping with outreach and publicizing of our events |

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Chief of Senate, Sujana:

- Held a monthly meeting on Sunday, April 16th
- Coordinating certain issues regarding senator payments
- Attended CAF meeting on Friday, April 14th
- Met with chair of committee Joseph Bristow on Tuesday, April 11th
- Planning a resolution with Eliana Sisman regarding firing of Professor Priyanga Amarasekare
- Helped Isaac Levy in Eliana's office get connected with Senate

### External

- Met with UCLA Mobile to discuss how to design the occupancy data on UCLA library spaces on their app
  - We decided to do a broad section on student study spaces that not only has the occupspace API data, but it also contains links to reservations, etc
- Met with UCOD where we discussed the importance of removing ableist language on elevators across campus that shame their use
- Reached out to Dr. Rios-Aguilar (chair of EST) to reconvene our discussion on updates to admissions policies pertaining transfer students
- Co-hosted our mental health event with GR2, with a presentation given by Ms. Doubs, 3rd PhD candidate at LSU.
- Met with ASUCLA to discuss inclusive access improvements → devising a neutral survey, providing information on more opt-in models of inclusive access in Florida universities, and requested a report from the UCOP taskforce on course materials
- Met with SGA to process some financial paperwork

### H Campus Events Commission

- We have a couple of events going on. On Thursday from 12-1 pm we have the artist Liv coming to perform which is going to be really cool. It will be on the Kerckhoff patio and it is in promotion of an event that we are doing at the Hammer Arts Museum next Friday, April 28th. It is basically a concert, art gallery thing. There is an art installation and BJ the Chicago Kid and Cruiser will be performing and that is open and free to all students. You do not need to RSVP or anything you can just show up.
- We have a sneak screening of Hey God, it’s Me Margaret and that will also be really cool.

### I Community Service Commissioner

- We have two upcoming deadlines for Community service money for all the programs and student organizations on campus. First, is the CS Mini Fund application which closes on Saturday. If you are considering doing any programming this quarter that involves community service, please consider applying. We also have the CS Transportation Fund and that application closes on Friday. These are huge funding opportunities so please apply.
- We also have a scholarship opportunity. It is the Robert S. Michael Service Award that is open to any undergraduate student leader that is not graduating that does community service work leadership in the community. It is a $1,000 scholarship and it is also a great opportunity to highlight your own service journey and get money for school so please consider applying.
- We have the Our Youth Empowerment Town Hall which is happening on April 26th. This is an opportunity for any campus organization that is doing any work with youth to come and address anything that regards advocacy and youth. This is a brainstorming session and a solution-building session that also is networking. It is a productive space to foster community and unity to make sure that we are all working collectively to build a movement to serve the needs of disadvantaged communities. More details on Instagram.

### J Cultural Affairs Commissioner

- Cultural Affairs Commissioner

### K Facilities Commissioner

- Last week I attended the campus bike advisory committee and they had some presentations from graduate students about Westwood and its bike-ability and pedestrian friendliness and also just different local funding sources for projects throughout UCLA.
- This year, LADOT was at the meeting and they talked about the metrics that they used to do pedestrian scrambles that was something that I brought up at UCLA to maybe implement one at Strathmore and Gayley because it is a heavily walked intersection and not too much safety. Apparently, LADOT says it is pretty good in terms of eligibility for a pedestrian scramble and it requires 300 people crossing an hour and they said that it would be ideal.
- I met with the people on the John Wooden Center Board of Governors. They presented to the FAC general meeting a report that 800 students filled out that talked about issues about the gym. They found a lot of mental health benefits and now they are seeing how they can fix the gym to help more with mental health so that it can take the strain off of CAPS. They are also trying to mobilize our congressional representative to get more funding because Wooden is running out of funding and it needs an update.
- I went to Cookies and Conversations and that was a great time on Thursday.
- Bruin Baazar is doing a clothing swap on the Hill and it is a part of the Climate Summit that is happening on the Hill this weekend. I will be speaking at the event on the panel in Covel Commons.
- The Sustainability Committee is launching the reusable mugs at Kerckhoff coffee house hopefully around Week 7 or 8 and they are working on how they can return the mugs and building an app for them.

L. **Financial Supports Commissioner** Broukhim
- Yesterday I had a meeting with the New York Times representative and Fernando and Jonathan and we just flushed out the little details.
- We rented out a few additional goggles.
- I attended the Cookies and Conversations and it went great.
- I wanted to give an update on the audit process. We have only received information from one of your offices and we have extended the deadline to Friday so council members please send in your financial information because we all value financial transparency and we are just trying to make sure that the students have an understanding of where their fees are going. If you haven't spent your funds, you can just tell us that.
- Tomorrow we have a meeting with the person from GitHub and then we will be able to publish financial information on a more public platform and then we can access USAC financial data from previous years.

M. **Student Wellness Commissioner Written** Majer
- Commissioner Updates
  - **Bruin Health Week**
    - BHF - Friday, April 21st 1:00-3:00pm! IM Fields!!
    - AM Conference Keynote Speaker
      - Spoke about the intersection between basic needs and mental health!
    - Bruin Day
      - Spoke at panel about experiences in student orgs and being a leader on campus
    - Semel HCI Steering Committee
      - Restorative Practices Workshop
  - **SWC Updates**
    - HNF
      - Promote our research presentation! “How really beneficial is dining hall food and their messaging?” - Week 4 monday
    - Sex Week
      - Free STI testing for non-UCSHIP individuals!
    - Marketing
      - LOTS OF STUFF!!
    - All the marketing for BHW
    - Designing more merch!
  - **SWC Events**
    - SHN:
- Internship:
  - Aromatherapy event
  - 12-4pm
  - Kerckhoff Patio

- SWC Platforms:
  - Bruin Health Festival
  - Eventbrite
  - Friday, April 21 from 1-3pm
  - IM Fields

- DiverSWC x BN:

  - BR/W
    - Sunday, April 23 from 7-10:30am
    - Register here!

- Body Image Task Force, Bruin Consent Coalition, Planned Parenthood
  - Love Your Body Speaker Event
  - Wednesday, April 19th from 6:30-8:00pm
- Rieber Fireside Lounge
  - CPR, HNF, SEARCH, Bruin Run/Walk
    - First Aid Fitness Challenge
    - Thursday, April 20th
    - 12:00-2:00 PM
  - Sexperts
    - Smokin’ Hot: Exploring the Intersection of Cannabis and Sex
    - Thursday, April 20th
    - 6:00-8:00 PM
  - HNF
    - Tea event with Swipe Out Hunger (Week 4, Wed; make some tea-bags for free!)
  - SWC BHW Launch Party!
    - Was Monday, April 17 in Kerckhoff!
    - HUGE HUGE SUCCESS!!!
  - TW
    - Foodie Fair Week 2 was a big success!
    - Lots of free food sponsors!

N Transfer Student Representative
- Thyra is currently at the Transfer Lobby Day in the Student Activities Center.
- Juan as a proxy.
- She emceed EMOJA day yesterday which was a great event for Black Community College Students. She went to the Latinz Admit Weekend this past Sunday and said welcome to UCLA on behalf of USAC and she is currently planning Transfer Unity Week and collaborating with SWC, UNICA, and Urban Bruins.

O International Student Representative Written
- Met with Sanaz Nabati from the Career Center. Looked over the venue, planned the catering, etc.
- In the process of reaching out to Student Orgs that are invited to the fair and created a marketing campaign for Social Media and Outreach
- Reached out to Jessica and my SOLE advisor on how to get funding for this event
- Met with my Website Creator and looked over templates that we are using for the website.
- Completed ARC Interviews

P Administrative Representatives
- Orlando: “Hope you all are doing well. Around the fall quarter, I mentioned that there is a new requirement for returning student organizations to complete a workshop requirement. Not all of the groups attended so we extended the deadline to the end of the quarter so if you know of any organizations that did not attend please let them know. One of the penalties for not attending is either suspending the organization or preventing them from making room reservations so please look out for upcoming workshops.”
- Jessica: “Hi all, Sharing the programming updates I gave during the meeting for those who didn’t have clear audio. The slides below summarize the programming poll ASUCLA Marketing posted on our Instagram account to measure what programs students attend most, as well as future programs they want to see from ASUCLA. In addition, we have a few upcoming programs this month I wanted to share for all to attend and pass on to your networks:
  - Co-program with AAC: Healthy Path to Post Grad Workshop 4/19, 5-6 pm, Kerckhoff Grand Salon
  - Co-program with CEC: Noon Tunes with Live.e 4/20, noon, Kerckhoff Coffee House Patio
  - Climate Café 4/26, 11 am-2 pm (snacks provided)

We also just launched our Art in the Union program to receive submissions from student artists for the chance to win $600 and have their art featured in Ackerman or Kerckhoff. I am including the press release link for you to review. Finally, I wanted to extend thanks to those who were able to attend the entities luncheon yesterday! If anyone has feedback they would like to give on this event please let me know. This is the first of
many opportunities to connect with Board of Directors student members to discuss priorities for undergraduate students. Have a great rest of your week!”

- Steven: “Hi all, I don’t really have any updates. I will say that there was some interest in the future to form a USAC alumni group and I think that is a great idea to get students involved. I think if that is something that you are interested in doing at some point, it really has to be the recent USAC graduates to drive that effort. I am happy to work with any group of individuals to pursue that but I really think that the founding board for that group should be young alumni.”

- Jonathan: “Hello, I send out that feedback form again about the transition into office. I really want to make that as smooth as possible for the incoming council and you all are the best group to tell us what to do better so please make your voice heard, I would be greatly appreciative of that. On the topic of transitions, make sure to keep filling out that transition form that Jack has sent out in Slack. The last thing that I have is if your office is doing any sort of honorarium contracting, I know there has been some confusion so I should make it clear for you all but if any of your offices or organizations that are directly sponsored by your office are entering into any sort of contract whether that is a photographer or speaker or performer, that will always come to me. We will be the ones contracting for those things. The performance agreement on the USAC website is in the process of updating to make it clear that is only for registered campus organizations, not USAC. I would also love for you all to come to meet me in person if I haven’t met you yet.”

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A Resolution to Mandate Masking and The Bivalent Booster, Introduce Universal Hybrid Access, and Reinstate the COVID-19 Task Force*

Sponsors:
Alicia Verdugo, Cultural Affairs Commissioner
Eliana Judith Sisman, General Representative III
Naomi Hammonds, General Representative 2

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Association Council’s highest priority is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the students, faculty, and staff, and

WHEREAS, the University’s COVID-19 denialist Task Force “Infectious Diseases Management Team,” has removed the need for a negative COVID test to end isolation, and the X.B.B.1.5 AKA “Kraken” variant of the COVID-19 virus has driven positive case and hospitalization rates in the city of Los Angeles up to levels not seen since vaccines were made widely available; and

WHEREAS, the discontinuation of vending machines for PCR test drop-offs are very dangerous to the UCLA community, especially because in this past week, LA County Reports 53 more COVID-Related Deaths, 2,731 new Cases, and the state, local, and federal levels of government are denying the existence of the pandemic, and

WHEREAS, 19% of all American adults who have previously had COVID, and 7.5% of all American adults, have long-COVID1, according to the U.S Census Bureau’s Household Pulse Survey which has a sample size of hundreds of thousands of people,

1 http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/data/
WHEREAS, the University of California has followed suit by not promoted nor informed its constituents enough about the new Bivalent Booster, much less mandated its student body to get their COVID-19 booster, and

WHEREAS, the risks of reinfection is not widely known, and new data shows “a consistent pattern of increased likelihood of hospitalization, cardiovascular effects, clotting and other blood disorders, diabetes, fatigue, gastrointestinal distress, kidney damage, mental health effects such as depression, musculoskeletal damage, neurological deficits, and pulmonary damage with each episode,” and

WHEREAS, the Biden administration has amassed over one million deaths from COVID-19 in his time in office, which by their own and all reasonable standards is a horrific failure to fulfill the most basic responsibilities of government. The federal government continues to pretend the pandemic is not a threat anymore, and UCLA should not follow suit, and

WHEREAS, wealthy and powerful people are continuing to protect themselves from COVID, while many of them seek to strip away COVID protections from everyone else, especially poor and working class and disabled people and people of color

WHEREAS, the University of California Los Angeles has poor ventilation in many of the older buildings on our 103-year old campus, and

WHEREAS, hybrid learning is essential for many students, especially those who are people of color, and/or disabled, parenting, international, and/or commuter students, and

WHEREAS, the Disabled Students Union, the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC), and Mother Organizations have been advocating for hybrid learning for more than a year, and have demonstrated that hybrid learning is popular with UCLA students by getting more than 30,000 signatures on petitions for hybrid learning and building a coalition of organizations representing most UCLA students for the Strike For Our Safety which had hybrid learning as a central demand.

WHEREAS, hybrid learning enables students, academic workers and faculty to protect themselves from COVID, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC asks the University of California Los Angeles will reintroduce a mask mandate, not discontinue vending machines for test drop-off, and will reinforce the isolation guidelines for those who test positive past the tenth day

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC asks the University of California Los Angeles will bring back the COVID-19 Task Force Team, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC asks the University of California Los Angeles to mandate its students, faculty and staff to acquire their bivalent boosters, and

3 https://www.harvardmagazine.com/2022/12/covid-reinfection
4 https://twitter.com/JoeBiden/status/1319446692236791814
5 https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/02/04/statement-by-president-joe-biden-on-900000-american-deaths-from-covid-19/
7 https://adminvc.ucla.edu/building-ventilation-assessment-status
9 https://femmagazine.com/strike-for-our-safety-protesting-the-push-for-in-person-classes/ (the Mother Orgs + the DSU represent UCLA’s students of color and queer and disabled students, who comprise a majority of the student body, and the Strike For Our Safety received tremendous support from democratically elected USAC officers)
LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will urge the University of California Los Angeles to establish and maintain good ventilation in all buildings.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will pressure the University of California Los Angeles to work with students, academic workers, lecturers and the Academic Senate to instate universal access for all students in their education and for all academic workers, lecturers and professors in their work, and that includes hybrid access to lectures, discussions, seminars, labs, and every other form of teaching, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC asks the University of California Los Angeles to recognize that many members of the UCLA community are enduring long-COVID, will work with UCLA students, workers, and faculty to develop policies and programs upholding the rights and advancing the wellbeing of people at UCLA and beyond who are suffering from long-COVID, including but not limited to providing good-quality patient-centered care and all necessary accommodations and supports for all UCLA students, workers, and faculty with long-COVID, as well as engaging in community-based research on long-COVID, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC urges that University of California Los Angeles should provide readily available info on COVID-19 case counts, resources, and vaccination to improve and continue to be centered around public health safety, and

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, the USAC, in collaboration with the Disabled Students Union, Disability Justice Committee and other advocacy groups, will advocate for COVID protections and accessible learning through measures including but not limited to policy and legal advocacy, campus organizing, and making all of our events COVID-safe and accessible.

- Carl: “I guess I got a couple of questions about this because I guess some of the verbiage calling the current task force denialist or ableist or something like, I mean I sit at some of those meetings and I think we have a student wellness commissioner who sits at those meetings too and it is kind of her job to do things like things. Did you actually speak with the task force about some of these issues?”

- Eliana: “I did have a good conversation with Ana and I appreciate her taking the time. I think I imagine everyone knows Covid exists and in the US, our government is famously not managing the pandemic well in terms of having more deaths and long-term harm than most counties so that is probably not ideal and so maybe we can change that.”

- Ana: “I did meet with Eliana and there is a document somewhere and I don’t know where it is at the moment and we just talked through some of the points as to why IBMT has made some of those specific decisions as well as what we are currently working on as you said with boosters specifically. Right now we don’t have the research to back up a re-implementation for masking again. The case count is low. I don’t see much of that information on the resolution today unfortunately but thank you for taking the time to speak with me, I really appreciate that.”

- Phoebe: “Thank you all for writing this resolution. It is really exciting to see all of the asks that we have like getting people boosted, ventilation in buildings, and hybrid learning. I think these are all things that need to be codified in terms of USAC asking about what we care about because I think a lot of us do care about providing more of these resources but we don’t have a formalized statement on this yet so is exciting. There are a couple of things that I am curious about whether or not we could change or improve some things. Going back to the covid-19 task force thing. I do think the IBMT has a reason for being formed because of new diseases coming up like monkey pox. I think it would make sense that we keep that as the task force. Regarding the mask mandate, I think Ana does bring up some good points in terms of students potentially not taking the mask mandate seriously even if there are more cases but I think it would be good to rephrase the language a bit if we are trying to encourage students to wear masks. Maybe there is a different way that we can go about this.”
- Carl: “I mean I personally feel like this is a conversation that needs to be had with SWC and a representative from the infectious disease management team because I understand it seems that it was written without taking into account a conversation with some of them and I think that would be a good conversation to have. Obviously, there are some good things in here that you are asking for so maybe we can just rework it after you have a conversation with people that have been elected by the student body to actually focus on these specific issues.”

- Kian votes to table this resolution until next week, Ana seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the resolution is tabled until next week.

B  Article IV, Section B, 5.h.ii. Cortez
- Sara moves to approve the bylaw change to Article IV, Section B, 5. h. ii, Kian seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the bylaw change is approved.

C  Academic Success Referendum Guidelines, Section V. Deadlines Cortez
- Kian moves to approve the changes to the Academic Success Referendum guidelines Section V, Ana seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the changes made to the referendum guidelines are approved.

D  Travel Grant Mini Fund guidelines, Section IV. Deadlines Cortez
- Sara moves to approve the changes to the TGGMF guidelines, Kian seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the TGGMF guideline changes are approved.

E  Restoration of the Elections Board's Funding Bulis
- Tabled until next week.

F  USAC Discussion/Action on supporting Amanda Finzi-Smith and Black Bruins Sisman, Hammonds
- Bring this issue to Monroe Gordon

XI. Adjournment
- Carl adjourns the meeting at 8:46pm.

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