

AGENDA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL April 25, 2023 7 PM PST Zoom:

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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 ASRF Allocations
- Strike TGIF
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Add Resolution about Climate Justice
- Add Discussion about Supporting Sorority
- Sara moves to approve the agenda as amended, Daniela seconds.
- By vote of 9-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

- Sara moves to approve the minutes from 4/18/23, Naomi seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 4/18/23 are approved.

IV. Public Comment

- Clara Castronova: "Hello, my name is Clara Castronova and I am the CALPIRG Chapter chair here at UCLA and I am here to give a weekly update for CALPIRG. So this week was actually our spring funding pledge drive, but we finished already and hit our goal. We signed up 300 new members yesterday and today and for the whole year that sets us over 2,400 members and we are super excited about that. The second thing that I want to let you know is that because of the transportation referendum, we will be helping out a little bit in the election and working on turning out the vote. Thank you for listening."
- Public comment closed at 7:12pm.

V. Funding

A.	Capital Contingency*	Prentice
B.	Contingency Programming*	Prentice
C.	SFS Allocations#	Flores
	- Allocation: \$4,063.05 for 2 CSC orgs and 2 non CSC orgs	
	- No opposition passes as a consent item.	
D.	 <u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u> Allocation: \$1,975.00 to 5 non SWC groups No opposition passes as a consent item. 	Majer
E.	Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#	Johnson
F.	ASRF Allocations#	Cortez
G.	AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#	Cortez

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- Allocation: \$235.19 to 1 non USAC entity
- No opposition passes as a consent item.

H. ARC Allocations#

- Allocation: \$2,500.00 to 1 non USAC entity
- No opposition passes as a consent item.

Presented by Cailyn Nagle:

I. <u>TGIF#</u>

- J. IVP Partnership Fund Allocations*
 - Allocation: \$15,271.00 to 31 non USAC entities
 - Sara moves to approve \$15,271.00 to 31 non USAC entities, Naomi seconds.
 - By vote of 1-0-0, the motion passes and the IVP Partnership Fund Allocations are approved.

VI. Special Presentations

A. Automatic Textbook Billing and You: Reading the Fine Print of Inclusive Access

Cortez

"Hi everyone, I am the open educational resource program manager at Michaelson 20 Million Minds Foundation and I have been working on textbook affordability student consumer protection for four years now. Three years previous I was a community organizer on college campuses and two years here at UCLA as the Albert campus organizer. You can't get rid of me. We were founded over 10 years ago when our founder Dr. Garrett Michaelson heard about students at Santa Ana College who could not afford their materials. It was ridiculous to him that students would come so far just to drop out of school because they couldn't afford their textbooks so he covered the cost of those student books. I work primarily as an advocate on this issue but also with community organizations to further the issue as to why textbooks are so expensive. Something that I say in my sleep is that three textbook companies control 80% of the textbook marketplace. Students are a captured marketplace. You cannot choose the materials that you want to buy based on the simple laws of supply and demand. Students are particularly vulnerable and we know textbook publishers have worked to limit alternative options in the past whether it was releasing new additions every two years or just changing some pictures around to directly attack the used textbook marketplace where students are able to really make the most savings. They also do this through selling loose leaf copies which you can't really resell. They are also bundling your coursework in with your textbook which by the way is illegal. When I was in the U.S I ran the fixing the broken textbook marketplace survey which surveyed 6,000 students across the country. Our report was used by the US Senate and what we found is that 65% of students skip buying textbooks due to the cost, 21% skip buying access codes because of cost, 10% of students report skipping meals to be able to pay for their textbooks. The consequences are very real here. The new thing that companies are doing is automatically billing students for the cost of their materials which is what we call automatic textbook billing and this is a process where institutions enter into both purchasing agreements with publishers to get students discounted prices and then automatically add them to your course fee bill which was made legal back in 2016. Until fairly recently from 2020, there was not a lot of public information about the content of these contracts. One of my colleagues did a deep dive into these contracts via the Freedom of Information Act 65 and what we found was that 95% had high quotas and if the campus did not meet the quotas then the discount would disappear for the students. A third of these contracts had annual price increases and there were restrictions on the number of paper copies that were offered to students. We know that students prefer to have paper copies. We also saw restrictions on how institutions could communicate to the public including the students and faculty about these deals. I got my hands on an automatic textbook billing contract at UCLA so let's take a second to look over that. So this is a contract with Pearson which is one of the top three publishers. So the quota for this was 2,644 students for Stats 10 who were automatically billed through this contract. I do want to be fair and say that the discount given is a significant discount but this is really about disclosure and transparency. In addition to this, there are restrictions and up-charge for print purchase so students are getting a digital rental which will then disappear at the end of the term. We also see restrictions on the number of prints that students can get and a charge for accessing that. There are also confidentiality agreements about how the campus can communicate this deal to the public and restrictions on this type of information that they have to go to Pearson and say hey does this look okay. In addition to this, this also

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allows them to share your information with the publisher including your name and your email but also the educational information. So this is why I am here, because your campus is considering doing this and I think that as student leaders it is incredibly important that you all are fully aware of the content of these contracts that are signed and that you are able to navigate them. You have a lot of power in this because you have numbers behind you. Equitable access is the term that they use for a flat fee so all students are charged a flat fee. My last slide has my contact information but I also want to point out that students at the University of Central Florida successfully organized an opt-in model so students would choose to participate in their bulk purchasing agreement rather than being automatically opted in. Thank you all for having me."

VII. Appointments

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

- This week I had a meeting with my directors on some of the updates that we all had. In my office, campus health is currently working with administrators on campus to work out a deal and so they will soon be adding reproductive health care products to some of the vending machines that are currently on campus.
- We got some departments to add undergraduate student representatives to some of the meetings and committees that they have.
- We have the President Banquet on Thursday and so we have just been finalizing all the small moving points to make sure that it goes well and that the chancellor is still available.
- We have the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fair coming up, more details to come.

B. Internal Vice President Written

IVP Meetings

- Working on transition documents with directors
- Planning our office closure event
- **IVP** Partnership Fund
 - Deadline has passed
 - Outreach team has already started reviewing applications that were submitted earlier and will review the rest in the next week
 - Outreach team will be at 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
 - Set up BAM network
 - Advertising application
 - Instagram post
 - Putting up fliers in Westwood, Apartmentside and the Hill
 - Working on moving the funding from ASUCLA to the Financial Aid Office

Spring Showcase

- One of my initiatives increase student involvement and highlight students
- Will be located in Kerckhoff Coffee House on May 26th
- Small spring showcase for to showcase undergraduate performers
- Looking for musicians

C. External Vice President

- Proxy: Eliana Sisman
 - They had an educational event on how the university regions have been involved in violating indigenous people's rights in Hawaii and how students and business people and others are fighting against that and the next steps to work on that.
 - They also worked with Thyra, on Transfer Lobby day and they have been getting public comment on groups and other advocacies.
- D. General Representative 1 Written
- E. <u>General Representative 2 Written</u>
 - Learning Assistants in the BBRC
 - Receiving good feedback from students

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- Conversation with Antonio Sandoval among other CPO staff and undergraduate staff
 - Discussed historic tensions with CPO and AAP
 - Opportunity to hear experiences from staffers
 - Also discussed spaces that help provide a sense of belonging for students
- Attended SREC meeting last week (forgot to include)
- Attended ASU Candidate Forum as they will be welcoming in their new board soon
- Meet with directors and team to go over some tasks for the remainder of the term
 - Working on stipend paperwork

F. <u>General Representative 3</u>

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- I am currently working on an event with the RISE center and CAC on the internet and how certain aspects of the internet can be harmful to mental health and relationships and we will be addressing various remedies for this including arts, poetry, and stuff like that. We are also getting mental health perspectives from Alicia and Thyra and it has been nice just getting folks together to try and address this issue and make it into an ongoing program.
- We had our movie screening last Wednesday and it was about the struggle for disability rights. Thank you to Daniela, it was a lot of fun.
- My director of sustainability and transparency has been working with AAC and has been speaking to the Academic Senate about the inequities that students face, online courses at UCLA, and the injustices of incomplete notations. Those notations should be temporary because you are then living with a permanent marketing record and folks are discriminatory when they see that stuff even though it is only for a good cause.
- I had the great honor and pleasure of being at the Beloved Community Awareness Week events today so thank you to Lucy for inviting me and shout out to Simone Anderson and a bunch of other folks for their work to make that happen.
- I had another disability peer mentoring board meeting and right now we are just working on training and building up another Student Risk Education Committee.
- I went to the rally of Climate Action Now for Earth Day and I will be presenting a resolution based on their work tonight.

G.	Academic A	<u>Affairs</u>	Commissioner	Written	

Internal Finalized PGV week honorariums and sent to SGA • • Executives are sending follow ups for occuspace endorsement letters Sent a letter of support for the BBRC Director position to be retained as • Amanda Finzi Reviewed ASUCLA Inclusive Access survey Requested a special presentation from an expert on Inclusive Access from council, sought by AAC's Retention First team Platforms + In-N-Out Committees Hosted PGV week: Events Monday-Friday • 0 Thursday's event and Friday's second event are being rescheduled due to some conflicts **Retention First** Finalizing b4b awards for spring Communicating with Textbook store about outstanding awards from • Winter Academic Senate Monthly senators meeting • UgC met with Isaac Levy to discuss some items of concern 0 Connected Isaac with Corey Hollis and Dean Galvan 0 Drafting an email to Academic Senate policy analysts to request meeting minutes from 2021 Shared notes on conversations with Corey Hollis in 0 incomplete notations External • Finalized USIE t-shirt order with Bruin Custom Print for the student

	 facilitators Coordinated a meeting with Hassan and USIE for onboarding Connected Hassan with our PR team and Community Liaisons to help with push of applications Attended the Retention & Belonging meeting with HSI to discuss the kinds of resources students would want on an HSI landing page and also how to address academic probations Mentioned bringing in more resources and sources of support for AAP and the CRC projects who do this work
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H. Campus Events Commission

- This Thursday, we have a sneak screening of "Hey God, It's me Margaret" and the director is also coming afterwards for a Q/A. That will be in the James Bridge Theater at 7pm and then on Friday we have our Hammer Arts party which is also going to be really cool and I am going to drop that link in the chat. It is open to all college students in LA so bring your friends. There are going to be artist-led workshops and then obviously the concert with BJ the Chicago Kid, Cruz, and Anastasia so that will be really cool.
- Next monday, we have an event with SWC and CAC and we have announced it yet but it is going to be really cool so keep your eye out for that. It is going to be a conversation between an artist and a professor concerning mental health to start off the month of May programming. It will be around 4:30pm in the Ackerman Grand Ballroom so just keep your eyes open for that.
- We also have our noon tune series. This is a bi-weekly concert from 12-1pm on Kerckhoff Patio. The next one is going to be on May 4th.

I. <u>Community Service Commissioner</u>

- Regarding funding, SFS is officially closed for the year because we have run out of funding. Our current funding directors are bringing applications for the Community Service Transportation Fund and the CS Mini Fund so we are currently reviewing those applications and we will be making decisions on those shortly.
- Another funding opportunity that I want to remind everyone about is the Robert S Michael's scholarship award. Please share this with the community because this is really going to help the community. Please target minority students and students from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Tomorrow we have our Youth Empowerment Town Hall happening from 6-8pm in the Bruin Viewpoint Room and we are going to be having a conversation with a bunch of student organizers and projects about youth empowerment and about collaborating and building partnerships and building resource gaps to make sure that we are best serving the community in the greater LA area.
- We are going to be having a community service summit happening for May 27th and this is an opportunity for community service leaders to showcase their work in a conference style.

J. <u>Cultural Affairs Commissioner</u>

- We just had our series Made with Love Market and this is the second one of the year. We had one last quarter and it was really successful.
- On Thursday, we are going to have our HHC Flea. It is called the 1520 Flea and it is a hip-hop celebration and appreciation event and there will be performers and some art workshops there as well. It is going to be in Wilson plaza on Thursday from 12-5pm. After the Flea, we are going to have a Teeny Desk concert that is going to be hosted in our office. We will have one performer and it is going to be led by our concert series.
- We are planning on having our For the Girls which is a belated celebration of Women's History Month concert on Friday but ASUCLA gave us some issues with the reservation because of some unpaid invoices so we are just postponing that and waiting to hear back from our vendors and performers to see when they are available.
- I am working with Eliana on a wellness event and I think Word on Wednesday should also be able to participate so that is very exciting. I am working with Thyra on a collaboration for a film screening by the end of the quarter. We are still working on the beginning of the event logistics.
- Volunteer applications are open for the Jazz Reggae Festival. This is not a free event but if you volunteer even just for an hour you get a free ticket and a free shirt.

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Our art series component is working on a gallery soon. We are collaborating with ASUCLA Art in the Union And we are going to have some art series members be the judges at that contest in a month.

programming that celebrates and showcases the different cultures across the world.

ASUCLA did not help us with reserving the venues that we wanted for World Fest. It was scheduled for Week 3 but they did not reply to our emails even though we requested to book a month ago which was really

We are working on performance agreements and offers with ASUCLA and for JRF. We have a lot of CAC merch to hand out at future events so make sure to attend those. I am also planning an end of the year event for CAC and it is scheduled on June 2nd. You are all welcome to attend. It is going to be a concert and

Last but not least, I think it is important that Council knows that there is going to be an HSI Town Hall this Thursday from 4-6 pm in the Bruin Reception Room in Ackerman. There will be food provided and I think it is important that people come because a lot of people don't know what HSI is. HSI is a Hispanic Serving Institution and UCLA is projected to be an HSI in the next two years and that means at least 25% of students at UCLA will be hispanic.

K. Facilities Commissioner

Proxy: Megan Law

gallery at the same time.

- This past Sunday, Bruin Bazaar tabled at the Sustainability Summit and they are also planning their first annual student vendor fair on May 15th from 12-3 pm in Bruin Plaza. It is our first event so please come out.
- Our environmental justice committee is having an event on Thursday at 2pm in Public Affairs and it is where garment workers speak out with former Cambodian garment workers.
- Our Transportation, Equity, and Access committee is still tabling every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday _ on Bruin Walk for the Transit Referendum.

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

- We received the New York Times contract and there are some issues with that but we are going to go through it.
- We have increased our outreach to Westwood businesses so I think we got a few more discounts and once those details are sorted out we will start advertising those on our Instagram.
- We have extended the deadline for sending in y'alls financial information to Friday but before Friday would be great. In the last remaining weeks, we have also discussed how we want to spend this year's budget and so we are going to invest in some more lab coats because those also sell out every time. We are also going to host an event within the next few weeks regarding food insecurity or something along those lines and hand that stuff out to the student body.

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

N. Transfer Student Representative

- I have met with each of the organizations and the only department is a transfer student center who got allocations from my office and so I am finalizing what different events that they want to use the funding for so the transfer center for \$15,000 for transfer events, TLC got \$5,000 for their transfer student survey and then I did spend \$6,500 to assist Naomi in the Community Program Grant and that money went towards the transfer but for each of the mother organizations, they all got \$10,000 and I am telling them that they have to have three different events, one for prospective transfers, one for current, and one for alumni and that has been going well. It helps that a lot of these events are already developed and I am just providing funding for them so that is nice.
- I am trying to finalize Unity Week and it is looking like it is going to be on Week 7 and I am collaborating with some groups.
- My office is having a transfer leadership meet and greet this Thursday at 6:30 pm and I am inviting all of the mother organizations and transfer oriented student clubs to come out and get boba and dinner so you all are welcome to come to that as well.
- This week is the Pan-African Mental Health Week. We were able to fund the food for our events but we were not able to fund the activities because we do understand that there are food insecurities in the Black Bruin

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community and we are holding space for an important conversation revolving around mental health which has not been provided for black bruins in the past.

O. International Student Representative Written

- Funded \$592 to the Armenian Student Union for their event Coachellion. Coachellian is a cultural event by the Armenian Students' Association where many performers attended and participated, both students, alumni, and non-students to enjoy a night of Armenian culture, food, music, dance, and talent. There were live and recorded music performances, comedy acts. Armenian food and dessert were provided.
- Working with the Career Center on the fair. We have continued to work with student clubs and onboard panelists to attend our event.
- Website designing has been finalized. Content input is now underway. We are releasing the website on the 20th of May, in the last council meeting.

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Orlando: "I just have a reminder. Some of you may have been receiving emails from me regarding requirements for student organizations. You may belong to other boards or your office may not have completed the requirement so if you are getting emails from me, reach out to me or your SOLE advisor to inquire about how to do it. I have sent out several emails today alone and as somebody was mentioning earlier, SOLE and just campus funding in general is drying up and a lot of funds are done for the year but what will still be coming up is our graduation funding for student organizations or any end of the year celebration. If you are interested in that, reach out to your SOLE advisor."
- Jessica:

My team is putting together a workgroup for office websites – we would appreciate one representative from each office that has an existing site or would want to create a site to contribute to the conversation.
 USAC site migration is currently being planned to occur over summer – this will help reduce vulnerabilities with the site as we will have ASUCLA IT support (hopefully reducing the risk of being hacked).

• Art in the Union entries are due **Friday**, 4/28, please encourage everyone you know to apply. Prize is \$600, winning artwork will be featured in Ackerman & Kerckhoff.

See <u>press release link</u> for more information and <u>submission form</u> to share with your networks.
 Please complete the <u>transition docs request form</u>. This is urgent and needs to be complete by each

office before next council meeting. Hiring deadline is **Friday 5/5** – if you are not biring other options are bruin card denosit or gift

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Save the Date for Installation - 5/20 at 1pm in KGS.

- Jonathan: "My updates on my end are pretty much the same as last week. So that form that Jack has sent out probably around three times now for transitions and the one that I have send out regarding feedback on transitions and trainings has also been sent out a couple of times and both forms have not received a single response and that is frustrating for our students because they have a job to so as well and it stresses them out and pushes back their work further. Clearly transitions are important to you all because it is on the agenda again tonight so we would really appreciate some participation in that and then we can assist you and the next people through this process."

IX. Old Business

- A. <u>A Resolution to Mandate Masking and The Bivalent Booster, Introduce Universal Hybrid Access, and Reinstate the</u> <u>COVID-19 Task Force</u>* Verdugo
 - Raj Chaklashiya: "Thank you Eliana for introducing me. I have always viewed UCLA as a great institution for learning where students learn and research from the best and brightest in good health and with as little stress as possible. It is very painful for me to see my alma mater no longer protect students and people and to be moving away from this kind of ideal academic institution that like everyone's freedom to learn in good health no longer exists when we don't mask in the middle of an ongoing pandemic but students and instructors should be able to have masks on hand to implement universal masking at a moment's notice to

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protect their health. I know I experienced this personally as a grad student researcher who is now being forced to attend two conferences because they won't do something as simple as universal masking. It is exclusionary to people who are worried about their health. A recent court case in Virginia schools also found that disabled students have the right to have universal masking and to deny that right is to violate the American Disabilities Act so if UCLA has a policy saying that can't be implemented then that policy is illegal by the ADA. So a bit of scientific background. The CDC and our public health institutions have deteriorated and are not to be trusted for several legitimate reasons. This is something that has been compiled by many people over the past year and for one thing I am a member of People CDC and we act as a watchdog on the CDC for the past year now. Every week we release a weekly report on what is actually happening in the pandemic and I would urge you to take a look at some of those reports. For one thing, the map that the CDC uses to show transmission is very misleading. There is a transmission map that is much more accurate that they have kept hidden on their website that is much more accurate. Second, the evidence continues to mount after each research paper that speaks to the fact that every time you get Covid, your immune system gets weaker and your T-cells get depleted. People are becoming more immunocompromised after every covid infection. Vaccines are not enough to protect us from catching covid as more transmissible variants evolve and then we have to keep playing catch up with more vaccines. Third, Covid is a multi-organ disease, it affects more than the respiratory system, it affects all the different organs. Everytime people do not mask, they are basically forcing infection on other people. You do not hear these things from the CDC media because there is a blackout. I know this because as a member of the People CDC we have tried to get the media to cover things only for them to give us the cold shoulder and we notice them delete articles. Going back to the resolution, instructors deserve the right to be able to have masks on hand to protect themselves and each other because the risks are high. The gaslighting is high. I hope that you will help you and your fellow students and colleagues in making UCLA more welcoming and inclusive."

- Resolution is tabled until next week. Waiting for IBMT to come to council to speak on topic.

B. FSC Surplus Allocation Redistribution to Elections Board*

- Sara moves to provide Elections Board with \$2,000 for FSC Surplus Proposal, Naomi seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and \$2,000 is given to the Elections Board.
- Value was changed from \$4,000 to \$2,000 because the original proposal for FSC New York Times Proposal did not take into account tax.

X. New Business

- A. <u>Article IV, Section A</u>*
 - Suggested Changes: Under Letter C, change to Student Government Services, change deadline.
 - Tabled until next week.
- B. IVP Partnership Fund Deadline Extension*
 - Naomi moves to approve the IVP Partnership Fund Deadline Extension until Week 5, Friday, Sara seconds.
 - By vote of 10-0-0, the IVP Partnership Fund Deadline is extended until Week 5, Friday.
- C. <u>Climate Justice Resolution</u>*

A Resolution Calling on UCLA to Take The Lead in Creating Climate Justice

Co-Sponsors:

Eliana Sisman, General Representative 3 Alicia Verdugo, Cultural Affairs Commissioner My-Lan Le, Internal Vice President

WHEREAS, UCLA's recently released decarbonization draft policy does not adequately respond to the scale and urgency of the climate crisis.

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WHEREAS, the goal of 2045 for 90% decarbonization is dramatically misaligned with State goals, the work and advocacy of USAC and of sustainability-focused and environmental justice student groups, the 2022 Academic Senate Memorial, and most importantly, scientific consensus and UC's stated values of climate justice. A goal 22 years in the future is useless without any near-term milestones, as carbon emissions are cumulative and the rate of emissions reductions significantly affects the remaining carbon budget.

WHEREAS, the reliance on biomethane for the next 17 years is concerning, because biomethane certificates are another form of carbon offsets as campuses will continue to burn fracked gas on site.

WHEREAS, investing in electrification *now* will prevent large greenhouse gas emissions that drive the climate emergency that affects our students, staff, and faculty and the human and nonhuman communities they belong to.

WHEREAS, the University of California has an obligation to show leadership to the countless institutions and corporations that closely watch whether UC will implement a climate policy that achieves the rapid reductions in greenhouse gas emissions that our own scientists tell us are necessary.

WHEREAS, if the University of California truly is committed to environmental justice, we must take responsibility for the damages caused to people and ecosystems, locally and far away, by the emissions that result from our campus operations. We must mitigate these emissions quickly to show that a timely transition towards a clean energy future is possible for the UC – the world's leading university system — and that expectations are high for fellow emitters to follow our lead.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council asks for clearer language in your policies that does not greenwash the continued burning of fracked methane gas on campus.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that we reiterate the call to follow the Academic Senate Memorial on Reducing Fossil Fuel Combustion and reduce on-campus fossil fuel combustion by at least 60% of current levels by 2030 and by 95% of current levels by 2035.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that USAC calls on UCLA's administration to implement a UCLA labor transition to green jobs and ensure that workers implementing green upgrades on campus will be hired into unionized jobs with living wages and employed directly by the university administration

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that USAC demands that UCLA prioritize climate justice (respecting indigenous people's rights to protect their land and to have the power to shape environmental policy and stopping and repairing damage to communities of low income and color and to disabled people) in the development and implementation of plans.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that USAC urges that UCLA use only the highest quality carbon offsets (directed towards climate justice and biodiversity conservation) and that UCLA use carbon offsets only temporarily until 2030

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that USAC calls on UCLA to select financial institutions and investment instruments that prioritize sustainability and do not invest in fossil fuels and fossil fuel infrastructure

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that USAC supports and urges UCLA to support the UC-wide platforms of UCGND¹ and Electrify UC^2 and their timetables for action.

- Eliana moves to approve A Resolution Calling on UCLA to Take The Lead in Creating Climate Justice, Juan seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and A Resolution Calling on UCLA to Take the Lead in Creating Climate Justice is approved.
- D. Discussion Regarding Supporting Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

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- ¹ <u>https://ucgreennewdealcoalition.net/</u>
- ² <u>https://electrifyuc.org/</u>

- Rayven Hickman: "Hi my name is Raven Hickman and I am the President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. We are a group of college-educated women committed to public service to the black community. We were the first Greek letter organization of any kind here on the UC's campuses and we recently turned 100 years old on Jan. 23rd, 1923 and during our four hour celebration we had a weekend full of events and we hosted around 200 of our alumni members. They all came to campus and we included a community service event. Today, I am asking for your help with funding. Unfortunately we submitted a funding grant to you all and it was denied. We submitted it before the application deadline but there was some technical difficulty which resulted in that amount being denied. We have also previously applied for other funding and received around \$2,000 dollars and we are very grateful for that but that only takes care of a few things. Our main problem is with Luskin Center and that bill is around \$21,000 so anything towards that would be appreciated."
- Carl: "Thank you so much for those updates Rayvan and congrats again on 100 years and being the first Greek letter organization of any kind at UCLA. I remember speaking with you and some members from your organization a couple of months ago and you guys are very upset that you barely got any funding from BOD so I definitely want to help you out this time. Do any council members have any questions or concerns or comments?"
- Naomi: "Thank you so much for coming. I really do appreciate it and I saw the 200 people you were talking about come to campus so she is not even exaggerating y'all. So the \$21,000 was just to rent out Luskin?"
- Rayven: "It was to rent out the space and provide food and refreshments. We had a three course Muslim meal with salmon, chicken, beef options and then a dessert afterwards and then with all the waiters."
- Jonathan: "This event has already happened, is that right?" (answer is yes) Yeah, so the way that the accounting and the foundation works is that students can't do retroactive funding."
- Carl: "Okay, well I mean if we are using the endowment, the endowment is supposed to go to organizations I need and I don't think there are any rules in regards to it has to be something that is held in the future. I wasn't planning to vote on this tonight but I just wanted to bring it to council so if you guys could do more research on it then I am also going to speak with Roy."
- Kian: "Uh, I just want to know how much money we have in the endowment that we can give out."
- Carl: "So we can't give money directly from the endowment. We give money from the interest that is made
 on the endowment. I know there is about \$600,000 in the endowment. I think that means that there is like
 \$20,000-\$30,000 but I will speak with Roy to double check that. I do think that we have more than enough to
 help this organization which will leave some over."

XI. Adjournment*

- Carl adjourns the meeting at 9:15pm.

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