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AGENDA

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

July 18, 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:
- Naomi
- Megan
- Eva
- Katie
- Gabby
- Jonathan
- Evan
- Sujana
- Mason
- Alicia
- Chia
- Adam
- Sara
- Jennis
- Thyra

II. Approval of Agenda*

Law

- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike TGIF
- Add line item to Restrict Eliana's Funding for the Disability Program
- Add Poom Yooder for Appointment
- Make Personnel Matter an Executive Session

- Evan moves to approve the agenda as amended, Sujana seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Law

- Sujana moves to approve the minutes from 7/3/23, Jennis seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes are approved.

IV. Public Comment

Hammonds

- Eliana Sisman: "Hi, thank you so much. Good to be back with you all. In case anyone doesn't know, I am a UCLA student and I was Gen Rep 1 last year and I am here because I want to talk about transfers and their budgets. So you all have a 10 million dollar budget and right now the transfer representative budget is like \$2,250 and I think a lot of us in USAC have struggled with adequate budgets and it is a big problem because it really puts students at a disadvantage and in this case for transfer students being like 30% of the population. Often the administration does not come through

for them and neglects them just like other communities such as disabled students, students of color, or low income students. I definitely think it is necessary to increase the funding. \$2,250 does not make sense at all and we are out here doing amazing work and we are capable of change and that is one thing that is needed to move forward. Thank you.”

- Andrew: “Hello, I just graduated from UCLA. I was a transfer student and I also wanted to share similar concerns as a transfer. I have felt that the allocations given to transfers in general is already significantly lower than it is for the transitional student population. Personally, I received a UC regents scholarship as a transfer and to my surprise, the amount allocated to me was half of what a regular student would receive. This is a practice that continues across the board and this is not something new. This is not fair to transfer students. A lot of us worked very very hard to get into the positions that we are in today and unfortunately we are not treated the same as traditional students and I feel that part of this 10 million dollar budget should be allocated towards the transfer students especially when you have a TSR as capable as Thyra Cobbs. She has led many great events and programs in the short time that I have known her. I know that by increasing her budget, she can do many things for the transfer community and I just don’t feel good about how transfers are being discriminated against. \$2,250 dollars is absolutely nothing to 10 million dollars which is given to the majority of traditional students. Overall it is a shame to see that the budget is being allocated in this way. Thank you.”
- Casey: “Hello, I am also a transfer, an incoming second year transfer. I am publicly commenting today about my distaste as to how USAC disregards transfer students towards allocation of their annual funding budget. As stated in the budget section under fee and program specific expenses, the transfer student representatives are only receiving \$2,250 for the whole year and I want to emphasize that transfers represent around like 30% of the student undergraduate population at UCLA and this just really shows how unjust USAC is towards funding transfer offices in an equitable manner. Overall, really marginalizing us on the funds that we deserve to utilize within our transfer organizations. So with that being said, the transfers are advocating for an adjustment of the budget to increase the TSR office allocation. Thank you.”
- Desiree: “Hi everyone, my name is Desiree. I am a future transfer student and I am currently serving as Secretary of Legislative Affairs at Sacramento City College for the Student Associate Council there and I too want to express my strong opposition and believe that the budget given to the office of the TSR is inadequate. I know that the TSR plays a crucial role in supporting the transfer students and their transition to UCLA and helping them integrate into campus life. But with the current budget constraints that this is proposing, the TSR will unfortunately be unable to provide the students with the level of support that they need and that they deserve so investing in the TSR is not only important for the success of the transfer students but I believe it is also for the overall health and vibrancy of the campus community UCLA is known for. When transfer students feel supported and connected, we know that they are more likely to engage in campus life and then contribute all together to the wider community so this obviously benefits everyone on campus and then helps them to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all which I believe is a priority for USAC. Therefore, I am urging that you reconsider the budget allocation for the TSR and provide the necessary funding to ensure that transfer students from here on out receive the support that they deserve to succeed. Thank you.”
- Ashley Teague: “I am an incoming second year transfer student at UC Berkeley and I am the ASUC transfer student representative elect. I can speak to the experience of also being the only elected transfer within my student government as I know Thyra is. I think that this is kind of appalling considering that transfers moved up a third of newly admitted students across the UC system and at UCLA specifically about 30% of the student body. One of the things that I can say is that I have seen how increased funding has helped transfers in the past and also just students run in other offices as well just because the types of initiatives that you can take on with receiving more funding as part of the office increases the scale of your projects and has let to more successful campaigns in the future. I think by increasing the budget not only are we going to be helping transfer students on campus but also make those opportunities more available to transfer students as a whole within our institutions.”
- Cyrus: “Before I jump into the purpose of why I am here, I just want to make a short intro. My name is Cyrus and I am the TSR’s newly appointed Chief of Staff for Thyra Cobbs. I currently work above the legislature for Governor Newsome and I am going to be staying on remotely during my time here at UCLA. However, I am here to address you all today as incoming transfer students. We all know transfer students make up over 30% of UCLA admits. We have a total of 44,589 students, approximately 14,000 of us are transfers. We are integral parts of this university community by bringing diverse perspectives, experiences and talents. Yet despite our significant presence, the budget allocation for

our representation in the office of the TSR is atrocious. USAC is fortunately able to enjoy a substantial budget of approximately 10.1 million dollars for the fiscal year and in that number the office of the TSR is receiving a mere \$2,000 for the entire year. This discrepancy is not just about the financial matter but it is a matter of equity and representation. Our office strives to host vital transfer events, provide essential resources and offer incentives to support our fellow transfers. However, a budget of \$2,000 severely hampers our ability to create a positive impact and build a welcoming environment for our transfers. UCLA is one of the most well-known and influential institutions. As we all know this will not just impact our TSR but it will open the doors for other campuses to openly discriminate budget for transfer resources. It really sets a dangerous precedent. We know that the journey to transferring to a top institution like UCLA can be challenging and the support and resources that we receive during this transition makes a significant difference in our academic and personal success. Speaking as an incoming transfer and TSR Chief of Staff this is not what I want my transfers to be walking into. Literally so many students are excited to transfer in so you know while UCLA fronts to be transfer friendly, what are we actually doing to support our community and not disrespect Naomi, but it is disheartening to acknowledge that you haven't done your job to represent all students equally and fulfill your duty to adequately support our transfers. This negligence just further emphasizes the importance of our collective voice and action and advocating for the resources that we deserve and this is coming from someone who is holding an active position in the government."

- Naomi: "I would like to respond that in this budget, I received the same amount that Thyra does as an office. We both don't have referendums and referendums basically guarantee money to go to specific offices and that is something that we have discussed that we can do under the TSR office but that is just something that we recently talked about. Last year and the year before that the TSR received the same amount of money as the president so I don't appreciate you saying that I have set this precedent of allocating a small amount to the TSR office. Thank you, we are moving on."
- Kyle: "Hello everyone, my name is Kyle Johnson and I am a transfer student and a senior at UC Davis. This past year, I served as UCSA Transfer Student Advisory Council secretary as well as working in the transfer student representative office as director of external relations at UC Davis. While those positions have ended, I was able to gain a lot of insight to the needs of my fellow transfer students in the UC System. While I was in the TSR office at UC Davis we also shared a very similar budget of about \$2,000 dollars for the whole operating year. We found it extremely difficult to support the transfer students. The amount of students that we need to support at our school was difficult considering the low amount of funds, especially since there weren't a lot of outside grants or other support measures for transfer students out there. In speaking with other campuses, I found that transfer students system-wide face systemic barriers to equal access to programs, service clubs, research and these problems are large-scale and require heavy investment into events and advocacy to break down these barriers. This is why properly funding the transfer student representative at each campus is critical to the success of transfer student advocacy at each school especially when you have a proven leader like Thyra. That is why I am advocating for a significant increase in the transfer student representative budget at UCLA. Thank you."
- Hoodan: "I currently work in the Legislative office in the capital. My little brother first started at a UC and I started to learn the issues that he was facing in terms of the finances and stuff not getting the support. I know that when it comes to budgeting it is always difficult to allocate and to know exactly what things are important to fund, but to see that the transfer budget is only \$2,250 sheds light on where the priority lies. Transfer students should feel as though they are just like regular students as well because they are coming in as regular students and even if the UC's don't consider them as regular students that is all the more reason to have a higher budget in order to support them as they come in from a community college or any other situation. It is important to give support to people who actually struggle because when you don't know your way around things it is very difficult. I can understand that there is an issue when it comes to internationals where people want to jump on the bandwagon but to be fair people come from different circumstances and not every shoe fits the situation. When it comes to being considered, specifically coming from community colleges and working hard to get to those positions, I think we should start on that first and then see where all the other budgets lie depending on the need."
- Naomi: "I don't want to discredit International students' experiences as well so just be wary of some of the words that we use going forward. Thank you."
- Sydney Wheeler: "I just recently finished my first year at UCLA and I am also a transfer student and my first year here I was just shocked at how much transfer bias there is here. I didn't really think that existed because I worked really hard

to get here like I am sure everyone else did. I was in student government at my community college and I thought there would be more recognition for transfer students' hard work. I know I worked twice as hard in community college than high school to get where I am today. I am sure a lot of transfers share that similar sentiment and they would like to see their hard work recognized. I know you guys are the newly elected USAc and I just hope you guys hear and honor and acknowledge everybody's voices that have spoken today. The numbers, I am not going to repeat them but it is quite a small amount, so I just hope you guys acknowledge and listen to everybody's voices today and reconsider changing the budget amount because I think we all know that this is not a proportionate amount to the students that are transferring here. Thank you."

- Jose Garica: "I am the incoming stock coordinator for UCLA and I also work for the county of San Diego for one of the supportive supervisors. This is my last year as a transfer student and it is very important to support others because when I came in, I didn't really have that much support and now that I am seeing that budget allocated towards the transfer representative is \$2,500 for the whole year, it is just mind-blowing because I want my tuition that I pay to help represent all the transfers. Our transfer committee is extremely strong and supportive and we want to make sure that the TSR has enough resources and money to continue to support our community first. We worked so hard to get here and come from so many backgrounds with so many trials. For myself, it was immigration, deportation. Others were informally incarcerated, veterans. There are just so many backgrounds so we need to increase funding for the TSR to continue to support our students. Thank you for your time."
- Giovanni: "Hello, my name is Giovanni. I am the OSAC co-chair for Kerckhoff. I was recently appointed for this position in the beginning of the year and I started in the Spring Quarter and I just wanted to come here today to bring to the board's attention that my co-chair Abril has been absent through the majority of my term and despite multiple efforts to reach her, I have been unable to communicate with her plans or discussions about any matters for USAc and so after discussing with FAC and Student Government Support Managers we decide it would be best to have her removed and so I have just here today to bring that to the boards attention so that can be proceeded in any way. Thank you for your time."
- Public comment is closed at 7:27pm.

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
H. TGIF#	Curran

VI. Special Presentation

VII. Appointments

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| A. <u>Finance Committee Chair*</u> | Hammonds |
| a. Lucy Yin | |
| - Megan moves to appoint Lucy Yin as the Finance Committee Chair, Sara seconds. | |
| - By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and Lucy Yin is appointed as the Finance Committee Chair. | |
| B. <u>Student Risk Education Committee*</u> | Hammonds |
| a. Wan Jun Cheng | |
| - Megan motions to approve Wan Jun Cheng to the Student Risk Education Committee, Katie seconds. | |
| - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Wan Jun Cheng is appointed to the Student Risk Education Committee. | |

- C. Student Health Advisory Committee* Hammonds
- a. Ezinne Okonkwo
- Megan moves to appoint Ezinne Okonkwo to the Student Health Advisory Committee, Sara seconds.
 - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Ezinne Okonkwo is appointed to the Student Health Advisory Committee.
- D. Campus Retention Committee* Sridhar
- a. Payton Zarceno
- Originally a consent item, Alicia opposes it. Moves to Action item.
 - Evan motions to appoint Payton Zarceno to the Campus Retention Committee, Sara seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Payton Zarceno is appointed to the Campus Retention Committee.
- E. Student Initiated Outreach Committee* Sridhar
- a. Karylle Davalos
- Sujana moves to appoint Karylle Davalos to the Student Initiated Outreach Committee, Jonathan seconds.
 - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Karylle Davalos is appointed to the Student Initiated Outreach Committee.
- F. Academic Senate: Committee on International Education* Sridhar
- a. Mohammed Alharthi
- Sara moves to appoint Mohammed Alharthi to the Academic Senate: Committee on International Education, Gabby seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Mohammed Alharthi is appointed to the Academic Senate: Committee on International Education.
- G. Academic Senate: Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* Sridhar
- a. Leyla Navarrete
- Megan moves to appoint Leyla Navarrete to the Academic Senate: Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Evan seconds.
 - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Leyla Navarrete is appointed to the Academic Senate: Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- H. Academic Senate: Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* Cobbs
- a. Matt Schulz
- Sujana moves to appoint Matt Schulz to the Academic Senate: Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Evan seconds.
 - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Matt Schulz is appointed to the Academic Senate: Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- I. Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly* Cobbs
- a. Jeremy Vargas
- Evan moves to appoint Jeremy Vargas to the Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly, Thyra seconds.
 - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Jeremy Vargas is appointed to the Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly.
- J. Academic Senate: Undergraduate Council* Cobbs
- a. Jason Lee
- Sujana moves to appoint Jason Lee to the Academic Senate: Undergraduate Council, Sara seconds.

- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Jason Lee is appointed to the Academic Senate: Undergraduate Council.

K. USAC Judicial Board*

- a. Poom Yoodee Hammonds
- Megan moves to appoint Poom Yoodee to the USAC Judicial Board, Evan seconds.
 - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Poom Yoodee is appointed to the USAC Judicial Board.

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President Hammonds

- I had a meeting yesterday with some of the other undergraduate and graduate presidents across various campuses so we got to talk a little bit about transition and just some of the issues that our respective campuses are facing. I am going through appointment applications as always. I had 30 interviews for my office and some of those you gotta see tonight. We had a lot of incoming freshmen apply which was surprising but they are so amazing and are going to make a wonderful team. Remember that the USAC table with FTSP is going to be on August 5th from 11am to 1 pm.
- I met with the previous president from 1966, Bob Michaels and that was a very insightful conversation. We talked about how different presidents have acted in the role and just some of the things that they have been able to do.
- I secured \$4,000 for the commuter department and so that is going to be for parking permit grants in the fall.
- Megan and I are meeting with Danny tomorrow and she is one of the HSI student liaison.
- I went to Berkeley this past week and got to see their Lab Nets Resource Center and I got to speak with one of the graduate students that helps to run it.

B. Internal Vice President Law

- The Appointments Review Committee has conducted 20 interviews since the last USAC Meeting. We currently have 3 scheduled for this week and will be sending out interview offers to those forwarded to ARC. Please watch out for emails if you have forwarded someone.
- I also want to remind the council that if your appointment is labeled a consent item, per the bylaws, ARC can vote and approve solely based on their application unless we choose we would like to interview them to get more information. Then you can choose to put them on the agenda.
- I am so incredibly happy and relieved to say that the Internal Vice President's Office is officially hiring out directors for the school year! I have a wonderful team of 24 directors working multiple projects and a lot of them have interests in working with other offices so please look out for emails from me or them!
- We had our first all-directors meeting yesterday night where we introduced them to our executive staff and USAC. They all met their co-directors and are planning out their yearly plans and goals for the coming fall.
- I had a meeting with Jessica to discuss the IVP budget for the school year and got a clearer idea on how to use these funds for the coming year.
- I met with Eva, External Vice President, and the Student Organizing Summit team to discuss our plans for the SOS! I'm happy to be attending with fellow council members and very excited to see them!
- I finally created a [mastersheet of all the appointments](#) that council members are in charge of and me or my team will be updating this consistently. I still need updated information for multiple positions and please double check to make sure that the information is correct for your appointments. I will put this in my linktree on the IVP Instagram.
- I recently met with a pre-health organization Emergency Medicine Research Associates to discuss spreading pre-professional opportunities to increase accessibility.
- I will be attending a rally tomorrow morning at the UC Regents Meeting to support our local UAW academic workers. If anyone else is attending please let me know! I may also engage in public comment if I get the chance.
- I am also meeting with former Academic Affairs Commissioner Daniela Cortez to talk about UCLA becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution and how USAC can support these efforts in the coming future.
- This Thursday, I am also attending the phone town hall hosted by Representative Brad Sherman with the Bruins for Better Transit team to advocate for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. Evan definitely knows more about this than I do!

C. External Vice President Jussim

- I met with Thyra and we discussed transfer lobby day and black student lobby day which are two pretty prominent events. We also discussed a potential event with black elected offices.

- I have mainly been coordinating the student organizing summit. It is my first time being the delegation leader for a UCSA conference and it is kind of a daunting task. We have 25 attendees. Mainly I have just been coordinating with the hotel.
- I met with Lori to discuss the use of UCLA Recreation space and the future of Wooden and potential provision of its facilities.
- I also met with Evan and Bruin Shelter with Safe Parking 1A and we discussed a potential financial analysis to see the impact there. From that meeting, I am going to set up a meeting with Bruin Hub and some student affairs leadership to see how we can collect data on housing and secure Bruins as well as commuter students.
- I onboarded my chief of staff who has now boarded their directors, so our office is pretty much up and running.
- Last week, I attended the first part of UCSA's orientation and the second half of it is this week and it serves as USA's first board of directors meeting for the year. I am really excited to be a voting member this year.
- My external Chief of Staff David, led a public comment drive for UCSA in opposition of assembly Bill 811. I encourage you all to look at it later.
- I also met with some folks to discuss textbook affordability and UC-wide organizing on that front and potentially taking action on that in September.
- I met with End Overdose to discuss better provision of Narcan and Fentanyl test strips on campus. I am also meeting with Bruins Vote and Student Affairs on Friday to discuss getting that off the ground in preparation for the November election.

D. General Representative 1

Pool

- I am in contact with Pete to discuss the logistics of getting back the off campus meal plan. I spoke with him earlier about the logistics of it and he said that he did not believe that it would even be a possibility until winter quarter but I really want to set a more proactive mindset especially coming into fall quarter and trying to get it in place this summer for all the off campus residents.
- I have been improving and creating a structure for the business economic clubs for the transfer students and creating an easier pathway for them to get into these clubs earlier on. It is going very well. I am also thinking about doing other types of club majors and expanding that to different areas once I get the structure and rhythm down. If anyone has comments or ideas, I would really appreciate that.
- I also did more interviews for parts of my office and that went really well.

E. General Representative 2

Lasry

- I met with Jennis about an event for raising mental health awareness and we discussed a possible collaboration between SWC and Gen Rep 2. I have been in the process of drafting what this event could look like in terms of location, organizations that can table, and an activity for students. So something similar to the goat yoga event.
- The appointment search committee also created a spreadsheet with the deadlines for each appointment to keep us organized and we were also asked if particular offices would like us to advertise any specific appointments and we will make the graphic for those. So let us know if you want us to do that.
- I am also still in the process of interviewing people from my office.

F. General Representative 3

Valenzuela Meija

- Currently in Tokyo, Japan for UCLA Study Abroad. It's been an opportunity to meet other UCLA students and hear their unique concerns.
- Application for Directors is still open, please let anyone you feel would be good to work for a directorship! They are now rolling so no set deadline but will most likely be before the start of the year.
- Going to start interviewing Director applicants and determine whether they are a good fit for the office and where to best apply their skills. Excited to meet future student leaders!
- Met with the BruinCard office, they are working on the digital BC and I provided them with some student opinion about what students would like to see for the digital BC
 - From what I was told, this is a long-term project they want to take on
 - Are going to work on evaluating the use of the BruinCard currently and see the usefulness of implementing it digitally as well

- Will probably meet with them in the Fall once I have the Director hired for this project, as well as to collaborate to have some sort of open discussion for students and staff to express their thoughts about a BruinCard.
- More appointments with ARC. Given the 16 hour time difference, I've only been able to make it to some interviews but I've been able to vote thanks to the great notes from Megan and Sara.
- I have my slack set up! Excited to start getting my office together and starting on work.
- Would like to reach out to the International Education Office (IEO) to start discussing both the dual-degree program AND the support system for exchange students, so if you have any contact there, pls let me know!

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Sridhar

- I have just been continuing the onboarding process. I had my second training session for my directors this Sunday and that was super productive because we finalized our main priorities for the year. My assistant commissioner and chief of staff have been splitting check-ins with my directors and they were able to discuss exactly what they want to do so we were able to finalize that as well. We got to share all of this as a community this Sunday so that was exciting. I think it gave people a lot more direction and I have been pleasantly surprised at how much initiative my staff is taking. My assistant commissioner has taken it upon herself to look into the Tech Grants idea that I had and is working on, which was actually a thing during the pandemic. It was previously funded through a private GoFundMe in my understanding but we are going to look into it more.
- As Eva mentioned, we are working on internships and we have begun drafting the sign-on letter. Hopefully we will be presented that to the council pretty soon.
- You are going to see two sign on letters about textbook affordability tonight. Hopefully you have had a chance to give it a quick look but I will do a little recap on that when it comes up.
- I am planning on speaking at the UCSA meeting in August which is convenient because we are both going. My director of access and equity is also going to be speaking. She had a fellowship with Michaelson foundation which is about education material affordability and they have some kind of funding or conference thing happening in August.
- We are meeting with Matt Moore from Academic Senate Leadership to finalize my ideas about what I want to do with the academic senate. That was really helpful for figuring out how to deal with incomplete notations and they were sympathetic about that and I actually think that this is something that can get done and have a policy change within the next year which is really exciting. I just need to rewrite the proposal.
- I am finalizing Books for Bruins. I am going to release that application in early August to try to get that list done before the school year starts so that students don't have to front that money for textbooks.
- I met with Lori and Laura about a Midterm Stress Relief week to speak about spaces we can use. I am also going to be meeting with Mary this Thursday and hopefully she can hook me up with some freebies and other stuff. Lori also helped with my little library ideas so I have emailed recreation to use some of their architecture. I would like to have little libraries both on the outside and the inside of certain buildings. I just think it's so cute and will make everyone happy. If you want to read on Janns for example, you can just grab a book from the little library.
- I am finishing up my appointments. There were a lot of academic senate appointments tonight and hopefully there will continue to be appointments that are made.
- I am meeting with Berekley's Academic Affairs Commissioner tomorrow. That has been in the works for awhile but she has been abroad so that has been hard.

H. Campus Events Commission

Miller

- CEC Directors
- - introducing to budget based on last year and what we tentatively have this year
- - roughly planning fall schedule
- Bruin Bash
- - working with Fernando and Lorrie to hopefully put money down toward LATC soon
- - artist quotes are in, hoping to make decision by end of next week
- - sponsorship work started
- - NYX cosmetics sponsorship forwarded to learfield, waiting to hear back from them
- - choosing 3 more sponsors across eaf/recfest/bbash

- if there are any brands or unique sponsorship opportunities you are aware of please let us know
- finalized graphics theme so starting work on that
- prepping for webdev stuff and making website better
- Common Experience x CEC x Intersectional Environmentalist: Earth Sessions
- working with Will from Common Experience to host a concert to help promote the Common Experience theme of sustainability and climate change awareness
- hosting an Earth Sessions concert with the Intersectional Environmentalist
- vendors
- local and campus organizations

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wong

- Had a meeting with Sujana, Eva and Center for Community Engagement to discuss supporting initiatives for students enrolled in 195CE and doing unpaid internships to get some form of summer tuition waiver/small compensation. Sign on letter in the works.
- Beginning 1:1s with different CSC staff to chat about their overarching personal goals for the year
- Working with volunteer center on volunteer day, specifically to identify suitable site opportunities for meaningful engagement
- In midst of ideating for Servocacy Fest, and working with Lorrie/UCLA Rec to find a suitable venue

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner


Verdugo

- I have a lot of similar updates regarding Bruin Bash as Mason has said.
- Things are moving really well with sponsorships. We are just waiting on their field. Our meeting with Angela went really well and we are having weekly check-ins with design and artist relations.
- Moving forward we are getting started on Rec Fest sponsorships designs and our offer letters have been sent out.
- We are waiting on Chris to get started on the Enormous Activities Fair which also correlates to sponsorships so we will be setting up a meeting about that.
- For CAC, I have been having weekly meetings with my directors. I have over 20 directors and I am having a lot of meetings to keep up on all the activity and events for the fall quarter.
- I am updating my contract with my directors and updating the Arts History Community Fund guidelines with my director by the end of the month. We hope to get that uploaded to the USAC website before the school year starts.

K. Facilities Commissioner

Curran

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, 7/20: Congressman Brad Sherman Telephone Town Hall @7:00 pm. The Facilities Commission will be there to advocate for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, which Mr. Sherman has been unsupportive of. Attached below is information on how to attend the call and talking points on the STC.
 - <https://sherman.house.gov/townhall>
 - DRAFT:  Brad Sherman STC Talking Points

Access & Infrastructure:

- Met with AVC Michael Beck about several topics, including the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, Safe Parking Initiative and the Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center. Agreed to set up monthly meetings with the AVC and all interested USAC offices.
- Met with Amanda Finzi-Smith to understand more about the founding of the Black Bruin Resource Center and how we can apply lessons to the Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center. Incredibly insightful into administrative roadblocks Black Bruins faced and the fight to overcome these.
- We learned about a current UC-wide proposal that would mandate Disability Cultural Centers on all campuses, as well as subsequent money for staff/programming. Setting up more meetings to find how we can support the initiative across California; planning to suggest the topic for a potential USCA campaign.
- Met with Duane Muller and the local team from UCLA Government Community Relations. Discussed the implementation of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Ambassador project and expanding the STC4All Coalition.

- Met with UCLA Recreation (Lorrie and Erinn) about seismic retrofitting to the John Wooden Center and Sunset Canyon Recreation. Got an idea of the timeline, predicted disruptions to student organizations and ways to mitigate these.
- Met with Eva Jussim, Bruin Shelter and folks from the advocacy organization Safe Park LA. Discussed their strategies for implementing safe parking at CSU Long Beach and options for UCLA. Working on next steps, especially research into the current capacity of the BruinHub.
- Also working with Eva Jussim/Office of the External Vice President (EVP) to draft a letter of support or potential resolution for CA AB 645 which would pilot the use of speed cameras in school zones and roadways with a history of fatal collisions. Meeting to discuss potential weaknesses of the bill next week.

Sustainability:

- Got news of a rather major set back for our program to increase reusable dining ware on campus and in ASUCLA restaurants. Reusable clamshell containers were supposed to be implemented at Rende in the Fall; UCLA Dining changed their minds last minute. Working to overcome this decision, scheduling meetings with higher up administrators.

Appointments:

- Met with Office Space Allocation Committee (OSAC) Chair, discussed roles of the committee during an allocation year. We're planning on creating an assistance program for office cleanliness/storage, stay tuned for more updates on that.
- Met with Thyra Cobbs about previous work with The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) and the Harambee Council. Waiting on final approval to send out an overview document that covers/clarifies the history of the allocations and how to access funds. Scheduling a follow up meeting.
- Attended a UCLA Committee on Disability (UCOD) meeting. Drafted plans for Disability Awareness Week, likely to be hosted in loving memory of Laura Sencion-Mendoza, a fierce advocate for disability justice and mentor to many at UCLA. Reserved event space.

Internal/Administrative:

- Conducting onboarding meetings with all six FAC projects. A couple projects are heading in very new directions, our directors have come up with incredible and creative ideas to implement.

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Broukhim

- We did a lot of ARC interviews. We also wrote a bylaw change which is on the agenda this week. I think we will have to vote on it next week because it has to be public for a week.
- It is also our favorite time of the year because we are approving the budget so I had a meeting with the Budget Review Committee. I also had a meeting with Jessica and Jonathan which was very helpful.
- We are doing more internal office hiring.
- We are also finalizing some New York Times stuff. We have to fill out a form.

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Kang

- USAC Meeting Agenda
- Commissioner Updates
 - Attending SOS with EVP
 - Working on my appointments
 - Met with council members: Thyra, Gabby
 - Met with Mary, Jessica on Reproductive Justice Panel program
- SWC Updates
 - Infectious Disease Management Team (IDMT) decided to move forward with an Opt-Out Program for the COVID-19 vaccine requirement:
 - UCLA's IDMT COVID-19 protocol updates:
<https://covid-19.ucla.edu/updates-to-covid-19-protocols/>
 - Statement from the UC on opt-out program:
<https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2023/05/uc-updating-covid-19-vaccination-policy-to-systemwide-opt-out-program.html>
 - Chief of Finance met with Jessica Alexander, tying loose ends of 22-23 fiscal year

N. Transfer Student Representative

Cobbs

- I had a meeting with Ava the other day and we talked about a lot of really good stuff. I am really excited for our collaborations.
- I got around 25 applications for my office and I only have two more interviews so I am happy about that. I just created a new position for a director of transfer mental health positions so if you guys know anybody who would be interested please let them know about this opportunity.
- I met with Jessica to go over how to change the bylaws so I am starting to work on the Transfer Unity Council and what that would look like in upcoming years. I met with Sujana to talk about some things that we will discuss and vote on later but especially the course marking.
- We also have the SOS delegation meeting and I am super excited about that. I am also coming into my new role to serve as the transfer affairs officer for UCSA so we had that orientation this past weekend and I am super excited about that.
- I am also developing training for FTSB. I will be sitting on a first gen transfer panel for triple CP. That same week, I had a meeting with Urban Bruins to talk about a few collaborations that we are thinking about. We have talked about a graffiti workshop and also a car show which I am super excited about.
- I also met with the PTSP president. Something I am trying to work on right now is helping the transfer leadership coalition to be recognized by the mother organization coalition so that we can develop transfer access retention and community service projects so I am looking forward to that.
- I met with Jennis this past week and we discussed how to support the transfer community and the black bruin community through mental health initiatives.

O. International Student Representative

Tfayli

- We are working mostly on internal office things. We are planning some events for international students during Week 0 with the Dashew Center which is what we have been working on mainly.
- We have been planning some events with different international clubs that would hopefully happen during the fall and winter quarter.

P. Administrative Representatives

~~Luna~~, Alexander, Moran, ~~Klimoski~~, Wisner

- Jessica: "Not really any updates from me but because this came up today in discussion earlier, if any of your offices are getting outreach about outstanding requisition forms or reimbursements due to students that were from your prior officers, we are well past the Req deadline. If those things start to surface, it is better that we find them out now instead of after the fiscal year closes later this month so if any of you are experiencing that please reach out to us so we can help make sure they get processed."
- Jonathan: "I don't have much this week either but one final reminder that if you wanted to provide any feedback on training and transitions to fill out that form that I sent out or to schedule a meeting with me on my calendly. If you need me, you know where to find me."

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. Vote on 2023-2024 USAC Budget*

Alexander

- Naomi: "I just want to preface this conversation which I don't think I was clear enough about last time but when I was given the budget only a few hours before it was presented on July 3rd at our last USAC meeting. I had nothing to do with making that spreadsheet. I do appreciate the folks that came here during public comment to speak about the inequities presented in the budget but I want to repeat again that the offices that do have a larger amount is because they have a specific referendum. That is not something I created and not something that I have ever had any influence on. Just like a lot of the other offices, I only received \$2,500 so when I presented it last meeting, what I wanted to come from that is that if you all did set up your meetings with Jessica and Roy to talk about the budget that was the time to bring that up so see what opportunities or options there were to increase your budget. I believe that Jessica definitely talked to some folks about a referendum in the future. We do have other chances to talk about these things before we get to it tonight where we have to vote on it because tonight is our hard deadline to approve the budget. I believe we have talked about it a little bit within various chats about what we want to do with the stipend which is something that I brought up and how we want to make it LA City minimum wage instead of the broader California

minimum wage should only be slightly higher but I think that is more equitable to the work that they do and what is deserved.”

- Evan: “It is kind of an unrelated point but more of a clarification question about when the fiscal year actually ends or when we have to vote on this budget. So is this the last possible or could we theoretically reconvene another meeting like next week so we can give ourselves a little bit more time to make the new changes in the budget. I am just a little worried that if you are trying to change things to the budget and vote upon it all in the same night, I just think you might oversee some things and I would rather have time to sit and wait on it. Obviously that is a decision for all council members because it would suck to have another meeting but if we had one that was just budget specific and we could try and make some of these changes.”
- Jessica: “We definitely don’t have an extra week. The process for getting your budget approved will be ready for August 1st so you all approve the budget and then it goes to the finance committee of the board of directors to verify the fiscal soundness of the budget and make sure that everything balances and we are not in the red. So that committee finance committee is happening Monday so if you did feel like you needed a bit more time you would need to reconvene this week as a special meeting. Secondly, I also want to say that there is not much in the budget that you change because as Naomi mentioned, 90% of your money is directed by specific referendum language that only the voters can change so I wouldn’t be too worried about making slight adjustments today in real time. That is kind of what we should do to get to the final version. We can go over all the places where you would be able to make slight changes just because it is not a lot and we can do that in real time and see how it affects the bottom line. Anything you cut out is going to drop more money down to the remaining Student Government operational funds which get divided equally among the nine offices without referendum so that is where you see that impact. It might take us a bit to get through it but we should really try to get through it tonight because we need to get it to the finance committee by Monday. Real quick, one more point that I want to make is that when it comes to Surplus, what I have seen over the previous year sin USAC is that a lot of the proposals from these offices that only get \$2,000 are oftentimes approved because we know that they don’t start off with that much money so with our hopes of getting surplus earlier than the end of winter quarter, hopefully we can get more offices more money to do that projects that they want to fulfill the needs of the student population that they are trying to serve.”
 - More discussion regarding the budget
 - Eva motions to move on to the other New Business items and then come back to the Budget Vote, Megan seconds.
 - By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the council moves on to the other New Business items.
- Jessica: “Okay we’re in the overheard. So we took out the council discretionary. I can put it back in what I feel like is a better cleaner way of doing this is if Council chooses as an initiative to support the TSR office, then you all should vote that you should just leave the \$10,000 as a council discretionary and on August 1st, when your new budget is available for the new fiscal year as a council vote to have that be your initiative and just direct however much money. Secondly, if you want to kind of both drop a little bit to the bottom line and also allocate some directory to TSR, i can also change it to like \$8,000 discretionary instead of 10 or you know, however you all want to make those changes, but I would say if you want you could take a consensus if that is something that you want to do, I will put the \$10,000 back in here and then just leave it as is and then council can vote on it after your budget is active.”
- Sujana: “I feel like it may have been impacted by what Jessica just said so which I kind of missed part of but Jessica said that we can take some from discretionary, drop that down after our budget is active and then we can vote on how to use those remaining discretionary funds?”
- Naomi: “So we can take ten thousand back in discretionary on August 1st. It is originally used for collection action from Council and we can decide what we want to do with it and then we can vote to put that \$10,000 in TSR. or you can take some of the discretionary funds, say \$3,000-\$4,000 divided up among the nine

offices and then give the rest to TSR. I think what Jessica said would be the easiest though would be to vote on the whole and wait until August 1st to vote on how that discretionary is used.”

- Sujana: “The proposal I have and let me know what you guys think is obviously like all the nine offices who don’t have referendums. I get that everyone is in the same boat at the same time, I don’t think we can discredit all of Thyra’s efforts and I think the fact that she got so many people to show up to public comment shows that she cares and that this is not insignificant and don’t take this the wrong way but all the other offices had the chance to do that too and I think the fact that Thyra really did that and showed up means something but I get that the other eight offices are also in the same place and we want to make sure that the offices are getting funding so what if we dropped \$5,000 and split that between the offices and then dedicated \$5,000 to TSR, or we could do some other amount.”
- Evan: “I think that the five thousand dollars split between eight offices is just going to be chump change, like just giving it all to TSr. I think it is the move that makes the most sense and it is the only way that we are really going to be using the funds towards events that have impacts on the student body. I mean what are we going to do with an extra \$1,000 on top of our budget?”
- Thyra: “I just want to say thank you to Evan for even proposing that. I was actually shaking behind my camera. I just have a question, if you all are deciding to do that, is Jessica still going to leave the adjustments that she made earlier where it kind of increased it for everybody if that makes sense?”
- Jessica: “No we would put that back into the discretionary and then August 1st we would be able to allocate that back.”
 - Alicia moves to approve the 2023-2024 USAC Budget, Sara seconds.
 - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and the 2023-2024 USAC Budget is approved.

B. [Organizational Sign-On to UC Community Letter: "Negotiate a Fair Contract and Hire Black and African-American Workers"](#)*

Jussim

To: Joe Garciaros, Human Resources
Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa

CC: Rich Leib, Chair of the UC Board of Regents

Michael V. Drake, President of the University of California

Jagdeep Singh Bachher, Chief Investment Officer for the UC Pension Fund

Re: Negotiate a Fair Contract and Hire Black and African-American Workers

As members of the University of California (UC) community, we are greatly alarmed to learn both about the poor working and living conditions of your staff at Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa, and the lack of diversity at your establishment — particularly the failure of your hotel to hire Black and African-American workers.

It is our understanding that of the 225 or so members of the Unite Here Local 11 bargaining unit who currently work at your hotel, you currently employ very few Black workers.

We have also come to learn that as your permanent workers strike to protest their unjust working conditions, your hotel hired Black and African-American *temporary* workers through an agency to break the strike.

It is lamentable that the Laguna Cliffs Marriott has employed few to any Black union permanent staff, and yet when in need of strike-breakers you are somehow able to find and hire Black *temporary* workers through an agency. It is repulsive that you would push Black hotel workers to suffer the great indignity of breaking the strike of fellow poverty wage hotel workers.

In addition to this failure, it is also our understanding that many hotels have managed to earn well beyond pre-pandemic profits, yet have not returned to pre-pandemic staffing, resulting in understaffing that requires current employees to perform increased, burdensome workloads for the same low wages. Workers are demanding fair staffing and wages.

Therefore we urge you to do the following:

1. negotiate and settle a fair contract that directly addresses the workers' dire need for living wages, an adequate pension, health care, and affordable housing; and
2. in order to offset post-pandemic understaffing, we call on you *to offer permanent jobs to all of the Black and African-American workers who you have just sought to hire temporarily* through an agency to break the strike, so that they might work with dignity alongside your current workers.

As a public institution, the UC should enshrine our commitment to the public good by ensuring that Black workers are treated with respect. We, the students, faculty, employees, and alumni of the UC community are committed to ensuring that the UC acts in ways that are consistent with its stated values. We ask that you will exercise the leadership required to quickly resolve this critical matter.

- Eva moves to approve the Organizational Sign-On to UC Community Letter: "Negotiate a Fair Contract and Hire Black and African-American Workers", Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and the Sign-On letter is approved by council.

C. [USAC Sign-On to "Letter Requesting Student Representation on the UCOP Textbook Affordability Taskforce"](#)

Sridhar

Dear President Drake,

The undersigned request that the UCSA Academic Affairs Commissioner's office be given the right to review the UCOP Textbook Affordability proposal before it is published to the public. Despite the proposal's direct financial impact on students, the task force involves no student representatives. We want to ensure that as many students as possible can see and make edits to this proposal before it is published and taken as a policy recommendation to our institution.

While we understand the importance of confidentiality when dealing with proposed academic policy, and the rules in place that dictate how a proposal moves through the system before being officially published, student involvement is imperative. Our voices are just as important and essential to creating a thorough, robust, and progressive piece of academic policy. Student voices need to be at the forefront of student issues because we are the community that is directly impacted by the decisions being made. Further, students are best able to gauge the needs and wants of their community, as compared to a third party that may miss the unique groups and nuances that exist within the broad undergraduate community. In the UC system, 33% of undergraduate students are Pell Grant recipients,¹ meaning that they display "exceptional financial need."² This range of financial circumstances means that students will be strongly affected in different ways by the same policy, further proving the importance of student review. If this proposal is published without further review by students, it simply cannot claim to be an accurate representation of student issues and it cannot be taken as a recommendation for a new policy in the UC system.

We are reaching out to you today because as the president of the UC system, you have the power and responsibility to ensure that student voices are heard. Through both rhetorical and tangible support, you can amplify our voices and truly enact change.

¹ [The Importance of Pell Grants for UC Students \(ucop.edu\)](#)

² [Federal Pell Grant Program](#)

As such, we ask that UCOP's Textbook Affordability Task Force grants the UCSA's Academic Affairs Commissioner Office the ability to review and make recommendations on the Textbook Affordability proposal.

- Megan moves to an all USAC Sign-On to the Letter Requesting Student Representation on the UCOP Textbook Affordability Taskforce, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 9-0-0, the motion passes and USAC agrees to do an all USAC sign-on for the letter.

D. [USAC Sign-On to "Letter Advocating for Course Marking"](#)*

Sridhar

Dear Dean Galván,

The undersigned would like to express our support for a course marking initiative to be implemented here at UCLA. Course marking would entail flagging classes that are free or considered "affordable" during enrollment so that students know which classes they can take to reduce their costs for the term. An "affordable" course might assign open educational resources, not require a paid textbook, or require materials offered for under \$50.

We support course marking as an effort to make higher education more accessible and affordable. At UCLA, 27% of undergraduates are Pell Grant recipients,³ meaning that they display "exceptional financial need."⁴ For many students in our community, the cost of a textbook can mean a great financial burden. Students currently do not know how much materials for a course will cost during enrollment, meaning that many are blindsided by high-cost materials only after they enter the classroom. Giving students the opportunity to choose classes based on affordability would take away an immense amount of stress from students that need more financial support.

Several states have enacted legislation requiring all state universities and colleges to inform students prior to course registration which courses and sections use open educational resources (OER) or other low-cost course materials. Here in California, we have SB 1359.⁵ Public postsecondary education: Course Materials (2017) issued this requirement to the California State University system and California community colleges, with a strong recommendation for the University of California to follow suit. It has been six years since the passage of this legislation and we have yet to move forward with public support for low-cost and affordable course materials at UCLA, despite the dedication and efforts of our faculty and instructors in taking the initiative to support open education through the creation and adoption of OERs and affordable course materials, and support from the UCLA Library through its affordability initiative. In fact, the current proposed bill AB 2624⁶ would make course marking mandatory for any California state institution. As a public institution, UCLA should take a stand on this issue and set the standard for higher education as a whole.

Course marking would allow us to curb the burden of textbook costs for those in our community who are financially insecure by empowering them with the information necessary to make academic and financial decisions. Additionally, marking classes as affordable not only allows students to take control of their academic journey but recognizes the hard work of faculty who have structured their classes with course material affordability and accessibility in mind. We ask you to support a course marking initiative and work with the Registrar's Office to implement course marking during enrollment as soon as possible here at UCLA.

- Evan motions to approve the USAC Sign-On Letter Advocating for Course Marking, Thyra seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and USAC agrees to an all USAC Sign-On Letter advocating for course markings.

E. [ARC Bylaw Change](#)*

Broukhim

- Tabled until next week due to bylaw needing to be on the agenda for a week prior to voting.

³ [Our University's Facts and Figures at a Glance | UCLA | UCLA](#)

⁴ [Federal Pell Grant Program](#)

⁵ [Bill Text - SB-1359 Public postsecondary education: course materials.](#)

⁶ [Bill Text - AB-2624 Public postsecondary education: course materials.](#)

- Eva moves to skip the personnel matter, go to the last thing on New Business, go to the budget and then go to the personnel matter, Megan seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the council agrees with the agenda moving forward.

F. Personnel Matter*@

Curran

- Megan moves to go into Executive Session, Evan seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the council is moved into executive session.

- No action is taken in the executive session.

G. Restrict Funding for Disability Program Funding*

Cobbs

- Sara moves to make restricting funding for the Disability Program funding an action item, Megan seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and it is made into an action item.
- Evan moves to restrict \$5,400 to the Disability Program Funding, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and \$5,400 is restricted for Disability Program funding.

XI. Adjournment

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 11:49pm.

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* Indicates Action Item

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