



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
May 2, 2023
7 PM PST
Zoom:

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I. Call to Order

King

- Carl calls the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via google docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

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- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike SFS Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations

- Kian moves to approve the agenda as amended, Naomi seconds.
- By vote of 9-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

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- Naomi moves to approve the minutes from 4/25/23, Kian seconds.
- By vote of 9-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 4/25/23 are approved.

IV. Public Comment

King

- Clara Castronova: "Hello, my name is Clara and I am the chapter chair for CALPIRG here at UCLA. We elected our UCLA new board yesterday so we have a lot of new board members and officers that we are super excited about. We had a really exciting year and I am so proud of all of them. They are all super talented. This Sunday is our Statewide Outbreak board meeting. They are all students and are youth-based boards of directors, which is pretty unique even among youth-non profits not having any adults on the board. That is really special because it means that we are the ones that get to make all the decisions about where the organization is going and the issues that we work on. On Sunday, we are going to improve the budget and we are going to decide if I leave the campaign for the fall. This is something that all the chapters across the state will work on and we will also elect our executive committee board. Thank you so much."

- My-Lan: "I am acting as a proxy for OSAC today. OSAC has been working to ensure that the office spaces at Kerckhoff are meeting students' needs and a form has been created to monitor and communicate people's office needs and maintenance. You can find it here and I will also drop it in the chat. If your organization is in need of assistance or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out via email or through Instagram at @osacucla."

- Public comment is closed at 7:14pm

V. Funding

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| A. <u>Capital Contingency*</u> | Prentice |
| B. <u>Contingency Programming*</u> | Prentice |
| C. <u>SFS Allocations#</u> | Flores |
| D. <u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u> | Majer |

- Allocations: \$706.00 to 3 SWC groups
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

- E. Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations# Johnson
- F. ASRF Allocations# Cortez
- G. AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations# Cortez
- H. ARC Allocations# Verdugo
- I. TGIF# Chiu
- Allocations: \$3,752.38 for 6 non-USAC entities and 1 USAC entity
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- J. IVP Partnership Fund Allocations* Le
- Can't vote on the item, because council does not hold quorum
 - Vote held until next week.

VI. Special Presentations

- A. Elections Board: Elections Ballot Bulis
- Anna Bulis: "Names will be organized randomly per ballot but the offices will be in order. At the bottom of the referenda, each ballot will have a link to the supplemental language that was approved by UCOP. This is what a voter would see if they clicked on that link and then a voter could read all of this to be better informed. Does anyone have any questions?"
 - Phoebe: "I had a quick thought, maybe this is something that we could think about for next year's ballot but I know a lot of folks don't know that they don't have to vote for every single thing. Maybe that is something that we could say because I know last year a lot of people didn't want to vote on one particular ballot item and then ended up not voting at all because they thought they had to choose something for every item."
 - Anna: "Yeah, that is something that we can keep in mind. I know that it was like that last year. None of these are required so you could turn it in without filing it out. All that is required is the UID login and stuff just to make sure that they are an eligible voter but yeah that is something that we could keep in mind."

VII. Appointments

VIII. Officer Reports

- A. President King
- We just wrapped up some of the initiatives that we have been working on. We are still working on transferring the funds over to the right facilities for the money that we got from Surplus so that is mainly what we have been focusing on.
 - I am also working on paying my directors and making sure that we fill out that paperwork. I would recommend that everyone start that paperwork now because a lot of times individuals from the offices don't get paid because officers forget to fill out the paperwork and then that money just goes back to surplus so please make sure that you are paying your directors.
 - I have a meeting with the chancellor and vice chancellor Gordon and that is pretty much it.
- B. Internal Vice President Le
- Proxy: Megan Law
- C. External Vice President Johnson
- Proxy: Evan Curran
 - We are finishing up the last of the BAG applications and we have been working on that since last week and hope to finish up soon. Divine went to Oakland to meet with President Jay and the other EVPs to discuss issues that students are facing. We are also preparing for our lobby day. We have some pretty cool meetings with some pretty high people so that is going to be exciting. We also have the UCSA board meeting this

weekend in Santa Cruz. The relations team just met yesterday with a congressman and they are discussing school and traffic for Bruins.”

D. [General Representative 1 Written](#)

Kohanteb

- My office has a stress relief event for midterms. We will be handing out stress balls, toys, and stickers. We will also have some snacks from 9:30- 10:30 pm in Bruin Plaza and then we will be moving on to Bruin Walk just so that students can have something to look forward to and something to relieve midterm season.

E. [General Representative 2 Written](#)

Hammonds

- Added another Black Learning Assistant in the Black Bruin Resource Center
 - Every Monday and Wednesday to help students in Life Science 30B, 7B, and 7C
- Met with Dr. Claudia Salcedo and Mr. Santiago Bernal to discuss the history of AAP.
 - Further addressed tensions and fragmentation between AAP and CPO
 - Students felt that things weren't student-run
 - Student retention support was low
 - Lack of advocacy, shrinking resources, and frustration
 - Discussed how relations stand now

F. [General Representative 3](#)

Sisman

- On May 24th, at 4 pm we are going to have an event about how the Internet affects our well-being and what we can do about it. I will be hosting with Alicia and Ryan. There will be poetry courtesy of Cultrual Affairs and lots of interesting stuff to talk about. We will also be talking with Dr. Jasmine Hill who used to be our USAC president and is now a professor here about having an alumni network. We are also trying to finalize my program with surplus funding.

G. [Academic Affairs Commissioner Written](#)

Cortez

Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Following up on AAC funding & filing requisitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Met with a student organization to help. ● Working on AAC transition packet ● Met with executives to coordinate on stipends and discussed with SGS to ensure folks get payment. ● Compiling all past funding guideline changes to update on website
Platforms + Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hosted rescheduled PGV week event on Friday ● Closed out b4b for spring quarter
Academic Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communicating with senate to request documentation from them on discussions pertaining to incomplete notations. ● Preparing for upcoming UgC meeting ● Trying to coordinate senate presentation on Inclusive Access
External	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coordinating a special presentation through our textbook affordability group with 20MM to bring on a research expert on the subject matter of IA ● Responding to a DB interview request on Occuspace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interviewed on Wednesday ● Witnessed a student get a parking citation and booted car right before a midterm on Tuesday. Promptly followed up with the Parking Enforcement manager to discuss the issue. Learned of their policies. Gathered that during finals week they exercise leniency by avoiding tows and booting. I asked that they expand leniency to midterms and they improve their outreach to students + extend support during the appeals process. ● Sat on the last DTA meeting, where we awarded the last set of teaching awards to non-senate faculty. ● Checked in with SIOC appointment. They are building a transition packet and we are setting up a plan to transition the new successor and their SIOC appointment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with SGA to discuss how we can repurpose excess AAC internal funds to TGMF and ASRF for student orgs. • Working with USIE appointment to get t-shirts for facilitators • Meeting with SGS to discuss bylaw changes
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- H. Campus Events Commission Boffa
- We had our Hammer Arts party last Friday with BJ the Chicago Kid and Cruz and it was a huge success. I think we had over 3,000 people attend and so we were really happy about that. We had an event yesterday with HHC and SWC. It was G-Herbo in conversation with Jessica Schwartz, a professor. It was a mental health conversation and I think we had about 300 people come so that was great.
 - We have a lot more events coming up. We have a film screening of Rango tomorrow night on Wescom terrace and then we have a concert from 12-1 on Thursday. Ultra Bloom is also happening on May 25th so save the date for our annual electronic concert.
- I. Community Service Commissioner Flores
- J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Verdugo
- Proxy: Eliana Sisman
- K. Facilities Commissioner Chiu
- We are starting to hire our sustainable directors for next year because the partnership with UCLA Dining needs to be retained from year to year so we are just doing that in advance. We got 13 applicants which is very cool. Our environmental justice committee had an event last week with Cambodian workers in partnership with UCLA labor studies and we had around 40 people come to the event. They drafted letters that they dropped off at Murphy hall about labor rights and ethics in terms of procurement at UCLA and then our Bruin Bazaar committee had their student vendor fair on May 15th from 12-3 pm in bruin plaza. We don't know the exact number of student vendors but it will still be a pretty large event. Our Building Space Committee secured Pauley Pavilion for study nights this quarter during finals week. Our Metamap project got some data from the UCLA space inventory on some bathroom accessibility data. There is limited information but they are going to try to integrate it into the larger UCLA map after they clean some stuff up. I have a meeting with Green Access on Wednesday on how we can better promote outreach to students so they know when they are expanding hours of operations and stuff like that.
 - I had a meeting with VC Gordon last week and some of the things that we talked about were where the Student Activity Center Board of Governors is at and ensuring that they are still meeting even if GSA doesn't provide appointments or there is no quorum.
 - We talked a little bit about the disability cultural center and I might ask folks for more advice about that later on in the meeting. We are still trying to figure out spaces for that and how we can get that to work on campus.
 - I also asked briefly about the prayer space this is a project that MSA has been working on for a while now and I think they have confirmed some locations on the Hill and in Wooden but VC Gordon said that they received a grant from the University of the religious conference to see if we can find some semi-permanent outdoor space other than right next to the loading dock.
 - We solicited artists for UCLA students to design the next Tap card and you guys are special because you are the first people that I am sending the Google form to. You can choose which one you want the TAP card to look like for next year. Voting closes on Friday.
- L. Financial Supports Commissioner Broukhim
- Proxy: Phoebe Chiu: "Sara says she is buying more lab coats and they should be signing the New York Times contract this week but they had to do some editing so that is why there are some delays. They are planning a food insecurity event next week and they are also making a banner for the New York Times subscription for more advertising and publicity so that students can know about it. They are still continuing outreach to businesses in Westwood to see what discounts they can get for students. They are also talking with student affairs to see if there is more funding for Commuter Parking permits.
- M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written Majer

N. Transfer Student Representative

Cobbs

- In the last couple of weeks, I sponsored Umoja and the Black Bruin Student Association and they had their first event black career fair at Ackerman Grand Ballroom and that was really successful. I am hoping that we can do it again next year because we weren't able to get that many STEM-focused fields. I sponsored the CLEAR Career Alumni Conference and it was really awesome. They had Studio Ghibli-themed presentations and liked Animal Crossing and it was really cute. I attended three events on Saturday. One was the IDEAS family day and it was nice to meet Jeffery in person for the first time. There was also the Latinx Youth Conference. They had Aztec dancers and different workshops for people to enjoy. I am working to finalize transfer unity week and that should be up on Instagram everywhere. I have been working with the Armenian Student Association to work on a pilot transfer weekend similar to the other mother organizations. It was supposed to be next week but we started planning late so we are going to push that date back. I am also working with ASU to have a foster youth awareness picnic for foster awareness month. I am a former foster youth so this is really important to me. I also went to the HSI Town Hall which was cool to hear about. I was able to speak on behalf of supporting transfers in this upcoming center and how the black community can also be in communion with the Latinx population as we ask for these different needs that the institution has to meet.

O. International Student Representative Written

Nath

- 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 15th of May, in the last council meeting.
- Attended the President's Banquet

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Orlando: "Hello everyone, I hope you all are doing well. Just a quick update again. Some of you may have been receiving some emails from me about past requirements for re-registration if you have any questions on either your current organization or any other organizations that you belong to but haven't fulfilled the requirement."
- Jessica: "Tomorrow we have Wellness Wednesday and we are going to find out topics tonight and then we also have upcoming on Thursday another concert co-programmed with CEC. The last thing that I want to say that I am really excited about and I hope you all take a minute to do is to drop by the Kerckhoff Art Gallery. Our art in the union is finally displayed in the art gallery. We are partnering with CAC to do this. Essentially, it is student-commissioned artwork and there will be judging and three selected winners."
- Jonathan: "My update is the same as last week. We are still waiting on transition documents from every single council member and I will be honest, I am a little disappointed after last week that not a single person has submitted their documents. Our staff is running out of time essentially to put these things together before the next council comes in. I know last week Eliana recommended that we withhold nameplates or something of that sort and so what we are going to do this year is we are going to withhold graduation cords that you get once you are done here regardless of whether you are graduating or not and we will be holding onto those until we receive transition documents from you. We think this is fair at this point."

IX. Old Business

A. [A Resolution to Mandate Masking and The Bivalent Booster, Introduce Universal Hybrid Access, and Reinstate the COVID-19 Task Force*](#)

Verdugo, Sisman

- Still waiting to hear about meeting with the IDMT

B. Disability Cultural Center

Chiu

- Phoebe: "I met with Vice Chancellor Gordon last week to talk about what can be done for the Disability Cultural Center. I don't know if some of you know this but last school year people in the Facilities Commission office and I think DSU worked with GSA to see if they could get a room in Kerckhoff near the

basement because it was a wheelchair-accessible room and that was like an on-campus place so that students could gather and the cultural center would have things like disability peer mentoring program, meeting spaces for students, and just a place for folks to connect and get resources. Unfortunately, I did do a couple of email chains with the GSA President because she retired from office and now everyone in GSA is new because elections happened during Week 3 they said that GSA only has two spaces in Kerckhoff and one of them is used as a lounge for graduate students to come in and then the other one is their actual office spaces. So I talked to Monroe about it and asked if student affairs had any other spaces. They said that eventually, the Student Activity Center might end up getting more space because they are moving things around. At the moment it seems like there are only spaces on the Hill which isn't always the most accessible but regardless, Spencer the director of CA is doing a walk-through tour in mid-May to see what spaces on the Hill could be used for the new center and for CAE testing. I just wanted to hear if anybody had any thoughts on this or how to conduct outreach and how to help facilitate the creation of a space. If anybody has any thoughts or advice or connections that could help out with this?"

- Eliana: "Send me a message or something if you want help. I know Spencer from CAE and other people if you want me to connect you to them. I also was talking with Alicia and she is working on a community center on campus. We are interested in helping to be the home for the Civil Cultural Center. I guess I wanted to add to the conversation because this is really exciting that this is going to happen even if you want to have a space on campus."
- Phoebe: "I think for the context of this space, it has been already set to launch as early as next school year so that is the concern that we have for the extent of waiting vs not waiting to have this sort of space. If we wanted something long-term on campus that would require more time, but to set something up on the hill and then transition back to campus later could also be complicated. If anyone else has information about the transfer student center or the Black Bruin resource center and the history of how these spaces got set up that would be helpful too because I really don't know very much about what it takes to set up a whole community resource center."
- Thyra: "The BBRC was advocated for by ASU and it started off as a student-run thing but of course, it is kind of problematic to be having students run an entire center that is to cater other students as students themselves so it just kind of merged into what it is now. Now it has a director position over it in terms of finding a location and setting it up. UCLA wasn't initially open to having the BBRC so that is what we are in the basement of Kerckhoff Hall. I believe it was ASUCLA that ASU reached out to find that space. The director found all the different furniture and stuff so she was the person who got all of that. She also asked a bunch of alumni and different people to see if they could donate anything."
- Phoebe: "Thank you Thyra, that helps provide context. That was all for that agenda item. I was just curious if people wanted to be more involved or had thoughts on creating this sort of center because it is a very large infrastructural project for a priority community on campus. Thank you for giving me this time."

C. Discussion on Student Feedback Regarding Elections Board

Chiu

- Phoebe: "I just noticed a couple of things where the policies seem to treat referendum and candidates similarly in some ways not in other ways and I think that the code has been a little more confusing to navigate than I had imagined so these are just ideas and feedback that could potentially be implemented for the next election because I think it is very important."
- Jeff Van: "Thank you so much Phoebe and council for giving us some time and space to voice some of our thoughts and concerns surrounding the elections process and elections code. I know it is a stressful process for everyone involved and we are all working hard to make this election a success and to get students engaged. As the campaign representative for the transit referendum, I wanted to take some space during this meeting to work through some of the challenges and roadblocks that we are specifically facing in the referendum campaign. We feel that this has hindered our ability to raise awareness about this referendum. First, I want to discuss the graphics approval process. This was back when campaigning had just started, and we wanted to get some slides approved. I believe that it took three to five tries to finally get it right and most

of the feedback surrounded the elections board logo. First, the elections board wanted us to use the approved logo as opposed to just the regular elections board logo even though it was placed in the same folder as the other one so that created a lot of confusion for our team and we went back and forth a couple times on the actual placement of the logo. We didn't know it had to be put on every slide and there was a lot of subjectivity in terms of how big the logo needed to be and that led to a lot of confusion and frustration on our end pertaining to just this one logo. Another point that was a lot of stress for us at the beginning of the campaign regarding class and club presentations. We reached out to the election board to gain some clarity on what we can and cannot say in classroom and club settings. One of our team members sent over our proposed script just briefly mentioning that there is a \$3.30 fee on the ballot and reminding people to vote. We understood very well that the elections code doesn't allow referendum campaigns to explicitly say vote for me or vote on this initiative and we have worked around this requirement. That being said, the elections board got back to us with a slimmed-down, watered-down script that removed any mention that there was even a referendum on the ballot. I am not sure if I agree with this sentiment especially since this is a student election and I don't feel that by mentioning that the referendum is on the ballot, we are trying to give ourselves an inherent advantage. This is simply just informing voters about what they will be voting on."

- Evan Curran: "I just wanted to say really quickly that it is very concerning because it is important to educate people on what they will be voting on. When it comes to education, when it becomes just knowledge, I think that it is absolutely critical that we get to the student body and be able to present objective information about this. I think the other issue is that with a referendum, you have to get that 20% margin in order for the referendum to even pass. I think it can be really difficult to have this hard expectation when you are telling people that they can't go out and share this information. I think it seems like we are withdrawing crucial information that students deserve to know."
- Jeff Van: "I guess this is also similar to previous concerns. Someone from SAGE, an environmental group on campus reached out to us to see if we would be able to table at their climate action night this Friday and we reached out to the elections board to see if that would be allowed despite the fact that the club explicitly invited us to be at their event in order to raise awareness, they citing the provision saying that campaigning isn't allowed in areas reserved for organized activities despite that space being reserved for the club, despite their explicit invitation to us. We think that this is a setback in terms of raising awareness and driving civic engagement for the campaign. Now we are asked to follow the same rules as candidates and we have tried to do so despite the additional challenge of getting a 20% turnout. We do not have any sanctions yet thankfully but in return, we really have got the shorter end of the stick when it comes to different resources that the election board has and provides candidates but not to us. For example, we weren't allowed the same amount of exposure. All 40-something candidates have an assignment on Election walks but not the referendum despite us being one of the significant items on the ballot."
- Kian advises them to reach out to the judicial board about these concerns. Says that USAC does not really have power over this, thus it is a judicial board issue.

X. New Business

XI. Adjournment*

- Kian adjourns the meeting at 8:40 pm.

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* Indicates Action Item
Indicates Consent Item
@Indicates Executive Session Item