



AGENDA  
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
 August 29, 2023  
 7 PM PST

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**I. Call to Order**

Hammonds

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Present:
- Naomi
- Eva
- Jennis
- Alicia
- Megan
- Jonathan
- Evan
- Katie
- Thyra
- Adam
- Gabby
- Chia Ying
- Sujana

**II. Approval of Agenda\***

Law

- Strike BAG Allocations
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Add Discussion item about Hooligan Theatre letter that USAC received
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Strike TGIF
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Add Discussion item on Covid-19 policy guidelines for upcoming Fall quarter
- Sara moves to approve the agenda as amended, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

**III. Approval of the minutes\***

Law

- Sara moves to approve the minutes from 8/14/23, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 8/14/23 are approved.

**IV. Public Comment**

Hammonds

- Public comment closed at 7:07pm.

**V. Funding**

- A. Capital Contingency\* \_\_\_\_\_ Yin
- A. Contingency Programming\* \_\_\_\_\_ Yin
- 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**

- A. Academic Senate: Committee on Academic Freedom\* Sridhar  
a. Anusha Entezari  
- Sujana moves to appoint Anusha Entezari to the Academic Senate: Committee on Academic Freedom, Sara seconds.  
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Anusha Entezari is appointed to the Academic Senate: Committee on Academic Freedom.
- B. Academic Senate: Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and School Relations\* Sridhar  
a. Benjamins Blevins  
- Moved until next week.
- C. Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly\* Sridhar  
a. Chidinma Okafor  
- Sujana moves to appoint Chidinma Okafor to the Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly, Eva seconds.  
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Chidinma Okafor is appointed to the Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly.
- D. Academic Senate: Faculty Executive Committee\* Sridhar  
a. Chelsey Lu  
- Evan moves to appoint Chelsey Lu to the Academic Senate: Faculty Executive Committee, Jonathan seconds.  
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Chelsey Lu is appointed to the Academic Senate: Faculty Executive Committee.
- E. Transportation Services Advisory Board# Curran  
a. Aviv Schifrin  
- No opposition, Aviv Schifrin is appointed to the Transportation Services Advisory Board.

## **VIII. Officer Reports**

- A. President Hammonds  
- My Chief of Staff, Isaac, met with some of the True Bruin Welcome Stakeholders. This is where I was able to bring up the open house idea and collaborate with some amazing folks for some events that are going to be happening during welcome week. It will be really fun and fresh. We will talk more about the open house later.  
- I had a meeting to discuss goals for this year and getting a good foundation after the whole ASUCLA BOD appointments stuff.  
- I also had a meeting with SWC and DSU to talk about the Daily Bruin article that I shared a couple of meetings ago.  
- We had a meeting with the carrot person from Bruin walk which was cool to talk about more future collaborations. You might see me with the carrot man.  
- Also discussed some details for the student government open house and playing around with some ideas that are involved with Mary Romo. She is awesome.  
- Also talked with Andy at the LGBTQ center about collaborations in the first upcoming weeks of fall quarter. I sat in the gender recognition implementation committee and got to hear about some of the things that they are working on and getting prepared for. I participated in several of the LGBTQ CRC assistant director interviews and I loved giving feedback and seeing other students in that space and being able to give feedback.

- I went to the ASA picnic and met a lot of the workers.

B. Internal Vice President

Law

- The IVP Office is hiring general staff members to work for the Equity, Transparency, and Accessibility Committee, Empowering Student Engagement, Pre-Professional Opportunities, Supporting Student Needs, etc. Please apply through our link in our bio on the IVP Instagram: @uclaivp
- The Appointments Review Committee conducted 13 interviews since the last USAC meeting and will be scheduling about 10~ interviews for this week.
- Last week, I collaborated with Eva, External Vice President, to write a Resolution Supporting Assembly Constitutional Amendment 6 (ACA 6) to support ASFCME 2399 and UC students in gaining basic labor rights.
- Last week, I met with my Empowering Student Engagement Committee where they proposed several committee initiatives including:
  - Working with SOLE for student organization training materials
  - Hosting student leadership meet-ups focused on student organization categories to discuss topics like retention, venue reservations, event planning, etc
  - Restarting our IVP club highlight series
  - Posting USAC Meeting updates for transparency and how it can affect student organizations
  - Shoutout to ESE and Poom!
- Last week, I met with the current Bruin Bazaar Director from the Facilities Commission to pass on my role and assist in her transition to the director position.
- Tomorrow, Jonathan, General Representative 3, and I will be meeting with Carina Salazar, the Interim Executive Director for the Career Center. If any council members have anything they would like us to bring up, please let us know!

C. External Vice President

Jussim

- My main priority this week was setting up one-on-one with a lot of my staffers so I had about 15 of those. I got to check in with them and hear about a lot of good work that they are doing. Shout out to my amazing staffer Shay about the LA Tenants Union work.
- We want to begin brainstorming some content that we want to put on our platforms that we think would best communicate to students what their rights are as tenants whether that be a website or a social media guide. We will be releasing a survey to see what people want to see.
- As an office we have been planning for this regents meeting that I have been mentioning every USAC meeting so far. I am just getting everything prepared for public comment training sessions. We are hoping to do public comments based on the UCSA goals that I presented last week.
- We are finalizing my office budget and we are also planning some engagement with the redevelopment project with Sarah Dundes.
- Yesterday we had a phone banking session that was led by my amazing director for federal relations and we got a big turnout of people calling the representatives about federal work study and that is referencing the resolution that I had previously presented.
- I want to give a big shout out to two of my staffers David and Ronan. You have seen Ronan working the AV for our USAC meetings before but both of them have been preparing guidelines for our grassroots organizers for a working students grant. That will be a grant that we will be giving to students who are looking to organize.
- I discussed our EVP office Fellowship curriculum today with some staffers and we are planning what the internship will look like. It is targeted towards students who are new to USAC or new to EVP or UCLA in general so that application will be coming out this month and we are excited to promote it at EAF.

D. General Representative 1

Pool

- I met with my office for the first time and it was really fun and it is definitely going to be an exciting year. One of the members of my office is abroad right now and she brought to my attention that a lot of the UCLA students that she is meeting right now are voicing the same concerns about abroad students and the restrictions that are placed on the certain classes that they can take without letting them know ahead of time. So we are starting to look into that and addressing that and making sure that our abroad students feel like they are a part of the community.
- We are trying to figure out what exactly abroad students need and how to voice that to UCLA so that we can help them out.

- I also talked to a couple commuter students about their interests in different activities to do during the school day and not necessarily at night like intramurals and club meetings and how we can make that a little more commuter friendly.

E. General Representative 2

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F. General Representative 3

Valenzuela Meija

- First office meeting last week! Excited for the variety of individuals in my office. Presented about USAC and USAC bureaucracy (second presentation sponsored by EVP, thanks eva for evp <3)
  - Slack... need to figure that out
- My directors are working now! Yay! They're out there working on the initiatives and am excited for the work they'll accomplish!
- Met with Gabby individually to discuss our Internship program and our vision for it
  - We later had a second meeting with her Chief of Staff and my External CoS, Celeste Rojas, to develop the internship program we're doing for the Gen Rep offices
- Our office was impacted by the hurricane, yay! Figuring out what needs to be fixed, cleaned, etc.
- Continuing with ARC interviews, shoutout MEGAN AND SARA FR again, appreciate them lots and always appreciate our little moments to discuss
- Had a meeting with Daniela Cortez of the HSI initiative but had to be cut short as a family emergency came up but should be meeting with her again soon.
- Have a meeting with miss Meggy and the Career Center to discuss a headshot booth that I think they're installing/getting

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Srihar

- I was able to meet with Roy, Jonathan, and Kaylee, my assistant commissioner to discuss applying for grants and working on grant making and private funding for the commission. Hopefully that is also something that as we learn we can also let you know.
- I was able to work further on the proposal about incomplete notations. I am still drafting that with Emma Landry, GSP of academic affairs.
- I am finalizing my office budget and how much will be allocated to each committee. I also talked with my directors about making surplus proposals so that they can advocate for funding and it was nice seeing what they have planned.

H. Campus Events Commission

Miller

- Bruin Bash Monday September 25 in LATC
  - graphics for BBash (and EAF) done! promo coming soon
  - website in the works
  - artist updates (not spoiling! idc!)
    - opener confirmed
    - made decision today to send out offer letter for headliner
  - sponsorships
    - one in contracting with Learfield and in conversation with a couple more which is exciting
    - alicia and I meeting w/ Vice Chancellor Deluca to discuss working with CEC/CAC on expanding our sponsorship opportunities for Bruin Bash to get a higher honorarium budget in the future
- RecFest in Wilson Plaza this year! (not Drake)
  - two days (Monday Sept 25 and Tuesday Sept 26)
  - overlapping with EAF on Sept 26
    - EAF sign-up coming soon! check CEC/CAC socials for updates
- Earth Sessions concert
  - collaboration with Intersectional Environmentalist and UCLA's Common Experience, highlighting CE's theme of intersectional environmentalist
    - confirming offers for artists and speakers
    - Sunday October 1st in Sunset Rec

- currently booking some screenings and speakers events as well
- print working on new logo

I. [Community Service Commissioner](#)

Wong

- Developed a new set of rubrics for Robert S Michaels Scholarship Awards 2022-2023, reviewing committee has been recruited and application review is happening in the next week.
- Volunteer Day sign ups open NEXT WED! Publicise far and wide to get bruins involved in our day of service
- 34 student orgs indicated interest to put up booths on our 10/4 Week 1 Servocacy Fest event :) if anyone else is interested direct them to [psd@uclacsc.org](mailto:psd@uclacsc.org)
- Preparing our office revamps and cleanup + project reorganization
- Preparing internship applications, which will go live in Week 0
- Preparing transportation and finance resource guides to be released in early fall
- Preparing Gen Retreat for all CSC projects happening Week 0
- Preparing our finance guidelines for the 3 funds in next year

J. [Cultural Affairs Commissioner](#)

Verdugo

- EAF
  - DONE! Registrations will be up soon
- RecFest
  - DONE! Planning details and artists soon by 9/11
- Walkthrough with Lorrie is scheduled
- Headliner offer is sent
- Our Opener is confirmed!
- Mick De Luca has been helping us out to support us fiscally on Bruin Bash
- Drafting a resolution with DSU again regarding COVID crisis
- Wristbands ordered
- Chancellor
- Working with andy LGBTQ center
- Connecting with cac alum to create archives
- Beginning to work on my political platform soon on repatriation
- Chief of staff needed
- ARC guidelines and cycles are drafted for the upcoming school year but will be confirmed once we meet with ASUCLA
- Fall events finalized! Woo!

K. [Facilities Commissioner](#)

Curran

**Access & Infrastructure:**

- Met with representatives from the Office of the President and the Student Wellness Commission (SWC) to discuss the Center for Accessible Education (CAE) punitive policies for individuals struggling with mental health and addiction. Currently drafting a resolution to be presented at the next council meeting.
- Attended the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) Transportation Committee Meeting. Discussed and passed resolutions on several topics, mainly focused on light pollution and distracted driving caused by new dynamic signboards.
- Met with Jarrett Thompson, the Transportation Deputy for Council District 5 to discuss our next steps in implementing the [Westwood Connected proposal](#). Our discussions focused mainly on small, cost-effective pedestrian improvements, such as leading pedestrian intervals, speed tables, curb bulb outs, and general sidewalk/crosswalk repairs.
  - As the next step in this advocacy process, we're creating a multilayered map that outlines the specific shortcomings of each individual intersection and block in Westwood.
- Our Assistant Commissioner Anya Desai toured the UC Berkeley Disability Cultural Center, taking videos and pictures to document what the space looks like and is used for. We passed these to members of the Disabled Students Union to get a better vision of what the Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center could look like.

**Sustainability:**

- Met with Dr. Venkat of the UCLA Heat Lab to discuss their current research initiatives and ways to implement their findings to make actionable impacts at UCLA. We found the greatest chance for collaboration on three subjects: heat and food truck vendors, subpar shade structures at bus stops, and the intersections between heat inequities and disability. We received contacts to further these conversations, and are in the process of setting up subsequent meetings.
- Met with representatives from LA: A New Economy for All (LAANE) to discuss their shared solar program in partnership with the LA Department of Water and Power (LADWP). We received how-to-guides, a social media kit, and other resources we can distribute to students to inform them of this sustainable and affordable alternative for electricity.
- Our Environmental Justice Now Directors met with Peter Poon from ASUCLA to discuss ethical and sustainable vendors in ASUCLA managed stores. A very productive meeting, our next steps are to sign NDAs to have access to the full list of vendors ASUCLA contracts with.
- Our Environmental Justice Now Directors met with Liz Kennedy from UCLA Trademarks and Licensing. Discussed the initiatives Buy Your Values (BYV) is pursuing, including contracting with local and sustainable vendors in Los Angeles's garment and fashion districts.
- Our Bruin Bazaar Director met with Good Clothes Good People (GCGP) to discuss expanding our partnership in the coming year. As part of this discussion, we decided we'd like to see at least two small student vendor fairs happen during the school year, aiming for the first to be late Fall Quarter or early Spring.
- Our Sustainagoals Directors created a new marketing strategy for the Kerckhoff Reuzzi program and a new system to track the use of the mugs on a weekly basis. We're planning to use this data to encourage the expansion of the program to other spaces on campus.

**Appointments:**

- Met with the TGIF Vice Chair to review the current TGIF applications and website. We're creating a running list of changes we'd like to see to make the process more accessible and inclusive of all sustainability efforts on campus.
- Currently in the process of setting up independent interviews with TGIF applicants (outside of the Appointments Review Committee). Interviews occurring throughout this week and next.

**Internal/Administrative:**

- Continuing our weekly meetings with our six project teams. All of our committees are becoming more self-sustaining, with exciting projects and concrete tasks to accomplish in between meetings. We're looking forward to our return to campus to have everyone in the same place!

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Broukhim

- We have been working to post a graphic within the next few days to announce the New York Times subscription so if you all can repost that, that would be greatly appreciated.
- I have been talking with Roy and Jonathan about advertising and then also about SGA and making sure students get their checks on time. I forwarded him the Hooligan's email.
- For financial transparency for USAC and FSC we have been having weekly meetings.

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Kang

- Commissioner Updates
  - Met with Dr. Nicole Green
  - Meeting with TSR on Transfer Mental Health event
  - Planning Healthcoming with SWC e-board!
- SWC Updates
  - Resource alert: [Be Well Bruin website](#)
    - Comprehensive resource guide that can be searched by physical, academic, emotional, financial, social, and basic needs categories or via an easy-to-use quiz!
  - Save the date: SWC Healthcoming
    - Thursday Week 2, October 12th 3-6pm Wilson Plaza
    - Goat yoga, acai bowls, massages, petting zoo, health resources
  - Be heard: [UC-wide COVID-19 opt-out vaccination policy updates](#)
    - give SWC [feedback via our website](#) by 9/4

- OR schedule meeting with Jennis
- Educational opportunity: “Restorative Practice: How to Build Community Through Conversation”
  - Hosted by Semel Healthy Campus Initiative’s (HCI) Healthy Climate Committee (HCC)
  - [Register](#) to attend Thursday, September 21, 3:00pm - 5:00pm
  - Training is designed to build communication skills for engaging in difficult conversations and is led by Dr. Julie Shackford-Bradley from UC Berkeley’s Restorative Justice Center

N. Transfer Student Representative

Cobbs

- I met with Sujana last week and we were talking about the San Rio social which I am excited about. It is going to be the TSR’s event during the midterm distress week and I posted on my instagram story and a lot of people said that they were going to come so I am excited about that as an opportunity to build relationships between freshman admits and transfer admits.
- I also had all my staff meetings last week and that was so lovely. I had some heavy hitters this year and so I am excited to have a combination of experiences in the office.
- I had a meeting with the Samahang Filipino president informally at the beach day for SPEAR which is their retention program. I got to meet with some of the SPEAR staff.
- I also had a conversation with Jeffrey who is the incoming MEChA chair about MO support and we specifically talked about having the first undocumented trans admit weekend this year and I am really excited about that.
- I was talking about the undocumented art series with one of the professors that I had this summer and so I am excited to get that started.
- Making sure that transfer identities are represented in the HSI initiatives
- Trying to organize a latinx transfer org especially because latinx students comprise the most out of the transfer population so I am hoping to have that space be represented by the HSI initiatives.
- I have a meeting with the Filipino transfer student partnership on Thursday because they are going to get a day out of the transfer welcome week and we are going to do a transfer chella with a festival outside vibe.

O. International Student Representative

Tfayli

- Yesterday I met with Assistant Vice Chancellor Pete Angelus who is in charge of Housing and Hospitality and we are launching a program in October where we are going to have international students submit recipes from their home country or like family recipes and then we are going to bring those to UCLA dining halls and it is going to be like this big social media thing with UCLA res life.
- I am also in contact with the UCSA international students affair appointment and we are meeting soon to talk about international students and the issues that they face on a UC wide scale.

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Orlando: “Hi, hello everyone, how are you all doing? I just have a few updates. Information on the enormous activities fair will be going out soon if it hasn't already gone out. It should be going out by the end of the week. If you haven’t received any information please reach out to me. Reminder that re-registration will be beginning next week for those that are returning groups so please don’t forget to re-register your office. Also new student groups registration will begin week zero so don’t forget about that. If you have any questions please let me know. Finally, it was requested by the advisors for those of you that oversee the different funds for the upcoming year. Please forward us all the updated information including deadlines so we can get that information on the website as soon as possible. I know some of you are probably still working on that just as soon as you can get it you could forward it to me. Thank you.”
- Lori: “I am spending a lot of quality time with Alicia and Mason. I had eight welcome week meetings in four days last week so while I love welcome week, I am ready for it to be over. I am also working with Mason and Res Life on the earth sessions. I met with Naomi this week to work on something. Sujana, please have your staff reach out to me this week. Even if you are wanting to do study nights send me an email so I can start to put that puzzle together.

- Jonathan: “Hope you are doing well. No real updates for me. Just a reminder that though it seems like school is coming up quickly, we have still got a bit of time here in the summer to knock out projects to start planning for something that you want to get ready for the fall. Thank you.”

## **IX. Old Business**

### **A. Financial Oversight Responsibility Board Bylaw Change\***

Hammonds

- Naomii: “The idea of the board is that it will gather all of the financial data from the offices and then see how the offices are spending it and then based on that create recommendations for the council to increase transparency and improve student access to the information and then also maintain social media to help promote transparency and publish reports for the student body. Those are the main ones.”
- Sara moves to approve the Financial Oversight Responsibility Board Bylaw Change, Evan seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and the bylaw change is approved.

### **B. Transferring Discretionary Funds\***

Law

- Megan: “I think a proposal may be presented for transparency purposes and then I guess we can vote.”
- Thyra: “If I could speak, I am not sure what is going on but I was instructed by Megan not to prepare a proposal because there were some concerns with the timing for this line item. I think if we are to do proposals, then it needs to be tabled to another day, but I would like to discuss what was mentioned in the shared USAC chat because I did not appreciate it. This is not a joke to me. This is the livelihood of the transfer community so if we could talk about that.”
- Naomi: “I know Sara has her hand raised but I don’t know if this is the right time frankly or place but if you want to have that conversation that is up to you.”
- Megan: “I’d say that if we want proposals then we should table and then see what other people have to say to see if they want proposals because I know that was mentioned for like transparency and then if that is the way that we are leaning then we should table for the next meeting which would be September 12th. That would be enough time for proposals and things like that and then we could make a decision but I would also like to see what people are thinking about this.”
- Jonathan: “There is no consequence to waiting. This is your year long discretionary money so you can use this money. It is meant for you to be used on a council initiative at any point during the year.”
- Eva: “Like to be so real, I mean, because we tabled this from the last meeting and then the meeting before that so I think that I understand that if we have presentations or proposal to look at then we should probably table it, I get that, but I do think that we should be mindful of like how we keep putting this off and I think it would be productive of us to have this discussion because it keeps getting brought up and then tabled.”
- Evan: “I am going to retweet what Eva said. I think another thing too is just realizing how much money we are talking about. It is like \$10,000 and I think that if we are writing up proposals there is just not enough money to go around in that kind of sense we are not dealing with surplus funds. It is not a huge amount of money. We all plan events and events can cost upwards of \$10,000 right so I think the amount of money that we are talking about is not enough for a proposal. I think surplus is because of how much more money it is but because of the nature of this account, it is supposed to be going towards one purpose and I think we need to be unified behind one ideal I think that you know Thyra brought it up and we have a couple council member meetings and we had a lot of transfer students coming to public comment and we are supposed to be serving the student body. I think it would be really silly of us not to listen to the students who are advocating so aggressively for this and also with the knowledge that Thyra is such a kickass in all of this. She always puts in the work and she will really be able to deliver on this, so I am comfortable in putting this towards one purpose.”

- Sujana: "I echo a lot of what has been said already. As far as tabling foes, I mean obviously yes if we end up deciding that we are going to have presentations like others said, then we should definitely table because we are going to need to come up with time for the presentations. But also the impression that I got based off of what was previously discussed between ourselves was that there was no longer a request for the money from FSC and that was put to the side. I am not sure if that would be necessary anymore if we are interested in demanding transparency. I think that is also a discussion that we can have for later but I don't think that would influence my decision of choosing where to send the money. I want to echo what Evan said about the transfers coming and advocating. I think that says a lot and it is symbolic if we give this money to Thyra's office and it shows that we support the transfers."
- Thyra: "I just wanted to thank Sujana and Evan and Eva for that but I would also like to bring up that if I remember correctly that we did take an informal vote at that initial meeting where the transfers came to give public comment to give the funds to my office so I am confused how we got from that vote to this point but that is besides the fact. I think it is just a larger question of what you all find more appropriate. I know transfers came and spoke about it and there was a large effort on my behalf to advocate for the funding because I received so many different inputs from transfers and so I would like to acknowledge that as well. But a larger question about financial transparency, I do think it is anti-transfers particularly for transfers especially when there have been so many different organizations and bodies such as the transfer center who have received funding from the TSR's office especially when I was the only transfer on council. So I wanted to mention that again. I am not trying to start a whole long discussion or anything right now but I do want to reiterate that this is something that does not sit right with me especially because of the work that I have put in for the transfer community and if FSC wants to do financial literacy events for a transfer then that can come through my office. It can be a collaborative effort and I don't think that it requires the funding to go to FSC for her to do those events."
- Sara: "I just wanted to make a statement. I want to acknowledge all of Thyra's efforts and the other transfer offices to help support transfers. As I said in my message, I support that and I want to be in support of that which is why I am no longer advocating for that money. That being said, I think as a general practice that we should have across council, students have asked us to push for greater degrees of financial transparency so my request for a proposal was not to single out any specific office. It is just that if we are delegating student fees, we should be having budget proposals as to where that money is going and this again should be a practice that we do across the board through the bylaw that we just passed. I am going to be working with various members of council and within the USAC system to address this. It was never my intent to single someone out. I think mainly that a lot of us were elected onto USAC to be more transparent and I would be doing a disservice if I did not say something across those lines as my role as FSC. I value all of the work that everyone on council does and I think it is important that we advocate for the students but I just wanted to see a proposal to have an understanding of where the 10K was going to go."
- Naomi: "I also wanted to say that I was also the one to bring up the proposals last meeting when I thought both of you all were going to be asking for funds. That was before the text message that came through last night from both of you. I didn't mean to single out either office, but again it was just in hopes of being more transparent in understanding how the funds are being used and what you all are really advocating for in specific groups."
- Mason: "I just wanted to say something real quick. I really have no qualms with any of the decisions that have been made in the past about this money going to Thyra because I really do think that she has advocated hard for it from the beginning. I think she has made claims that are very valid. I also want to stick up for Sara a little bit and just kind of say I think her coming forward and asking for money from this general fund is totally valid because we are all in the same position and everyone wants more money and I don't think she is anti-transfer and I think to accuse her of being anti-transfer of anything like that because she is advocating for her own cause is not okay. I think that financial transparency is important. We were all elected on that and we all want to be financially transparent and I think that is a general USAC thing."

- Alicia: "I want to second what Mason said actually. I don't think it is my place to talk about this discretionary fund because I have a larger budget but I do want to say that it is fair for any office to ask for this money. But in Thyra's case, she brought the transfer community to council and at the end of the day like this discussion has been. I was not here last council meeting but I do know that from the initial discussion that we had on these that these finances would benefit the student body the most if it went to Thyra's office. I truly do think it is fair for anyone to ask for the money though so I am glad that you were able to voice that Sara because it is up to everyone."
- Thyra: "I don't want anybody to misconstrue what I am saying and what I have advocated for. I think Evan had mentioned this previously but anybody could have advocated for more funding for their office. I was the only one who brought the student body to council to public comment to advocate on behalf of my office and to address what Mason has said. I do think it is anti-transfer for the only transfer on council to bring transfers to the council considering there is a 10 million budget. We compromise 30% of the council and we are only getting \$2,000-\$5,000 for the entire year and I bring transfers to the council to advocate on behalf of our community. I brought transfers from across the UC system and the mobilization was something that I feel like in my perspective Sara used to her advantage. She used my labor as a black transfer council to try and get 30% of what I advocated for specifically transfer initiatives out of my office. I do think that is anti-transfer and to make it worse to not bring up financial transparency when we went over the budget but then to ask for financial transparency when it assumes the council is leaning towards giving more funding to the TSR's office. I don't take that lightly. Again, this is a council that is composed primarily of freshman admits and you all do not understand these struggles that I have to deal with on this council."
- Naomi: "Before we go to Katie, I just want to say like I really hoped Thyra that when having his conversation like when you mentioned a point of like we have a \$10 million budget, like I am sorry, I put so much work into that pie chart to show exactly to students where the funds were going. Like we have so many funds that are already pre-delegated and we can change that. We have these funds that go to various offices and then we literally had a sit down meeting about the offices that only receive \$5,000 and what they can do in the future to get more money. I know you are serving 30% of the population, I am serving 100% of the population and this is not something I am taking lightly. I know we have so many exciting ideas and events that we want to do and what we want to put on but like come on."
- Thyra: "Naomi, respectfully a lot of transfers don't feel like USAC supports them and that is a valid concern and I am getting paid to serve in this role. I am getting paid to advocate on behalf of the transfer population. We all represent 100% of the population but at the end of the day 30% of the population feels like they are not being represented by USAC so the pie chart is all good and all but again transfers have a general sentiment."
- Naomi: "I don't think you understood my point but it's okay because I was saying that there are already funds that are pre-delegated so we couldn't change that in the budget. So what I was saying is that there are limited options of what we can do and the discretionary fund has never been used this way."
- Katie: "I really appreciate both Thyra's and Sara's efforts. I know coming from my first year on USAC, this is really brand new to me about what the discretionary fund is and what it is used for so I have a lot of questions and I have been trying to figure out what it is normally used for or what it is best used for. I know for example, I didn't really know that you could advocate for it like as Thyra did an amazing job advocating for but I wasn't aware of that. In general, I just wanted to say that I think I understand both viewpoints and that Thyra put a lot of effort in getting this money and I agree coming from someone whose sibling was a transfer, it is very difficult to be a transfer. Then from Sara's viewpoint, she is the finance commissioner and it is her job to keep us financially responsible but I think in general I agree with what has already been put in the chat. Perhaps it is a good idea to give this money to Thyra because she advocated for it but also for us all to be transparent about where that money goes."
- Eva moves to allocate the \$10,000 discretionary funds to the TSR for the purpose of TSR programming, Sujana seconds.

- By vote of 8-0-5, the motion passes and the discretionary funds are allocated to the TSR office.
- Eva motions to have each USAC office present financial proposals at a date uncertain in the fall quarter and for council to create a bylaw change to present on how their money is being spent.

## **X. New Business**

### A. Discussion on USAC Open House

Hammonds

- Naomi: "Basically we had the date set on that. That is going to be on the Wednesday of September 27th from 11am-1pm. GSA is also going to be doing an open house that day so it is going to be really sweet to do all of that. We are going to use publicity basically from TSR welcome week so I would really hope that you or your chief of staff can be in the office during that time even if it is the day after the EAF. The idea is you can reuse your materials from the fair for presentation in your office. Students are going to be walking through the different offices to hear more about what your plans are for the year and the appointments that you need to fill or if you are hiring for staff. It is a great way to network with incoming students. If you have a question please slack me."

### B. Discussion Hooligan Theater Funding Issues

Jussim

- Eva: "Yeah, I think we should have a discussion about this. Hooligan emailed us earlier this week and hopefully everyone had a chance to view that email. Personally I am extremely uneducated about what is going on so I would love to hear from Alicia and ARC so please take it away."
- Alicia: "Thank you. It is not just me, I want to put that out there. It is all of us, even if it wasn't your fund that was involved with them. I definitely did not appreciate that email. Hooligans have been really inconsiderate with their communication with USAC. As much as it is our responsibility to the student body to fund and support student organizations and their events, their programming, it is not fair to some extent, that email was very tone deaf because it is not just their experience. Everyone is scrambling for money and I don't know if I can speak for other funds but ARC did everything they could. It was truly administrative processing that was why some of their funding issues have not been resolved or some of their bills have not been paid but students did everything they could to make sure they got their funding that was allocated to them. Whether that was distributed, whether those things were paid for, accounted for, that has to do with SGA, that has to do with the events office, that has to do with the processing of invoices. I am not personally responsible or my organization is not responsible. I am responsible for allocating this money. Once it is allocated, once it is requisitioned, this is accounted for. I don't know who needs to tell them, but if they need more money it is a referendum. We need student taxes. This is truly what makes the school sun and that is why USAC holds so much power. I don't know, it just feels wrong to target USAC for funding issues. I think this is more of a conversation that we will need to continue when the new chancellor is appointed because we need to know that that person is going to address this issue and pour more money into the Student Activities student programming initiatives. I appreciate how official and how detailed this letter was but it is not fair that they act like they are the only ones submitting reqs and clamoring for more money. As much as USAC funding is a mess, it is not all on us. It is also the administration that has a lot to process and I am not going to sit here and blame SGA because they are so understaffed. I want to say that it is just really a lot of moving pieces and I don't want to blame administration for it but I also don't want people blaming students and in my upcoming fiscal year, I will make sure that ARC is not going retroactive funding to help student orgs fund their initiatives to maybe help with the processing of these bills but at the end of the day, we did everything that we could for Hooligan."
- Gabby: "I just had a clarifying question. So they were granted these funds but they never received them, is that correct? Can anyone please clarify?"
- Sujana: "I just looked at the email again, I think that the allocations were approved but they just haven't appropriately moved through the SGA, the events office, etc so they still haven't received their funds. The two ARC Allocations as well as the ASRF Allocation but they have received the BOD allocation."

- Naomi: "Okay, so I just talked to Jessica and she is going to look on the SGA side of things so we can try and see what happened. So I guess there is more to come."
- Sujana: "I thought it would be good for me to say something because ASRF was mentioned in the email. I am really sorry that you guys have not received your ASRF allocation yet. As you know you were working with Daniela Cortez who was the previous academic affairs commissioner so I just went back and checked my email and looked up your REQ number and so to my understanding I think everything on AAC's end is moving along. All of the appropriate documents have been completed. Based on the email communication with Josh, who you may also have spoken with. The issue is that surplus was not loaded into your accounts. I don't even know how that works or what that means but I would recommend that you go to the SGA office directly in person and that is where you can really get a response. Oh and I'm looking at this other email and it says that it would be paid out but because surplus is still being placed into the account, Josh said that it would take some time for you to get that money loaded into your account but it looks like everything is fine. If you still have more questions, please email me and I will try my best to help on this issue."
- Naomi: "Before I hand it back to Alicia, I also just want to say to the Hooligan Representatives that are currently in the meeting. I do appreciate the time that you took to write this email and I appreciate the call to action. I want to let you know that this is something that we have been discussing and there are some of us that really want to work on making the funding bodies more digestible and accessible not only through the websites but also through office hours and application training. I really am personally sorry to hear that you have not received your money. I had an incident similar to this with somebody else and it took a while to get it figured out. I will definitely be in conversation with you all."
- Alicia: "I want to address one of the main issues for the ARC fund last year was that we were so understaffed. Once we have our staff applications open, we really encourage you to tell people about the application because at the end of the day it is all of our work so if you are able to contribute to helping with that that would improve the funding process. If you help us, it is easier for us to help you."

C. Discussion on COVID-19 Policies for Fall Quarter

Verdugo

- Alicia: "Recently, the DSU and I have been in conversation about the current state of multiple universities and schools implementing new mask mandates with the rise of the two new covid variants. These new variants are causing easier infection, I mean more easily transmitted infections of covid-19. There are new protocols that are going to be implemented in Res Life which includes no more water testing, six isolation rooms in Birch De Neve. Isolation spaces will only be available to students living on campus. Infected students will have to isolate in their dorm with their roommates unless an isolation room is available and they ask to be moved. It will also be up to students whether they are the person who got Covid or the roommate of an infected individual to find accommodations if they want to isolate elsewhere or if they don't feel comfortable living with someone who has covid. Roommates will no longer have to isolate if they don't have symptoms and Ashe will no longer be giving out covid tests. We also weren't allowed to encourage or require mask mandates within smaller communities. For example, the individual LLS's we worked for. I proposed putting it to a floor vote for our residents and then making it a floor rule if it passes and it was pretty directly told to me that I couldn't do that because we don't have the mask mandate anymore. I am moving this to the table by implementing a resolution but more so also speaking directly with Jennis who is on the Infectious Diseases Team, previously the Covid-19 Task Force because you know Jennis you are in direct relation to the policies that are being implemented by the university. As some of you may know, the previous council did not pass the resolution on implementing masking again but that was with the previous council so the next time we will meet we will have a resolution drafted and students will come for a public comment to speak up about this matter. I really hope you guys care about what disabled students are saying and even those who are not disabled but you know who are scared about the rising covid cases. Thank you."
- Jonathan: "I just wanted to echo what Alicia is saying and I definitely agree. I was just doing a little bit of quick research about what schools are getting hit hard. However, I will say that I don't think a mandatory mask mandate will happen. I don't think that is going to happen again, to be quite honest. I am a big advocate for student freedom of choice<sup>3</sup> in regards to that. I think our best option is to fight for the resources and the

access. I think providing free masks and trying how to best pressure administration to continue the isolation protocols will be best. I remember that that was essential for me to recover when I had covid on campus. I would love to collaborate in any way. I am actually meeting with Jennis on Friday to discuss new ways that my office can support those initiatives directly because I have a director who specifically works on covid issues. Ultimately, it is something that we have to address and it is important and I don't think any student should feel uncomfortable coming into class."

- Evan: "I also want to add on some of the points that Jonathan was making. You know the mask mandate would be a UC wide policy and a lot of these resources that we are talking about are specifically for UCLA so I think that when we think about the resolution, we might want to consider one to the UC regents or a letter to them rather than the resolution specifically about UCLA's campus. I also agree with Jonathan that I think it would be really hard to get a mask mandate back and it is going to be incredibly unpopular with the student body. I think it would be really important to get as much student body support behind it as possible and I think the way we get student body support is if we focus more on the resources and things that we can do to improve circulation and ventilation in our classroom and how we can improve remote access to these classrooms. There are lots of things that I think would be feasible to work on."

D. [Resolution in Support of ACA 6\\*](#)

Jussim

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 6 ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LABOR STANDARDS**

**Primary Sponsors:**

*Megan Law*, Internal Vice President

*Eva Jussim*, External Vice President

**Co-Sponsors:**

*Naomi Hammonds*, President

*Thyra Cobbs*, Transfer Student Representative

**WHEREAS**, the California Constitution Article IX section (9) paragraph (a) designates the University of California as "a public trust to be administered by the existing corporation known as 'The Regents of the University of California,' with full powers of organization and government, subject only to such legislative control as may be necessary"<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, this designation affirms the UC Board of Regents, henceforth referred to as the "Regents," as the policymakers of the University of California (UC) and therefore exempts the UC from California state labor laws; and,

**WHEREAS**, UC employees being subject to UC laws and exempt from state laws allows for the establishment of unfair and substandard labor practices; and,

**WHEREAS**, presently, employees of the UC are exempt from state laws that dictate the following tenets of labor: equal pay standards; minimum wage; timely payment of wages; payment of overtime and standards governing the hours of work; occupational safety and health standards; meal and rest breaks; paid leave, including paid sick leave; and,

**WHEREAS**, this includes student employees at the Associated Students UCLA (ASUCLA), a non-profit which is the largest student-employer on campus, where 85% of its labor force identifies as a student worker;<sup>2</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, presently, student employees at the UC report high rates of untimely overtime payment and subversion tactics that would be forbidden under state pay standards;<sup>3</sup> and,

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<sup>1</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=CONS&sectionNum=SEC.%209.&article=IX](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=CONS&sectionNum=SEC.%209.&article=IX)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.asucla.ucla.edu/pressreleases/join-the-asucla-job-fair-to-find-on-campus-flexible-student-jobs>

<sup>3</sup> Per confidential student-employee testimonies

**WHEREAS**, The UC employs approximately 232,000 faculty, academics, and staff, making it California’s third-largest employer, and is therefore significantly responsible for economic prosperity and analogously liable for the state’s labor practices;<sup>4</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, Article IX of the California Constitution has not been amended since 1976, yet is still used to govern the labor of all 232,000 employees; and,

**WHEREAS**, California State Assemblymember Haney introduced Assembly Constitutional Amendment #6 (ACA 6), titled “A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding subdivision (h) to Section 9 of Article IX thereof, relating to the University of California;” and,

**WHEREAS**, the passage of ACA 6 authorizes the Legislature to enact laws that further “basic state labor standards applicable to the Regents, or establish other health, safety, and labor protections for individuals performing work for the Regents;”<sup>5</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, ACA 6 specifically, as of January 1, 2025, provides the right of UC employees to be covered by California State laws that govern the following labor standards: equal pay standards; minimum wage; timely payment of wages; payment of overtime and standards governing the hours of work; occupational safety and health standards; meal and rest breaks; paid leave, including paid sick leave;<sup>6</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, the passage of ACA 6 and the provision of the aforementioned labor laws are a good first step towards improving the standards of labor at ASUCLA, UCLA in general, and across the UC; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of California Students Association (UCSA), the appointed body representing all 280,000 UC undergraduates, is in support of ACA 6;<sup>7</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, numerous UC labor organizations, including University Council-AFT, AFSCME Local 3299, UNITE HERE, AFL-CIO, UAW Local 2865, UAW Local 5810, UDW/AFSCME Local 3930, support ACA 6, while the UC and UC Chancellors officially are against it;<sup>8</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, ACA 6 is currently held up in the Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments and needs a final push to be passed onto California voters in 2024; and,

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that it is the official position of UCLA USAC to support ACA 6, the resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding subdivision (h) to Section 9 of Article IX thereof, relating to the University of California; and,

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the University of California and the University of California Chancellors’ opposition to ACA 6 is considered, by UCLA USAC, as an endorsement of unfair and substandard labor practices on their campuses; and,

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the UCLA USAC affirms the need for fair and sustainable labor practices and standards.

- Eva moves to approve the Resolution in Support of ACA 6, Thyra seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the resolution is approved.

## **XI. Adjournment**

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<sup>4</sup> <https://accountability.universityofcalifornia.edu/2022/chapters/chapter-10.html>

<sup>5</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240ACA6](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240ACA6)

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240ACA6](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billAnalysisClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240ACA6) (as of 8/18/23)

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 9:43pm.  
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