AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
June 6, 2023
7 PM PST
Zoom: https://ucla.zoom.us/j/98686577744?pwd=Zm5TeyGNiVG5PcTQ3MzckN1Z01XZz09
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I. Call to Order
- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
- Present:
  - Jonathan Valenzuela Mejia
  - Eva Jussim
  - Mason Miller
  - Naomi Hammonds
  - Evan Curran
  - Megan Law
  - Katie Pool
  - Thyra Cobbs

- Present Virtually:
  - Gabrielle Lasry
  - Adam Tfayli
  - Chia Ying Wong
  - Jennis Kang
  - Sara Broukhim
  - Alicia Verdugo

- Not Present:
  - Sujana Sridhar (came at 8pm- Kaylee Messick proxy until Sujana arrived)

II. Approval of Agenda*
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Link Written Officer Report for Gen Rep 3
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Add Discussion item about changing member for Appointment Search Committee (ASC)
- Strike BAG Allocations
- Strike SFS Allocations
- Add Discussion on Amending the Bylaws on Creating a Transfer Unity Council

- Eva moves to change the discussion on Summer USAC Meetings and Quorum to an action item, Jonathan seconds
  - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and it is changed to an action item.

- Jonathan moves the vote to sign streets for all letters to congressman Brad Sherman to an action item, Megan seconds.
  - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and it is moved to an action item

- Evan moves to change the vote to sign Sepulveda Transit Corridor Justice Letter to an action item, Megan seconds.
  - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and it is changed to an action item.
- Katie moves to change the vote to restrict General Representative 3 Unused Surplus Funds to an action item, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and it is changed to an action item.

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

III. Approval of the minutes
- Jonathan moves to approve the minutes from 5/30/23, Eva seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes are approved for 5/30/23.

IV. Public Comment
- Public comment is closed at 7:14pm.

V. Funding
A. Capital Contingency*
   - Requested: $7,626.28
   - Recommended: $7,626.28 for 5 USAC entities
   - Megan moves to approve $7,626.28 for 5 USAC entities, Evan seconds.
   - By vote of 10-0-2, the motion passes and Capital Contingency is approved for this week.

VI. Special Presentation

VII. Appointments

VIII. Officer Reports
A. President
   - Goals for the upcoming year and tasks that we are going to be working on
   - Shout out to Eliana and Thyra for the Afro Latinx Connection event
   - I went to the CSC end-of-the-year banquet and gave a brief speech which was super fun.
   - Met with ASUCLA people to talk about BOD appointments and found out that the Retreat is going to be on July 26th.
   - Got to attend Afro Grad which was a black-and-white ball which was awesome
   - Met with some other advisors throughout the week.
   - Participated in the USAC tabling and had some good conversations with some people. Spoken with individuals in my own circles just to get them to apply
   - Had a discussion with folks about an event where council members can just meet and get to know each other a little more
   - I also want to provide a trigger warning for sexual assault. Earlier in the BBRC, there was an issue that Thyra brought up a couple of weeks ago. There has been an older man who has been going on the hill and harassing black women specifically. He has already been arrested twice from UCPD and today he was even in the BBRC. I will be working with Thyra and Dominic, the BBRC director, to work on this issue. Thyra already
spoke to some chancellors and received no reply. I apologize that I did not deal with this earlier but you have my word that I will be working on this for the future.

B. Internal Vice President
- Currently going over officer applications, I have four of them. I will have rolling interviews.
- I will be creating a graphic for committees and appointments so that we can post that on Instagram.
- ARC will be holding interviews specifically for BOD appointments next week. Please spread the word about these appointments.
- We tabled again today and it was a little bare just because it is hard to get a hold of students on Bruin Walk.
- We are talking about making the campus more
- Reached out to student organizations to see how the IVP office can help
- Attended a little meet and greet with ASUCLA and will be reaching out to people about the T-Shirt contest.

C. External Vice President
- Evan and I met with Bruin Shelter about the Safe Parking Initiative. The next steps are to initiate a coalition partnership. This was an initiative that failed the first time but really worked to get this running.
- Also want to begin conducting a financial analysis to see how much this would cost. We have one from 2020 but we know that this is outdated and will be a lot more money now. Reaching out to facilities to see what the capability is there.
- Also looking to see for hygiene access.
- Planning to review previous bills to see what state bills would make a provision for safe parking look like, and what type of funding that would be available.
- Attended long-term planning meeting for Basic Needs Coalition, seeing how to address policy goals
- Also going to issue a trigger warning for sexual assault. I met with UCLA IGNITE which works on reproductive rights. We discussed issues that we want to target UC Regents for. We want to fund for CARE Directors. There is supposed to be one CARE Director of 13,000 students, but that is not the current situation.
- Also looking for nurses who are trained in sexual assault care specifically.
- Discussed the issue of funding for transportation to hospitals. There is a bill that passed the state assembly that provides funding for survivors to be transported to hospitals within a certain radius. UCLA is covered under the bill. This affects UC’s that are not close to hospitals though. Seeing how we can work around this.
- Planning to meet with ASA that presented the resolution last week. Thinking about a student-led mobilization that can work for the divestment of this project.
- Met with END OVERDOSE to see how we can get easier access to Narcan and fentanyl test strips.
- Met with CALPIRG to talk about the New Voters Project. They would work under the Bruin Vote Chair, discussing a vision for this. Having democracy workshops and institutionalizing support for helping people understand their elections.
- Setting up a meeting with Mick DeLuca to speak about this issue
- Also met with the Deputy Director of Campus Life and discussed Bruin Vote stuff and they helped to break down the UCLA Bureaucracy.
- Met with the Facilities Commission to speak about a labor coalition. With UCSA and a movement for sustainable labor. Making it a UC Wide policy where you can’t sell from companies that have labor violations.
- Attended a meet and greet with Pouria and that was super informative.

D. General Representative 1
- Helped table for the USAC appointments. I think we had great energy last Wednesday and just hoping to increase
- Working on improving counseling office hours and so this past week I spoke with someone to see how we can increase the accessibility for these drop-in hours. My directors are trying to see how we can improve
- Also wanting to get in touch with the IM Clubs Director to speak about accessibility for commuter students
- Filling out my office and filling up my director positions.

E. General Representative 2

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- Tabled for the USAC appointment fair, hoping that more people will apply by the end of the week.
- Hiring still and reaching out for interviews next week, they are on a rolling basis.
- This week I will be attending June Unity Shabbat
- We have been emailing different UCLA departments to reach out to the students about the appointments that are available.

F. General Representative 3
Valenzuela Meija
- Scheduled a meeting with the BruinCard office in July. I would like to speak about costs and other issues that we can get changed for the fall.
- Had a meeting with Dr. Elizabeth Gonzalez, the director of HSI. Really informative and a great connection made there. The goal for the university is to reach 25% of students to become an HSI. Spoke about how I can help this effort with workshops and town halls.
- Discussed attending the opening of the temporary Hispanic Latinx Space on the Hill. Wanting more people and students to get involved in this initiative.
- Officially have a couple of my staff members and are working to still hire the rest of the executive board.
- Tabled for the appointments last week and this week.
- Still really need appointments for ARC.
- Applied for Capital Contingency for electronics which will be shared between the three general representatives. Better use of funds when we share the resources.

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner
Srihar
- Kaylee (proxy):
  - Meeting with SOLE Advisor is scheduled tomorrow and planning on asking questions about logistics and resources that can help our projects.
  - Meeting scheduled with Textbook Affordability Initiative
  - Meeting with Katie Wagner and that took place last Friday, involved in working on building an advocacy program to have it be an Opt In Option.
  - Academic Senate meeting is going to happen on June 22nd to see how Sujana can best further the work of Academic Affairs
  - Coordinating with Adam and Thrya about appointments that they need to make
  - Running into issues with the Academic Senate, focusing on textbook affordability and incomplete notations.
  - Arranged for the Grad Prep Materials to be returned to the AAC office.
  - Applied for Capital Contingency
  - Hired officers and conducting applications still
  - Two potential appointees for SIOC and ARC. Emailing professors within the humanities department about appointments.

H. Campus Events Commission
Miller
- Had a lot of individual meetings. Met with SOLE advisor to see what support I can get, very informative.
- Alicia and I finalized our director roles and saw how we are going to move forward for Bruin Bash.
- Big meeting tomorrow
- Met with the Geek Squad (Jonathan, Jessica, Fernando) to see how we can get more funding for Bruin Bash and other revenue of money
- ShortTakes went great last week.
- Nathan Fielder is coming tomorrow in the Ackerman Grand Ballroom at 7pm.

I. Community Service Commissioner
Wong
- Our first all staff meeting last week and welcomed everyone. Shout out to Jonathan for helping us with that.
- Having directors transition tomorrow and seeing how we can go into summer.
- The CSC Service Summit happened on Saturday. It was a great success and we had a chance to talk with our guest of honor from the Center of Community Engagement and we learned a lot from him. Spoke about how CSC can work with him.
- Last week we also met with Service Lux and accepted them as a new CSC project.
- Have an appointment for the CSC Mini Fund and working on that currently.
- Also helped to table for the appointments and spoke with Pouria at the Meet and Greet.

J. **Cultural Affairs Commissioner**

K. **Facilities Commissioner**

- Director/staff hiring, tabling at appointments fair last Wednesday and today
- Reusable mugs in Kerckhoff
- Study Nights @ Pauley Pavilion: 6/11 - 6/14 from 7pm - 12am (Sunday - Wednesday)
- Conducted a meeting with the EVP on labor rights with a specific focus on partnerships and contracts the university upholds.
- Met with the folks from Bruin Shelter to discuss plans about a Safe Parking initiative. Planning to bring the discussion forward with administrators and the North Westwood Neighborhood Council.
- Attended the Basic Needs Coalition meeting alongside quite a few of our other council members. We discussed the priorities of the coalition/steps to actualization. I specifically advocated for the importance of transportation when considering basic needs as it’s often the second most expensive cost students face.
- Met with the folks from the Veteran Resource Center w plans to meet with the transfer and LGBTQ CRCs. Discussed their process of getting a resource center on campus and the lessons we can learn.
- Meeting with EVP and Epicuria student supervisor about labor rights in the dining hall, addressing concerns on work conditions.
- Met with UCLA Transportation, Government Community Relations and advocacy group Streets for All on Westwood Connected, prepared for a meeting with Katy Young Yaroslavsky
- Met with UCLA Transportation to discuss Bruin Van Improvements, clarifying parking requirements for students with a disability placard.
- Met with ASUCLA CEO/support staff to discuss the Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center, and coordination with Latinx/AAPI communities to ensure all groups get necessary space.
- Meet and greet with Pouria
- Reminder for a North Westwood Neighborhood Council transportation committee meeting tomorrow 6-7 with Jarrett Thompson (CD5 field/transportation deputy), and the whole council NWWNC starts at 7 in Weyburn Terrace Village View Room.

L. **Financial Supports Commissioner**

- Working on returning all the class materials. If you know anyone who needs materials for the summer, we are going to continue that for all the summer sessions.
- Working on hiring and the initiatives for next year.
- Working out the kinks for the New York Times subscription.

M. **Student Wellness Commissioner**

- Starting training and transitioning between the old staff and our new hires.
- Our assistant commissioners attended the long-term planning for the Basic Needs Coalition.
- We also have an update on the Infectious Diseases Management Team. We are reducing the isolation rooms from 150 to a much lower number because there have been very few covid cases.
- Meeting with other officers in collaboration met with Thyra and see how we can have training and practices for staff next year.
- SWC had a successful academic banquet.
- Last day was today for the USAC Surplus program for basic needs gift cards. Super successful program.
- Last event of the year was Goat Yoga and it was a great event.

N. **Transfer Student Representative**

- The Afro Latinx had their first cultural show and it was a great event. There was a lot of cross-cultural representation. UNICA also had a tote-making event and it was super cute.
- ASU also had a MOB to see The Little Mermaid. It was so wholesome.
- The Transfer Leadership Program had a luncheon and shouted out to Evan for attending and interacting with the people there. I got to see firsthand what the transfers want me to do in this position.
- Also working with IDEAS because they do not have a transfer admit weekend. Reaching out to Jeffry to see what we can do about this.
- Want to see what it would be like to add a Mental Health Commissioner under the TSR.
- I had the Jujitsu Kaisen watch party between transfer clubs.
- Meeting with the Daily Bruin coming up about my opportunity to be the TSR.
- Like Jennis mentioned I stopped at her office and saw how our offices can collaborate. Like a Transfer Mental Health Week.
- End of the year celebration for research and excited to be done with that.
- A transparency report is coming out soon to share what the TSR office has done.
- My coworker who is working in Alicia's office is one of the representatives in the Hip Hop Congress. Seeing if we can get tickets reserved for Transfer students for Bruin Bash.

O. **International Student Representative**

- Yesterday I met with International Bruins in Business and planning events for next year. Talked with a couple of leaders from the Den and saw how we can increase international students' engagement in athletics.
- Meeting with SOLE Advisor next week.
- Applied for the Capital Contingency
- Increasing CAPS accessibility for international students and seeing if we can get counselors who are multilingual.

P. **Administrative Representatives**

- Jessica: “Just a couple of things. So one of our folks from our marketing team, Christina, reached out for content for our four pillars newsletter which is an internal ASUCLA newsletter that features content from all four entities that we send out organization-wide and to other folks on campus so if there are any specific initiatives that any of your offices want to highlight or if you would like a quote that you want to give, we can also include that in there. Feel free to respond back to that email or just let any of us know if there is content that you would like us to include. It is all due on Friday by probably 4 or 5 pm. I also wanted to mention that for Wellness Wednesday tomorrow from 11-2 pm in the Fun Zone on A level we are doing crafting and we are also giving out meal coupons so ten dollar meal coupons. First come, first serve until they run out. I also mentioned last week but our study cafe which is our little finals week pick me up we are distributing blue books and scantrons. I am also going to be giving out 10 meal coupons so that folks who are not in Ackerman for that event can still pick up some food or snacks. That is it for me, thank you.”

- Steven: “Hi everyone, I am just going to quickly introduce myself because I think in my absence, we have already transitioned. My name is Steven. I was at UCLA for 10 years, 4 for my undergrad, and 6 years for my Ph.D. so I have quite a lot of institutional knowledge. I was involved in a lot of capacities during my final years. I was on the board of directors for ASUCLA and I have also been involved in the academic senate and stuff like that. Beyond my alumni capacities, I am more than willing to talk to anyone. I am a completely open book. I have probably had the same frustrations that you might have at some point during your time at UCLA and so if you ever want a safe space to discuss issues that come across, I am more than happy to talk to you about that. I will say that since I finished my PhD this year, I have been more busy than I expected and that has kind of prevented me from coming to all of these meetings. I recently got married and I just had my honeymoon so I have been gone for the past month but work has also been crazy. I am looking to try to transition to be a little bit more involved in the next year and trying to be more responsive. I think one thing that was brought up about nominating new members to the ASUCLA BOD, I just wanted to point this out because it was an issue this past year but I don't think everyone always realizes how much power the members of the board of directors have and so I think you should just really keep this in mind when you start looking at candidates to assume this position because they can actually make financial decisions that superseded USAC. This is not just another nomination, you should really consider the implications and take this nomination seriously. I also am just going to bring up the discussions of starting an alumni network. In order for that to really happen we need some dedicated champions, most likely alumni, that are willing to kind of be this initial team leadership for that organization and so if this is something that you are interested in, I am more than happy to work with you to set something up. I also think there was some talk about doing something on the CEC side and so we can also discuss something on that end as well.”
- Lori: “Today, I had a wonderful time. I got to learn a lot about Jonathan. I also just gave this information to Naomi last week in the staterooms but I think you should keep tabling for appointments. This is a great way to capture a bunch of incoming students that might be interested in this opportunity. If you have any graphics, let me know and I will have UCLA Rec share it on our networks as well. I also have a meeting about Bruin Bash. Tomorrow Evan and I are going to talk about Wooden and Sunset Rec facilities. If you need anything else, reach out to me.”

- Jonathan: “I have said this before, but I will say it again. If your predecessor has outstanding bills please follow up with them. The only one that I haven’t heard back from is CSC and to my current knowledge, this may be different so we can talk about that individually. The ones that I have heard from but are not yet complete are CEC and ISR. I will do a separate audit of that tomorrow morning so if that is incorrect that is okay. If you have any problems with your office, let us know. If you have big things you need to move out, let us know. We are here to assist with that. Just a general note on appointments, BOD is extremely important and absolutely we should be focusing on filling those three positions. There is one singular one-year term because one of our current members is graduating early. I do want to encourage you, I know that there is a lot going on right now, but this is your last time to have face time with students before summer so really be thinking about your other appointments. A vast majority of these are going to be filled in the next month or two so really think about that. We got a request from Megan for help with advertising so there is a couple of ways to go about this. The first is, if you are posting on your own if you tag @asucla, we will automatically repost it. If you want us to initiate the post, we need details of what you want us to post and what you want us to say. Then I will submit a marketing request to our marketing department to do those things. Thursday is our Meet the Admin mixer at noon in the staterooms. I really really really want to encourage you all to prioritize this. I know that it is week 10 and I know it is hard to get there in the middle of the day but really try. We have about 25-30 higher-level admins that have RSVP’d that are going to come on Thursday to speak with you and I'll be frank. The last few training sessions, most of you weren’t there and I get that, its fine but I will say that it might look a little bad on you if only two people show up and there is a ton of admin that will be there so think about the image that you are portraying to a large group of administration. We are going to start promptly at noon and we will have food.”

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. Vote on Summer USAC Meetings and Quota*  
- Biweekly meetings, Tuesday at 7 pm.  
- Quorum: 8  
- Virtual for the summer  
  
- Jonathan moves to approve Summer USAC Meeting Quorum to 8, Eva seconds.  
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and the quorum is reduced to 8.

B. Vote to Sign Streets For All Letter to Congressman Brad Sherman*  
- Reducing commute time to LAX from 1 hour to 20 minutes.  
- 6 proposed options, monorail through the 405 freeway and heavy rail would be going underground to LAX. Direct stop at UCLA.  
- Submitted proposal last year about Sepulveda Transit Corridor and passed in USAC, backed the Heavy Rail  
- This letter just speaks to our support for the heavy rail. 93% of people support heavy rail. We are pressuring Brad Sherman to listen to his substitutes, signed by the USAC Council.  
  
  - Megan moves to approve an all sign-on for the Letter to Congressman Brad Sherman, Suajana seconds.  
  - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the letter is signed.

C. Vote to Sign Sepulveda Transit Corridor Justice Letter*  
- Similar Topic, but equity impact. When Metro conducts an environmental review process, consider all aspects of the process. Talking about local land use around the station, avoiding displacement.
- Sujana moves to approve an all-sign-on for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Justice Letter, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and the letter is signed.

D. **Vote to Restrict General Representative 3 Unused Surplus Funds***

- Thyra moves to restrict $37, 500.00 of General Representative 3 Unused Funds, Megan seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and the funds are restricted.

E. **Discussion on Reappointing ASC Members***

- Given the lack of applicants, I believe that we should appoint more members to this committee.
- Just everyone on the council should be looking for appointments. We would love all of your help.

F. **Discussion to have USAC Meeting Finals Week***

- Discussion closed

G. **Discussion to Amend Bylaws to Include Transfer Representation in each USAC Office***

- Thyra: “Yeah, I don’t really know how to facilitate this discussion but I just want to raise the concern and just talk about having each office focus on transfer issues. I know transfers are literally one out of three students here and that means I have a lot of students for me to represent. I don’t understand why there has not been a change to all of your office already but I think it would just help me to engage with your offices and realize whether I didn’t collaborate much with any other offices that were doing anything with transfers. I don’t really know what else to say outside of that but just working to collaborate more with the TSRs and also just like creating a transfer representative in each of your offices and having a Transfer Community Council as a space. I have already tried to start to do something like that with other offices but I would love for staff members to be involved with that because it is just a lot to do this all alone. You would also use that director as a liaison between me and your offices where we really have open communication. It would also help to alleviate the stresses around funding because like last year I came in as the TSR halfway through the year and it was only like $5,000 dollars and I had to support the entire transfer population with that and that is not enough.”

- Jonathan: “I absolutely agree that it needs a lot of support and I think that each of our offices can help out in that space but that being said, I don’t think that having each of us have a representative is the best course of action just because I think that it wouldn’t have a merit to try to force this in the face of each office. But I do think that we can prioritize to have a transfer applicant enter into our offices and then of course gear some of our events for transfers and collaborate in advance but I don’t think amending the bylaws is a requirement for us to have transfer representation in our offices. As you mentioned, it is one-third of the population, which leaves 66% of the student body that we also have to represent. I absolutely agree that it is important to support transfers and they have demonstrated a significant example of resilience and discipline to be accepted to UCLA, but we also need to ensure that we are supporting all students equally.”

- Thyra: “One thing I understand that we are supposed to support all students but I have noticed that we support our students by having a general language around students but as a transfer person specifically sometimes we don’t feel like we are welcome if it is not specifically for a transfer student. I am not going to force any of you to have a transfer representative but I will put emphasis on the big ones like president or FAC, but I will leave that up to you all to decide and do your own research on.”

- Evan: “Really quick, I appreciate you bringing this up and we really want to make sure that we are supporting transfer students I know that in the past they have been left behind so we can really work to correct that moving forward. I think one thing for me when it comes to the facilities commission specifically, I think it would be very wise for all of us to hire a member of the transfer community so we know exactly the issues that they are facing and we can make sure to incorporate that into our offices. I think just having a transfer representation is a way to look inclusive which is great, but maybe having more action-voting things going on in the future would be good. I talked about maybe having a transfer student checklist. I think that would be
very helpful to have a list of actionable items that we are working on. I will also say I know you mentioned collaboration and we are open to collaborating on events and other things. I will definitely think more about having a transfer representative in the office but thank you for bringing this up.”

- Naomi: “Thank you so much Thyra for bringing this up. I think it is incredibly important and I really resonate with what Evan shared. I think a transfer representative might not be the most suitable for all of the offices although it would really work well for some but I think all offices should try to have an event or a really targeted approach to make sure that they are accounting for transfer student interest. I know Alicia put it in the chat and said that she would love to have an art series to host transfer student experiences. I would really push for everyone to look at your events and think about how you are working to incorporate transfer students.”

- Sujana: “I just want to echo what other people have said and I just want to say thank you so much for bringing this to our attention. I see your Instagram and I see the things that you do, you do so much for transfers and I just know that you are a really important symbol in our community. I also have to go along with what other council members have said in that I do think codifying a position can be difficult because I had to remove director positions this year to make sure the office was well organized. However, I do think we can all have events and make sure we are doing programming that is catering to transfers. I see the importance of what you mentioned about the Transfer Unity Council. I do see the importance of designating specific people to make sure that these issues are being thought of because we can all collectively say we want to program for transfers but if no one is specifically looking out to make sure these things happen it can be hard. I feel like something we can all do as a council is we can discuss this later and see what we can do about incorporating more transfers into our offices.”

- Eva: “Thank you for bringing this up Thyra. I think when I am thinking about the EVP office specifically. Last year we were really fortunate to have a solid amount of transfers around but there is still obviously more that we could do. I think we could get together to discuss policy ideas because you know I am telling this my chief of staff that I am onboarding tomorrow and that my biggest goal for the office is to make lobbying trips more accessible and have more of them because we live in LA and there are so many people we can get to lobby on all levels of government and I think by ensuring that transfers are in that room would be great.”

**XI. Adjournment**

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 9:27 pm.

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* Indicates Action Item
# Indicates Consent Item
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