



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
May 23, 2023
7 PM PST
Zoom:

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I. Call to Order

Hammonds

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Present in Person:
 - Katelyn Pool
 - Sara Broukhim
 - Eva Jussim
 - Mason Miller
 - Naomi Hammonds
 - Jonathan Valenzuela Meija
 - Sujana Sridhar
 - Jennis Kang
 - Megan Law
 - Adam Tfayli
 - Chia Ying Wong
 - Evan Curran
 - Gabby Lasry
 - Thyra Cobbs
- Present Virtually:
 - Alicia Verdugo

II. Approval of Agenda*

Law

- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike TGMF Allocations
- Add Discussion on Capital Contingency
- Strike SWC Programming Fund Allocations
- Strike BAG Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Strike SFS Allocations
- Sara moves to approve the agenda as amended, Evan seconds
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Law

- Jonathan moves to approve the minutes from 5/16/23, Megan seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from last week are approved.

IV. Public Comment

Hammonds

- Clara Castronova: "Hello I am the chapter chair for CALPIRG here at UCLA. Congratulations on being elected and having your first meeting. I am here to give you a brief update on what CALPIRG is doing. A quick overview for those of you who might not know but CALPIRG is an advocacy group on campus. We have chapters at all UC's. We have been at UCLA for over 50 years now. We are a public interest group and we work on issues that benefit the public. A majority of things that people agree on are environmental issues and voter engagement. Some cool things we have done

in the past is we got the UC system to commit to 100% clean electricity. We are also working to reduce plastic pollution in California and in the fall we also have some cool campaigns coming up. Last week we got an award from Oceana for our new Earth week environmental work. This Friday we are doing a pollinator palooza event for our Save the Bees Campaign. We are also currently running an ocean-themed contest and applications for that close on Friday. If you are an artist or know other people who are artists let them know about this. Thanks for listening.”

- Michelle Nguyen: “My name is Michelle and I am a part of the Vietnamese Student Union and I am the graduation chair in charge of planning the Vietnamese graduation. Our aim for the event is to be able to celebrate the Vietnamese American Community by acknowledging the accomplishments throughout their college career and especially having this commencement is an important way to be able to celebrate. We are going to bring in cultural food for the event and have a speaker event in which our community could be able to express their sentiments in both vietnamese and english and we wanted this commencement as a way to celebrate for the graduates and their families. I have applied to the ARC fund for funding for the event on April 21st which was within the deadline and I have been trying to follow up with ARC but I haven’t heard anything about it. Is there a way that I can hear back?”
- Alicia says that she will get in touch shortly.
- Public comment is closed at 7:14pm.

V. Funding

A. Capital Contingency*	Prentice
A. Contingency Programming*	Prentice
B. SFS Allocations#	Wong
C. SWC Programming Fund Allocations#	Kang
D. Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#	Jussim
E. ASRF Allocations#	Sridhar
F. AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#	Sridhar
G. ARC Allocations#	Verdugo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$5,000 to 2 non USAC entities - No opposition, passes as a consent item. 	
H. TGIF#	Curran
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$6,676.51 to 14 non USAC entities - No opposition, passes as a consent item. 	

VI. Special Presentation

VII. Appointments

VIII. Officer Reports

A. <u>President</u>	Hammonds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wrote my speech for USAC Installation, thank you to those who came to the event and thank you to those who planned the event. - Planning for CSC banquet - Planning on attending IDEAS 20th anniversary banquet, encourage everyone to attend, I can send the link to everyone. - Helped IDEAS flyer on BruinWalk, won on communications with UC Regents in dealing with working with undocumented students - Met with admin to talk about the urgent things that we need to do - Lunch with Hillel next week, everyone is invited to the Jew Unity event, I will be sending information to the council. - Attending a plethora of cultural shows, everyone should come out to these to support as well. - Submitting my hiring forms very soon - Finalized reservations for the USAC appointments event at the Bruin Plaza, the times will be finalized and sent out, making sure that we can fill as many appointments as we can. 	

- In communication with people to see if we can do an USAC open house, establishing summer meetings soon. Those meetings will be on zoom, just fyi. Coming back in fall, we will be moving fully back to in person. In person training will continue before council meetings for the rest of the school year.
- Make sure to follow up with Jonathan and his emails that he is sending out
- If you need anything let me know.

B. Internal Vice President

Law

- Met with My-Lan and got all of my transition documents, got email and instagram
- Created my IVP summer action plan, middle in creating staff applications, trying to see if i can get a graphics person to be able to post this information on the instagram
- Already have access to the IVP office, it is gross but I am in the middle of cleaning it
- Applying to Capital Contingency to get a new desk because it is broken
- Event coming up at Kerckhoff Coffee House

C. External Vice President

Jussim

- Going through transition, applications opening up tomorrow for directors.
- EVP recently joined the Basic Needs Coalition along with other offices in USAC. We are tabling in Bruin Plaza from 11-2 on Tuesday about basic needs on campus and about coalition goals.
- In process of meeting with Bruin Shelter to talk about a safe car initiative on campus, discussing with FAC and IVP so look out for my emails
- Met with swipe out hunger, summer planning to talk at UC Regents meeting that is being hosted at UCLA in September, great place to fight for Basic needs
- Met with environmental sustainability committee, we are partnering and we are going to conduct environmental review on Sepulveda corridor and what environmental impacts it would have to have a heavy rail stop at UCLA plaza
- Scheduled meeting with Bruin vote leadership to improve infrastructure to improve voting next year
- UCSA appointed officer applications are open, please share this opportunity. These officers go to UCSA board meetings every month and they are campus climate reporters on very specific issues, you get to advocate for whatever that position wants. (eg. Alumni Relations, AAC, Campus Climate for Students of Color, Labor Relations, Underrepresented Students, Student Housing, Disability Justice and much more) Application due June 23rd.

D. General Representative 1

Pool

- Finalizing application and planning to send it out beginning of next week.

E. General Representative 2

Lasry

- Focusing on finalizing my executive board, I already have my chief of staff, graphics already made for directors and hopefully that can be posted soon when I get access to my instagram.

F. General Representative 3

Valenzuela Meija

- Transitioning into role, communicating with predecessor
- Hiring Executive board, publishing application soon and getting access to instagram
- Making a calendar to show when I want my applications released and the general flow of how things are going to go
- Made a governance plan and my social media plan
- Coming up with direction that I want to take my office for the next year
- Going to be in touch with many of you for collaborations to see what we can do to together
- Wanting to work on getting our Bruin Cards into our mobile phones

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Srihar

- Planning on attending IDEAS Banquet on Thursday
- Also a USIE banquet and I will be attending that, talking about logistics to appoint my vice chair, learning more about the program and see what i can do
- Looking to outreach with more people and mother organizations, establish points of contact

- Working with previous finance directors to finish up the allocations
- Helpful and accommodating, we are almost done and waiting on a few more responses
- Opened up applications, due this Friday, interview on rolling basis
- Opening director applications this Friday, just revamped director structure from last year, taking steps to cut down director roles, increase internal accountability
- Continuing initiatives that previous commissioner was working on (eg. Occuspace)
- Meeting with Books for Bruins and the student bookstore seeing how we can keep it going
- Advocacy regarding inclusive access program and seeing what we can do to improve that structure, opt in structure
- Meeting with Mary Romo this Thursday

H. Campus Events Commission

Miller

- Transitioning over past couple months, hired my directors already for next year,
- Getting ready to go into BruinBash, excited to get started on planning this sooner than later
- Ultra Bloom is this Thursday, Shorttakes is coming to a close, open to people all over the world.

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wong

- In process of hiring new people, application has been out for the past couple week, please share those applications
- Last meeting with old staff is happening tomorrow
- Part of efforts to create Basic Needs Coalition, purpose to get student organizations working together and using strength of collaboration to deal with larger issues.
- Coalition with 9 members (organizations) provide structure and communication between students, pushing university to change things
- Basic Needs Fair on Bruin Plaza this Friday
- Good space to network and see what different groups are up to.
- Still have open spots for people to present, Service Summit, go to CSC instagram page for more information on this. Next Friday
- Meeting with the Volunteer Center, getting ready to plan Volunteer Day at UCLA. Takes a lot of preparation during the summer
- Robert S Michael scholarship, we are reviewing applications soon and will release a decision shortly.

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Verdugo

- This Saturday we are having a CAC and Friends Cookout. Just for CAC staff and their family. Not open I am sorry
- This Sunday, our last DCC tour of the year. We are going to KoreaTown. Free transportation, free food.
- Monday, we have JRF, so please get your tickets before they sell out. My staff has been flyering this week for the festival
- Our end of the year event with the CAC office is coming up. We are going to be having performances and different art stations. Interviewing a ton of people for director and executive positions. That has been going great. ARC is finishing up allocations, we are almost run dry and we might have to deny some. Or might be doing partial allocations.
- Transition retreat is already all set up for the directors, making sure everyone knows what they are doing. How to set up for the year and for Bruin Bash
- Had a meeting with Mason about Bruin Bash yesterday and outlined our agreements and our deadlines that we have set for ourselves.

K. Facilities Commissioner

Curran

- Transitioning still, looking at hiring and executive directors applications coming out this Friday,
- Very excited that the referendum passed. Looking to see how we are going to pass out the TAP cards.
- Having a meeting scheduled with the Bruin Access van, I consistently heard about how unreliable Bruin Access is and we are looking for solutions and see what we can do about this.
- Working on the Lily Shaw Disability Cultural center, priority for us, VC Gordon and FAC have a meeting scheduled soon

- Study nights at Pauley Pavilion for Finals week coming up, keep a look out for that.

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Broukhim

- The New York Times should be running on June 9th and I will be asking to make sure that everyone promotes that.
- Finalizing our details of the contract right now.
- The Hillel Jew Unity Shabbat, June 9ths, free dinner, Ackerman Grand Ballroom, 7:30 pm. please try to come to that. I am also a part of Hillel, some of the chancellors will be there so that will also be a good networking event to meet them on a more personal level
- Giving \$2,000 dollars to the commuter program to give scholarships for passes for the summer
- Starting to have meeting with Linda from SGA about transparency

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Kang

- Internal transition is going well, announced chief of staff today, already have over 20 different applicants in our office
- Next week, we are not really strangers, human connection card game, social media game focussed on mental health, founder of that company is coming to Kerckhoff state rooms next Thursday,
- Also a part of the Basic Needs Coalition, our first big event at Bruin Plaza on Thursday, third time it is being mentioned so please come.
- Basic Needs Visibility Day, free dental screenings are being given out from 2-5 and free dental health kits
- Distributing \$20,000 in gift cards for those who need help with basic needs.

N. Transfer Student Representative

Cobbs

- Chaired black bruin transfer extravaganza this year
- Brought back a three day program for ASU this year, covered all of those bills, over half of those accepted committed to UCLA
- Had a bonnet making event
- Part of Bruin Foster Youth program Urban Bruins, graduation ceremony this weekend, attended, also went to the graffiti event and made TSR related stuff
- We have a new director for the Black Bruin Resource Center, she is really awesome
- STOMP organization focused on transfer students
- Sponsored beach day with LBBC, EMOJA program there
- Sponsored armenian transfer day, did go to that, ASA is so wholesome
- PIZA also had a culture night, with representatives from all over. The Nigerian student association also had a cultural night
- ASU is having a Mob to the Movie event to see the Little Mermaid, you are all welcome to sign up. Usually take up the whole
- Holly is having a swim party with Insomnia cookies
- Going to attend the IDEAS Banquet
- Visiting Hillel with Eliana tomorrow,
- Sponsored transfer luncheon with Transfer Leadership Center, transfer triad, on Friday, inviting student leaders, please come to this so transfers can meet all of you.
- Sponsored beach day with UNCIA
- Also a part of USIE, going to be at that event so would love for you all to come there as well
- Allocating money for medals for black students that are graduating
- Speaking about hiring, I highly recommend that you look at the representation in the room and try to fill the gaps with the people you hire in your committees. Be intentional about who you hire into your committees.
- There is also a situation in which an older man is impersonating a UCLA student and sexually harassing black women. He was seen on the hill again today. I call and tell you this today to show yourself as allies to the black community
- Sponsoring the AFroLatinx show that Naomi was mentioning
- Wanted to do a USAC resolution, support black student population, one for transfer, and one to hold the university accountable for becoming a HSIE.

O. International Student Representative

Tfayli

- Received all of the transition documents, taking over the initiatives that the predecessor went to
- Went to the presentation of Hillel and ISR
- Working on putting together the team for ISR next year and speaking with the Dashew center about concerns for fall quarter.

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Orlando: "Big shout out to you all, it was a very stressful process, glad to see new and old faces. My only update is that I work for SOLE and you may have received emails from you, you need to attend a workshop so reach out to me, there was a requirement that all registered groups attend a workshop and we offer 25 of them, if you are one of the groups that did not attend, you need to reach out to me. If you forget to submit req forms through the SOLE office, if you missed the deadline, you should reach out to me as well. All of your offices are registered through SOLE, update your signatories, each group has 3 of them, they book rooms, apply for funding, and represent your organization.
- Jessica: "I like to give fun updates and fun programming we have coming up. I work with Mary Romo very closely. I hope all of you get to connect with her this year. She is our programming manager on behalf of ASUCLA and can also coprogram with your offices. She can add great resources like advertising and marketing support. Upmcong programs we have. This Thursday we have jazz in the union from 12 to 1, we have noon tunes on June 1st, wellness wednesday coaster painting in the fun zone, having a de stress with yoga, breathing in grand salon with healthy snacks after, update in future council meeting, hosting study break cafe during finals week, free snacks and coffee, adding free blue books and scantrons for students, USAC initiated this a couple years ago. This year we are trying a new approach to offer each of your offices direct support, splitting up all of your offices and reaching out to have one on one conversations with you all. Assigned person. Do your hiring paperwork."
- Jonathan: "You should all know who I am right now. I have sent out many emails and if you haven't seen those that are concerning so let me know or check your email. One of our staff, Jack, earlier this week sent out the transition documents that we received from your predecessors. He shared them through google so if you didn't get those please reach out to us and we will get them to you. We have been following up with your predecessors because most of them have outstanding bills. Office access is on the calendar but you will get access Monday of Week 10. If you have any particular issues with your office, please let us know and we will also help with that. Also, I am going to talk about it again but appointment tabling is on the 31st and the 6th and those are a really wonderful opportunity to connect with students before they head out for the summer. Applications are also live so don't hesitate to start publicizing the appointments or anything. We have another set of training sessions coming up. This Thursday in the Kerckhoff state rooms from 12-2 and we are going to go over a lot of logistics and how to work with event services and such. As employees of UCLA now you are all mandated reporters so we will be having a Title IX training next week before the council meeting. Next Tuesday is your professional headshot photos and these go on the plaques in Kerckhoff Hall so make sure to look nice for those because we will use that photo for everything. Please feel free to stop by whenever and say hi and I would be more than happy to meet more of you one on one."

IX. Old Business

A. USA Financial Policies: Stipend Guidelines: General Stipend Policies*

Sisman

- Sara moves to table the bylaw change, Megan seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and the bylaw change is approved.

X. New Business

A. Discussion on Appointments and Committees

Hammonds

- Appointment Search Committee (3):
 - Sujana Sridhar
 - Gaby Lasry

- Jennis Kang
- Constitutional Review Committee (3-5):
 - Megan Law
 - Evan Curran
 - Gaby Lasry
 - Eva Jussim
- Budget Review Committee (3):
 - Funding body review committee of USA BOD fund as well.
 - Katie Pool
 - Sara Broukhim
 - Chia Ying
- Appointment Review Committee (3):
 - Chair: Megan Law
 - Jonathan Valenzuela Meija
 - Sara Broukhim

B. Announcement on Agenda Rules

Law

- Changes to the agenda must be done the Friday before the meeting before 4pm
- Anything linked to the agenda should be uneditable

C. Discussion on Forms of Communication Between Council

Law

- SLACK or other forms of communication, up to us to decide. Every committee should also have a form of communication. ASC and ARC channel combined. Is everyone okay with Slack?
- Shared calendar between all council members, have a slack channel for events specifically. Sending google calendar invites through there as well.
- Be on the lookout for a Slack invite tomorrow.

D. Announcement on Capital Contingency

Prentice

- Capital Contingency is open, serves to improve all in person offices in Kerckhoff, guidelines and what you can apply for. Almost anything goes, desktop, lockdown equipment, sofas, everything you need for your office you can apply for that.
- Only funded through surplus.
- Reapply last year if you didn't get it because it probably wasn't ordered.

XI. Adjournment*

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 8:39pm.

Good and Welfare;

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