



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
November, 7, 2023  
7 PM PST

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## **I. Call to Order**

Hammonds

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

### **A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Present:
  - Naomi
  - Megan
  - Evan
  - Sara
  - Jonathan
  - Katie
  - Chia Ying
  - Alicia
  - Sujana
  - Jennis
  - Thyra
  - Mason
- Absent:
  - Adam
  - Gabby
  - Eva (arrived at 8:30pm)

## **II. Approval of Agenda\***

Law

- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Add USA/BOD Programming Allocations
- Add GROWS Allocation
- Add Seat at the Table: Bruin Group
- Add Discussion on Time Adjustment for Next Week's Meeting
- Eva moves to make all the resolution on the agenda action items, Megan seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the resolutions are changed to action items.
- Sara moves to approve agenda as amended, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

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

Law

- Megan moves to approve the minutes from 10/24/23, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 10/24/23 are approved.

## **IV. Public Comment**

Hammonds

- Clara: "Hi, my name is Clara and I am here to do the weekly CALPIRG update. I will be super quick. Just remember that we are doing our quarterly pledge fundraising drive. Over the past two weeks we have signed up over 1100 new members at UCLA and over the course of the state we have signed up about 7000 but all the schools are going at different times so not everyone is done yet. We have talked to literally thousands of students on campus about the issue

of climate change and getting the UC's to 100% renewable energy so it is exciting to see so much support for that. The other thing is that our quarterly statewide conference is this weekend and all of the UC's are going to be there. We are going to be doing training, discussions, and brainstorming stuff together. Thank you."

- Branden Bohrsen: "Hi everyone, I am here from the Student Fee Advisory Committee and I am here to give a biweekly update and hopefully ask if there is a status update. We are headed into probably the most important time of the year where we actually start reviewing funding requests so it is really important that we have undergraduate representation so if any undergraduates are interested, it is a compensated position and you have the chance to double our undergraduate representation. So it is a very important position and we oversee nearly \$50 million. This past weekend, UCLA attended the statewide council of Student Fees and it is a UC wide event. I wanted to update everyone that one small but very important detail is not in accordance with the CSF standing policies that every student fee advisory committee is now required to publish an annual report of the funding requests and the only recommendations. This is a really important step for transparency because previously there was not such a requirement in place so this is to hold us accountable. Thank you so much."
- Member from Audience: "Hi and good evening to everyone who came out today. I just wanted to take the time to talk about the need to hold UCLA Administration accountable versus discrimination against black and brown student activists in relation to the genocide that is currently happening in Palestine over the past month. There hasn't been a demonstration or a time for the Palestinian community where they have not been scrutinized or harassed by UCPD or campus security meanwhile Zionists are allowed to run amuck on campus and harass students half or even a third of their age without any consequences. Campus players like the Daily Bruin and our Chancellor have been treating this issue like it is something that we are allowed to have a difference of opinion on while neglecting the sheer magnitude of the lives lost, persistent idea bondings, and the very racist response of global powers in the name of preserving settler colonies idealists. Thankfully tonight there are a number of resolutions and valiant people coming along with in the coming months in support of black and indigenous people. I urge council and the UCLA student body to unanimously support the proposed resolution calling for both a Latinx resource center as well as long-term support to the UC Latinx community as well as USAC support for the Justice Now Campaign which seeks to ensure the UC to support black student recruitment and retention so let's start by making large strides today in uplifting the black and brown student community and show that you see just how strong the conviction towards student advocacy and a more equitable tomorrow is."
- Public comment is closed at 7:17pm.

## **V. Funding**

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| A. | <u>Capital Contingency*</u>  | Yin  |
| A. | <u>Contingency Programming*</u>  | Yin  |
| -  | Last Weeks Requested: \$11,688.00  |      |
| -  | Last Weeks Allocation: \$5,701.50 for 21 non USAC and 1 USAC entity                          |      |
| -  | This Weeks Requested: \$14,556.00  |      |
| -  | This Weeks Allocation: \$3,577.34 for 25 non USAC entities                                   |      |
| -  | Megan moves to approve \$5,701.50 for 21 USAC and 1 USAC entity, Evan seconds.               |      |
| -  | By vote of 7-0-2, the motion passes and \$5,701.50 is allocated for Contingency Programming. |      |
| -  | Megan moves to approve \$3,577.34 for 25 non USAC entities, Sara seconds.                    |      |
| -  | By vote of 8-0-2, the motion passes and \$3,577.34 is allocated for Contingency Programming. |      |
| B. | <u>SFS Allocations#</u>  | Wong |
| -  | Last Weeks Requested Allocation: \$1,610.00  |      |
| -  | Last Weeks Allocation: \$210.00 to 1 CSC organization  |      |
| -  | This Weeks Requested Allocation: \$2,082.00  |      |
| -  | This Weeks Allocation: \$963.00 for 2 CSC and 2 non CSC organizations                        |      |

- No opposition, both allocations pass as a consent item.
- C. SWC Programming Fund Allocations# Kang
- Allocation: \$392.00 for 2 non USAC entities
  - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- D. Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations# Jussim
- Allocation: \$4,500.00 to 3 non USAC entities
  - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- E. ASRF Allocations# Sridhar
- Allocation: \$1,800.00 to 2 non USAC entities
  - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- F. AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations# Sridhar
- Allocation: \$500 for 1 non USAC entity
  - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- G. ARC Allocations# Verdugo
- H. TGIF Curran
- Allocation: \$16,263.89 to 9 non USAC entities
  - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- A. USA/BOD Allocations\* Broukhim
- Allocation: \$61,891.00 to 22 organizations, funded 26 programs, no USAC entities
  - Sara moves to approve \$61,891.00 for the Fall BOD allocations, Evan seconds.
  - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and \$61,891.00 is allocated to the USA/BOD Allocations.
- B. GROWS Allocation# Jussim
- Allocation: \$1,980.00 to 3 non USAC entities
  - No opposition, passes as a consent item.

## **VI. Special Presentation**

- A. ASUCLA Board of Directors Update Castellanos
- ASUCLA BoD November 7th USAC Meeting Updates**

1. **CalFresh**-We are working on expanding CalFresh to other markets/stores on campus in addition to the one currently operating at the main market in Ackerman. CalFresh, known federally as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP, provides monthly food benefits to individuals and families with low income and provides economic benefits to communities. CalFresh is the largest food program in California and provides an essential hunger safety net. CalFresh is federally mandated and in California, is state-supervised and county-operated. Each location has to be independently approved by USDA (the Federal Agency responsible for authorizing CalFresh acceptance). The Store at South Campus in Health Science has been approved and is in the final stages of going live within two weeks. The next location for which an application has been submitted is LuValle Commons, thus bringing the benefits to North Campus. ASUCLA is also supporting the work of various on-campus entities to inform and assist students in enrolling in CalFresh. This work will include utilizing social media channels, tabling at events, and working with UCLA Financial Aid.
  - Related, but separate from the aforementioned is ASUCLA's effort to bring in "Navigators" to help students learn of the many benefits that may be available to them through the County. "Navigators" are nonprofits

under contract with the County that help individuals find and apply for specific services for which they qualify for. The vision is to have specific office hours for the Navigators that students can go and ask their questions and/or learn as to how to Navigate the county system of benefits including those that are for shelter and food-insecure students.

2. **Student Programming**-ASUCLA has increased its efforts in bringing programming for students including movie nights, noon concerts, wellness Wednesday, de-stressing events, etc. through collaboration with various student groups and commissions. This work has included watch parties, Halloween events, the opening and inclusion of Bruin Fun Zone. The events team is constantly looking for ideas and opportunities for partnership to expand and enhance the events.
3. **Facilities Improvements**- ASUCLA has been working on various projects to enhance and improve the various buildings it operates. The projects are specifically on infrastructure such as the replacement of the North Campus roof, the repair and upgrades of the Ackerman freight elevators and passenger elevators, the upgrade of various restrooms, enhancements to employee work areas, etc. The development of the exterior meditation space, the transformation of Sweet Spot to Sambazon(Acai Bowls), the redo of Taco Bell are few of the other customer-facing projects that have been completed.
4. **Sustainability**- As part of a broad effort to boost ASUCLA's diversion of waste from landfills from its current 50% level to the zero-waste target of 90%, the focus has been on working collaboratively to improve diversion at the Court of Sciences Student Center. During September, steps were taken to help drive compliance with organic waste recovery regulations and policy goals by helping customers and staff sort materials correctly. Steps included improving access to bins, ensuring that pizza boxes correctly fit only in the bins designated for compost, and ensuring that all three streams of materials—recycling, compost, and landfill--are clearly marked and placed conveniently and consistently to improve recovery of all materials that can be diverted from the landfill. In addition, great emphasis has been placed on supporting the hosting of green events in ASUCLA venues. Work on energy efficiency initiatives such as Variable Frequency Drives/Fans for the HVAC systems, energy-efficient lighting and low flow water usage are continuing.
5. **Communication Enhancements**-Committing to developing and utilizing channels to enhance and improve interorganizational communication various initiatives have been launched. These include; the entities meetings to bring all the entities of ASUCLA (USA/GSA/Student Media/Services) together to learn and support common initiatives and further clarify roles and responsibilities and align efforts; meet and greet sessions of the entities to provide a free flowing opportunity to get to know each other; Four Pillars, the quarterly newsletter of ASUCLA that provides news and information on the four entities, the open office hours with the Student Union Services Director, Pamala. Pamala is our new Student Union Services Director if you haven't met her yet, and she will be taking over the role as Roy transitions out. She's fantastic, and I highly encourage you to stop by to chat with her soon. We also have other 1:1 and group meetings such as sharing updates with GSA/USA at the council and forum meetings such as this one.
6. **Working with Housing & Dining**- In support of the students' asks and through collaboration with UCLA Housing and Dining, ASUCLA not only accepts swipes but has been able to transition to electronic versions of the swipes that facilitate their usage at various locations. Housing and Dining set the swipe equivalent value at \$9 but due to significant inflationary matters, we have requested that the value be increased by at least \$1 to \$10. This is being considered by Housing, and would not change the cost burden on students. Additionally, Housing has shared that an off-campus housing meal swipe program/package will be offered by the end of this quarter, and those swipes can also be used at ASUCLA restaurants.

B. [2023-2024 Legislative Session Mid-Cycle Update](#)

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- Bill Analyses from latest CA Legislative Session
  - Senate Bill 444 MESA Programs
- Authored by Senator Josh Newman

Bipartisan Support

*Summary*

- Encourages CA community colleges to create and oversee a Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) program.
- Assists students impacted by disadvantages in social, economic, and educational backgrounds to increase the student population that is able to transfer and complete Bachelor Degrees in STEM at four-year institutions

*Student Impact*

- STEM field has many job opportunities that go unfilled while there are students struggling on their journey to the field
  - MESA program would help students obtain positions which would ultimately boost California's economic productivity and innovation
  - Senate Bill 4 Housing Development
- Authored by Senator Scott Wiener

Supported by Cities of LA, SF, Berkeley, Santa Monica, California YIMBY, and other YIMBY Organizations and cities

*Summary*

- SB 4 will make it legal for faith-based institutions and non-profit higher education institutions to build affordable housing on lands they own by streamlining the permitting process and overriding local zoning restrictions.
- Guarantees "by-right" approval of new homes, as long as they are consistent with all objective building standards and comply with existing environmental protections and requires that 100% of units, excluding manager units, be affordable to lower-income households.

*Student Impact*

- Studies have shown that members of the African-American, Latinx, and indigenous communities are most prone to facing housing insecurity challenges.
- Affordable housing in Westwood would alleviate financial burdens, improve access to resources, and foster community engagement especially for students from historically marginalized communities.

- Senate Bill 555 - The Stable Affordable Housing Act
- Authored by Senator Aisha Wahab

Supported by California Green New Deal Coalition, California Environmental Justice Alliance, Tenants Together, Natural Resource Defense Council, and the California State Senate

*Summary*

- SB 555, would identify pathways towards developing 1.4 million stable affordable homes through requiring the department, to complete a California Social Housing Study consisting of a comprehensive analysis of the

opportunities, resources, obstacles, and recommendations for the creation of housing that is affordable, and social housing, as defined, to assist in meeting the need identified in the statewide projections.

- The bill would require the study to include, among other things, an analysis of the funding, public lands, and other resources and opportunities that are, or can be made, available to achieve certain goals of the state related to housing supply.

#### *Student Impact*

- SB 555, has significant relevance and potential impact on students, particularly those facing housing affordability challenges. It addresses issues related to housing insecurity, financial stress, and educational outcomes, all of which are critical concerns for the student population.
- Students and student organizations may find it valuable to engage with and advocate for the successful implementation of this legislation to improve the housing situation for themselves and their peers.

#### A. Seat at the Table: Bruin Group

Hammonds

- Presented by the Director of Finance and Director of Relations
- “Basically about why we are here. We are one of the premiere consultation organizations at UCLA that specializes specifically with startups. We do projects ranging from a bunch of different markets, not any specific industries, we have around 40-50 members and we have a good amount of people. We are very diverse in terms of who is allowed to join, we are not all business majors. We are a consultation organization focused on startups so we are really looking at a lot of different startups that have initiatives specifically in the LA area or even at UCLA. So obviously that looks at multiple different industries. We have worked with Sports Marketing, we have done food and beverage, housing. We also do a lot of things such as market entry and financial forecasting and basically any type of research that we can provide to these startups. We are working with project teams of around 4-6 people and we try to keep the groups small to keep our members engaged in the process of learning how to handle consulting projects. We also provide a lot of networking events and professional development for our members in our club. This doesn’t just look like going to consulting agencies, but also resume workshops, cover letter workshops, and stuff like that that we are able to provide for a lot of our members. Last year we hosted a consulting mixer where we had around 10+ companies from the top consulting firms and we got over 200 students to come to our mixer. We work not just to connect with our club but also with all of UCLA. One of the examples that we were talking about was the housing startup called Ohana where they are trying to increase accessibility in terms of subletting for specifically college students. They have a new website that is kind of similar to Airbnb where they do subletting and they are trying to launch it in a bunch of different cities, not just in California. So that is just an inside look into what kind of startups that we work on. In terms of funding, I can kind of talk about USAC funding that we need/have gotten from you guys. We mostly get funding from you guys for any of these mixers and any of these networking events whether they are for our club members or for greater UCLA. We also use that funding for advertisements and things like that. Thank you.”

## **VII. Appointments**

#### A. USAC Undergraduate Student Initiated Education\*

Sridhar

##### a. Sofia Mena

#### B. Academic Senate: Executive Board\*

Sridhar

##### a. Kulsum Hussain

- Jonathan moves to approve Kulsum Hussain to the Academic Senate: Executive Board for a 1 year term, Chia Ying seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Kulsam Hussain is appointed to the Academic Senate: Executive Board for a one year term.

#### C. Finance Committee Associate\*

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##### a. Virinch Pandari

- Sara moves to approve Virinch Pandari to the Finance Committee as an Associate for a 1 year term, Jonathan seconds.
  - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Virinch Pandari is appointed to the Finance Committee for a 1 year term.
- b. Russell Mo
- Sara moves to approve Russell Mo to the Finance Committee as an Associate for a 1 year term, Katie seconds.
  - By vote of 9-2-0, the motion passes and Russell Mo is appointed to the Finance Committee for a 1 year term.
- c. Su-Han Tan
- Jonathan moves to approve Su-Han Tan to the Finance Committee as an Associate for a 1 year term, Sara seconds.
  - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Su-Han Tan is appointed to the Finance Committee for a 1 year term.
- d. Iris Shi
- Sara moves to approve Iris Shi to the Finance Committee as an Associate for a 1 year term, Jonathan seconds.
  - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Iris Shi is appointed to the Finance Committee for a 1 year term.

## **VIII. Officer Reports**

### A. President

Hammonds

- UC Council of the Presidents (CoP) October meeting
  - Preparation for the UC Community Safety Conference
  - Preparation for our December meeting with President Drake
  - Hearing from other UC Presidents on issues impacting their campuses
- Met with Academic Senate Leadership to discuss communication to TAs and Instructors about international events impacting students
- Addressed families and students at Bruin Family Weekend with other campus stakeholders
- Hosted a successful tailgate for the Colorado vs. UCLA football game and gave away over 100 tickets to undergraduate students
- UCLA Chancellor Search Committee Orientation
- South Bay Student Leadership Meeting
- Downtown Programming Committee
  - Proposal discussion
- Met with Roy to discuss ASUCLA BOD meetings
- Met with Dominique Penate to discuss ways to support commuter life
- Discussed with our Yerba Mate connections to get more support at OP events
- Alumni Board of Directors meeting
  - Discussing their strategic plan
  - Planning ways to get connect and collaborate with our office
  - Found a potential USAC Alumni for our meetings
- Spoke at a recent UCLA Black Alumni Association event that aimed at helping high school students with UC Applications
- Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS) Presidents Meeting
  - Introduction to the Big Ten presidents
  - Discussion on their upcoming winter conference
  - Discussed issues faces our various campuses and how we can better support in our roles
- Executive Sustainability Committee
  - Decarbonization Study overview and update
  - Common Experience Presentation
- Meet with campus partners today and will be at the town halls tomorrow for the Chancellor Search Committee
- Meeting with the UCPD Chief to discuss safety concerns for students

B. Internal Vice President

Law

- The Appointments Review Committee conducted 1 interview since the last USAC meeting for the Finance Committee Associate position. A reminder to councilmembers to please forward any candidates to ARC and to keep the workflow organized.
- Megan would also like to remind the Appointments Search Committee to please advertise the open appointment positions to the student body.
- Josh (AIVP) sent appointment opening reminders to all council members with open appointments. Please fill those ASAP.
- Megan, Naomi (USAC President), and EVP met with the ASUCLA Entities (ASUCLA Media, Student Affairs, Graduate Student Association, ASUCLA Board of Directors, etc) and discussed a variety of updates
  - Potentially working with the GSA to expand the Off-Campus Housing Fair and make it more accessible for graduate students
  - Discussing expansion in facilities for cultural centers with a referendum in the Spring Quarter
  - Discussion about academic material accessibility
  - Expansion of Cal-Fresh in UCLA Stores in LuValle and the Hill Top Shop
  - ASUCLA is in discussions with UCLA Housing about Off-Campus Meal Plans and increasing the worth of a singular swipe
- Megan attended the Narcan Implementation Taskforce Meeting and discussed narcan accessibility, capacity, and current updates on which offices and departments at UCLA have been trained and is planning to attend further meetings.
- Megan and Josh (AIVP) met with SWC to discuss a potential initiative to work with End Overdose to increase knowledge on administering Narcan.
- Megan met with Leslie Vallejo-Avila, the UCSD Executive Vice President, to discuss internal updates within one anothers' student governments and campuses. We hope to have more collaborations throughout the school year.
- Megan and Leslie (UCSD Executive VP) reached out to all the IVPs and Exec VPs in the UC system to further collaborate and potentially meet with one another to share experiences and advice as student government leaders.
- Megan attended the Facilities Commission General Meeting last Thursday. Thank you Evan for inviting her!
- Ivp exec meeting
- Megan and Josh (AIVP) met with the Supporting Students Needs Committee to discuss future preparations with the Off Campus Housing Fair and improvements we can take from last year.
- Megan attended the UCLA vs Colorado Tailgate and Football game with Naomi (USAC President) and Evan (Facilities Commissioner). Thank you to the Office of the President and Mick de Luca for hosting!
- The Internal Vice President's Office Executive Meeting met this Monday at 5PM. If you would like to attend the next Executive Meeting, please reach out to Megan or Josh.
- The Internal Vice President's Office held our 2 weekly All-Staff Meeting this past Monday at 6PM. We held a Halloween themed meeting! If you would like to attend the next All-Staff Meeting, they are every Monday at 6PM in Geology 6704, please contact me or Josh to RSVP.
  - Committee Updates:
    - The Equity, Transparency, and Accountability Committee posted our summer transparency report. They are working on a collaboration with the Empowering Student Engagement Committee to create transparency posts about funding and the USAC Dictionary.
    - The Empowering Student Engagement Committee is working on several projects such as the collaboration with ETA, going through feedback from student organizations, a collaboration project with PPS, and a facilities training.
    - The Pre-Professional Supports Committee is preparing for their professional workshop on November 16th in Covell South Bay from 4-6PM. The committee's funding application was just approved so there will be snacks provided! Please come!
    - The Supporting Student Needs Committee is working on the Off Campus Housing Fair and we will be working with SGS to create contracts and payment forms for the participating companies and landlords. We will be reserving Bruin Plaza for the event set to happen in the first few weeks of Winter Quarter. The committee will also reach out to Student Media to potentially discuss ad packages for the fair.
    - The IVP Interns are going to be attending the next All-Staff Meeting on Monday to learn more about the various committees and hopefully get an idea for which committee they would like to be onboarded to next quarter.
    - The Administrative Relations committee has reached out to ASUCLA BOD and is currently contributing to our administrator contact sheet.
    - The Institutionalized Events Committee participated in co-hosting the ASUCLA T-Shirt Design Contest Showcase in front of the UCLA Store on Monday. They are also working



on the True Bruin Raise Awards Ceremony. They will also be releasing staff applications this week or next week to recruit more staffers.

- The General Events Committee submitted their funding application for our Finals Stress Relief tabling during Finals Week. We have also submitted an application to reserve Bruin Plaza for the event.

C. External Vice President

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- Local Relations:
  - Team attended a virtual hearing last Wednesday.
  - Will be creating a memo on transportation issues at UCLA for UCSA's transportation AO.
  - Scheduling lobby visits to City Councilmember Yaroslavsky and County Supervisor Horvath for December.
  - Looking to organize a holiday drive to provide houseless people in Westwood with winter supplies and gift cards for food. Aiming to do this early Winter quarter.
    - Will be outreaching to the Community Services Commission, BruinShelter, and BruinDine.
    - \$1,000 budgeted for this
  - Safe parking initiative:
    - Will be reaching out to LA Valley College, LA Pierce College, and Santa Monica College student governments to explore a cross-campus safe parking site.
  - LA tenants union survey deadline extended til the end of the quarter, still offering free airpods.
- State Relations:
  - Confirmed November 20th meeting
  - In progress confirming another
  - Bill Analysis Presentation to USAC Tuesday
  - Bill Analysis due Friday
  - Contacted more Reps to meet mid-November and followed up, but w calendar changes things are up in the air
- Federal Relations: Ted Talk postponed :')
- Canceled room reservation
- Contacted RSVPs :(
- Working on updated schedule for postponed event
- Flyering for FWS & SEOG last week!
- Phonebanking for FWS & SEOG w/ BruinDems
- Met with SORE advisor about Ted Talk
- Contacted Reps to meet about FWS & SEOG
- Student Relations:
  - SAFE - Jasmine
    - Will be presenting at 11/7 IGNITE General Meeting w/ Eva
    - USAC structure, UCSA ACQUIRE Campaign, upcoming Regents Meeting, etc.
  - Rent control in Westwood - Sasha
  - Drafting communication to organizations about ways to help (planning for an actionable event/post for student involvement)
  - Increase Adequate and Affordable UCLA Housing, Expand Food Access - Charlene
    - Followed up with Sarah (still no response :())
    - Sent a follow up message to Eva to meet about how to best support BruinDine and their needs
      - Meeting details are in the updates doc
    - Uplift Basic Needs Coalition - Winnie
    - Attended Basic Needs Committee Meeting
    - Will attend Basic Needs Coalition Meeting
  - CALFRESH Expansion- Ava
    - plan to meet with calfresh initiative and help w their planning for outreach week and other events
    - got information about their volunteering requirements, emma and i will go volunteer at their first event and then hopefully get more evp members to volunteer after that
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- Workers' Justice, Compensate 195CE Unpaid Internships - Nammi
  - Made flyers for 195CE Internships (will probably flyer sometime next week)
  - Confirmed Know Your Rights Reservation (**happening on 11/17 from 5-7pm at Kerckhoff Grand Salon**)
  - With Kaitlyn: Meeting with Pamela on 11/2, Meeting with Jazmin from the Labor Center
- Workers' Rights - Kaitlyn
  - met with Pamela, Director of ASUCLA Student Union Services
  - secured contacts for SEIU and Local 11
  - next steps: meeting with contact from Labor Center to ask for KYR educational materials, and planning publicity materials w/ Nammi
- GROWS - Ronen
  - Met with Fernando to clarify an issue with one of the GROWS applications
  - Working on scheduling hearings
  - Still looking for one more student worker committee member
- **UC Relations:**
  - Public Comment training tomorrow at 5 in Kerkchoff!
  - Met with Thyra to discuss RJN initiatives and how we can incorporate them into the other UCSA campaign goals
  - UC regents schedule came out: In the process of breaking up those meetings and ensuring that someone can attend every meeting
  - Public comment sign ups out
  - Javier spoke to LGBTQIA+ center and swipe out hunger about PC training
  - Madelyn contacted DSU
  - ACQUIRE resolution was written and will be presented at USAC tomorrow (shout out Jenna)
  - RJN resolution written and will be presented tomorrow also
- Civic Engagement:
  - The first Democracy Workshop happened on Wednesday - 45 attendees
  - Local Election Voter Guide going up this weekend
  - Bruins in Government episode #2 going up next week (featuring Glendale City Councilmember Elen Asatryan)
  - Tuesday 11/7 is Election Day - stop by the BruinsVote table on BruinWalk (9 am - 3 pm)
  - Reminder to sign up for tabling on Thursdays (+ Tuesday 11/7 if available) for makeup hours

D. [General Representative 1](#)

Pool

- Along with CSC and FSC, we conducted interviews for over 30 clubs for BOD funding
  - Completed allocations for BOD
- Plan on meeting with the Financial Literacy Club to ask their assistance for hosting the Financial Literacy Night
- Interviewed and hired another staffer to complete the Finance section of our office

E. [General Representative 2](#)

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F. [General Representative 3](#)

Valenzuela Mejia

- Bruin Health
  - Discussed with SWC about using their little folder things near the third floor elevator to distribute masks and small hand sanitizers, working on that
  - Will be buying those supplies within the couple of weeks and hope to start that initiative at least to provide additional resources.
- Bruin Resources
  - Working with the Career Center to host an event to promote the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)'s internship programs, hopefully at the latter end of the quarter or in the winter quarter. Excited for this collaboration.
  - Director is in touch with Books 4 Bruins from AAC, a personal fav program of mine as I was a co-director last year, and we hope to support it however we are able to as an office.
  - Working with IVP on a potential collaboration with the Career Center as well.
- Bruin Worldwide/Bruin Buddies

- Not a lot of applications so far :/ Hoping for more!
- Buddy program with exchange students at UCLA and ucla-based students.
- Please promote! We would appreciate it if you all could spread the word. We hope with the link being sent to IEO now, we'll have more people signing up as we approach our first deadline on the 12th.
- Hoping to meet with some upper level admins as UCLA has recently published its vision for the next five years and one of them was focused on more global ties between UCLA and the world
  - Sujana is joining on as well with this work <3
- Bruin Convenience
  - You all received an email from me earlier last week about this survey. Please share within your staff internally. If you did not, please lmk because maybe i wrote your email wrong or something.
  - 22 responses so far! Thank you lots for those who have shared!
  - Plan is to analyze that data after it closes on the 15th and then we'll present it to council as we continue to determine next steps for following up with the Digital BruinCard initiative.
  - Working on a campus-wide survey as well, hence why the internal USAC survey is very important for us.
- Bruin Representation/Latinx Student Center
  - Got into contact with Latinx student orgs this past week and will be meeting with student leaders within the coming weeks. Many have pledged support for the resolution being presented tonight.
  - Resolution worked by my office, strongly from my Policy Director Crystal Vu.
  - HSI provided support and assistance with data for this resolution, and I've met with them on different occasions to discuss this.
  - Meeting with them on Thursday to further discuss more ways of supporting their work as they continue to push for the HSI designation to happen in 2025.
  - I ask you all to promote the resolution to all groups on campus. I want to ensure that this resolution is as well understood and observed by students as possible. Please repost our post on instagram and help push more of our peers to become aware of this.
- Thank you Jennis for providing the GR office with bean bags <3
- Internship has started! Excited for the work being done there to promote transparency and USAC involvement in all manners.
  - Passionate group of students who are genuinely interested in getting involved with USAC and the work that we all do.
  - They all have a variety of interests and perspectives on the stuff we have on campus and how to better improve it.
- Attended the Latine Town Hall yesterday that EVP hosted, greatly appreciate EVP for providing that space for Latine students to come and engage, as well as the EVP staff present,
- ARC as always, my shoutout to Sara and Megan for their continued work.

G. [Academic Affairs Commissioner](#)

Srihar

- Met with private funding workgroup on 11/3 to establish action items of identifying specific funding bodies to apply to and continuing outreach to B4B applicants
- **Academic Senate**
  - Attended Undergraduate Council Meeting and discussed issues including the Global Studies Interdepartmental Program and Program Review Report for Institute for Society and Genetics
  - Attended Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Well-Being Committee meeting to primarily discuss athletic conference realignment and impact on student athletes
- **Upward Movement**
  - Met with Dean of UCLA Law to discuss shadowing program at law school, came up with plan to execute a shadowing event Fall 2024
  - Meeting with Career Center to be sure that pre-law resources are not redundant
- **Textbook Affordability**
  - Met with Guy Adams and Kate Jakway Kelly to discuss the potential of establishing course marking at UCLA
  - Brainstormed ways to assist library with representation in textbook affordability discussion
- **Midterm Stress Relief Week**
  - Monday through Thursday's events were completed successfully, Goat Yoga and bracelet-making

- were especially popular
- Was able to raffle off a \$30 plushie, give away \$400 worth of meal tickets and provide other free services like massage therapy
- Coordinated with Student Wellness Commission and Office of the President to execute the events
- **COVID Resolution Implementation**
  - Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11/8 between AAC Sanctuary Campus, DSU and myself to streamline a timeline for work such as a COVID awareness training and publicity campaign for community care
  - Met with Ashe Center on Friday 11/3 to discuss COVID signage campaign
- **Undergraduate Student Initiated Education**
  - Focusing on finding a new Vice Chair, can ensure a stipend for Vice Chair

#### H. Campus Events Commission

Miller

- finishing hiring for our Media Production team
  - run-off hiring
  - CEC will have +/- 100 staffers after this round of hiring
- Speaking Events
  - Atsuko Okatsuka was a success!
  - working on an Intersectional Environmentalist collab for the end of this quarter
- Concerts
  - GROOVE GARDEN is happening towards the end of the quarter
    - vinyl DJ spin session
  - NOON TUNES @ Kerkhoff Patio Thursday 11/16
- Films Screenings
  - AMERICAN FICTION @ Landmark on Monday 11/13
  - EILEEN @ JBT on Thursday 11/16
  - Maybe another Wescom Holiday screening Tuesday 12/5
- Extra Stuff
  - CEC x Goldenvoice
    - concert ticket giveaways happening on our Instagram (@uclacec)
  - Petting Zoo coming at the end of the quarter?
  - also Gingerbread house making / cookie decorating events in December?
- Merch
  - stickers and tote bags arrived
    - tote bags will be giveaways in the future
    - shot glasses, lighters, and more on the way...
    - staff shirts and sweatshirts coming
- RSVP for all events on the Poppin' app
- FOLLOW @uclacec ON INSTAGRAM



#### I. Community Service Commissioner

Wong

- Planning a Holiday Season Volunteer Drive, potentially with UCLA Rec, in support of the International Rescue Committee; intending for it to be a collaborative effort with interns :)
- Our Outreach team put together a consolidated transportation and finance resource guides cheat sheets for service organizations, planning to publish and advertise
- Starting planning for NNN, focus groups discussions on the Houselessness DOS
- Met with Professor Doug and Matthew Solomon to spearhead in early winter the screening of "Reimagining Safety" documentary + panel discussion/workshop on criminal/racial justice/alternatives to policing.
  - Currently reaching out to different panelists
- SCBN Meeting yesterday - following up on work groups,
- Scheduling a meeting with Dr. Staub for Center for Community Engagement
- Hearings and allocations for USA/BOD Programming Fund
- Joining BruinsVote Coalition

#### J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Verdugo

- The DDM event was very beautiful and profound
- The jazz concert last week was a success
- We are rescheduling Native Expressions for later this quarter w AISA
- We are collaborating with Divest, SJP, and other orgs on tomorrow's Rally for Palestine at 12PM
- Make sure to attend O4All's rally next week on Tuesday!!
- We have a pottery & jazz event tomorrow 5-6 in the gallery
- We have a pink pantheress listening event for her new album on thursday (still tentative)
- Our next GBM next week will be a teach-in on Palestine, Congo, Sudan, Tigray and more
- Beginning to work on CAC's 60th anniversary gala
- Supported ALC with an ARC req
- Hiring will be posted next week for ARC
  - Hearings begin next week
- Released a statement on the harassment that CAC staff and our office faced today, please share
- Pinkpanthress listening event on thursday 6-8, merch will be provided
- Collaborating w Megan Thee Stallions team to do a Hotlats event in early december
- Working w warner bros and some cac alum in the music industry to do a networking or Q&A event
- Meeting with Melissa V.-Abraham to talk about CAC and the Willis V. Abraham scholarship and see how CAC can support this initiative to honor his life and his work at UCLA and the broader UCLA community with the focus in art, culture, and action.
  - This will be a fun workout class to help everyone unwind at the end of the quarter!
- KAG Policies
  - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxG0upiCL8ek3VhL3vhsPs0nCjGGuZzsWc3726luBhX0Djba/viewform>
- Released a statement on the harassment that CAC staff and our office faced today, please share
- O4ALL, DIVEST NEXT WEEK!!!! AT REGENTS
  - O4ALL is having a rally on tuesday FROM 2:30PM-4PM, join undocumented students and our allies from across the UC and the state of California as we rally and march for a victory of rapid, full, and expansive implementation of #Opportunity4All!
- SJP AND DIVEST RALLY TOMORROW AT 12PM PLEASE JOIN!!
  - Bruin Plaza for Resist U.S. Led War's (@resistusledwar) International Day of Action against U.S. aid to Israel and weapons companies profiting from genocide in Palestine!  
We call on students and workers to join the UCLA rally and DEMAND the UC divest from BlackRock, a major asset manager that funnels billions of dollars from our tuition money into weapons manufacturing companies that are bombing Gaza and facilitating the displacement and genocide of Palestinians.  
 Bring your Keffiyehs and revolutionary spirit 

K. [Facilities Commissioner](#)

Curran

**Upcoming Events:**

- The third round TGIF funding is due this Friday (11/10) at 11:59p. You can find the applications for the Main, Capital/Infrastructure and Tokens of Appreciation [linked here](#).
  - Questions about the application process or TGIF in general? Sign up for my office hours using [this link](#) or with the TGIF Vice Chair Anya Desai with [this link](#).
  - Our final funding round this quarter for both Main Fund and Tokens of Appreciation closes Friday of Week 8 (11/24)

**Access & Infrastructure:**

- Alongside UCLA Government Community Relations, we hosted the first meeting for the STC4All Ambassador program. With over 30 students in attendance, the first meeting was a great success and we were able to get valuable guidance from administrators and community members on the best ways to advocate for UCLA students.
- I met with Roy Champawat, the Student Union Director to discuss three topics: an expansion of ASUCLA and the creation of a multicultural center, increased availability of masks, and an ASUCLA endorsement of heavy rail alternatives for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.

- I met with AVC Michael Beck and mainly discussed the new information and statistics Metro released about the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. We're continuing to be in conversation with the administration to ensure UCLA advocates for the system that works for UCLA students, faculty and visitors.
- The Transportation, Equity and Access committee met with members of the Institute of Transportation Engineering to begin planning for a Universal Basic Mobility Event to take place in the Winter Quarter.
- The Building our Space (BoS) committee met with Lorrie Klimoski and UCLA Recreation to plan for study nights at Pauley Pavillion, taking place during Finals Week.
- The BoS committee met with Bruin Shelter and the Office of the External Vice President to discuss next steps for the safe parking initiative and ways we can assist Bruin Shelter with finding a new, physical shelter location.
- The BoS Committee met with VC Kelly Schmader to discuss the expansion of gender neutral bathrooms to South Campus in the Engineering IV building.
- The Access on Board (AoB) committee met with members of the Disabled Students Union (DSU) to discuss challenges with BruinAccess Van and next steps forward, including coordination with UCLA Transportation.
- The AoB committee met with VC Suzanne Seplow and members of the Office of Residential Life to find next for the creation of the Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center (LSDCC). We're planning to open a temporary location for the LSDCC this January and are following up with Seplow at the end of the month.

#### **Sustainability:**

- The Environmental Justice Now! committee met with Michael Schneider from the advocacy group Streets for All to discuss next steps in advocacy for the Healthy Streets LA Ballot Initiative. We finalized a campaign budget, created a new Instagram, and began outreach to LA-based universities and community colleges to form a coalition called Students For Safer Streets.
  - (@students4saferstreets on IG)
- The Bruin Bazaar Committee met with Zero Waste to discuss an upcycling workshop to be hosted in the makerspace during Week 8. More information to come soon!

#### **Appointments/Committees:**

##### **Internal/Administrative:**

- I attended the Student Coalition for Basic Needs (SCBN) first meeting of the quarter where we discussed mostly logistics and structures for the coalition moving forward. FAC continues to emphasize the importance of environmental justice and transportation equity and access in these discussions.
- We hired two new co-directors for the Sustainability and Bruin Bazaar projects. We're hoping these new hires can help to expand the scope and impact of these two committees.
- I attended an all staff meeting for the Internal Vice President and gave a quick presentation on the work FAC is pursuing this year, and potential opportunities for collaboration.

#### **L. [Financial Supports Commissioner](#)**

Broukhim

- Conducted BOD interviews and allocations.
- Had 1:1 with my executive board + our weekly FSC meetings.
- Hired new staff members.
- Sent out when2meet for FROB
- Put up banner for the New York Times
- Set up meeting with SFAC

#### **M. [Student Wellness Commissioner](#)**

Kang

- Commissioner Updates
  - [Israel-Palestine Crisis Instagram Post](#)
    - [Feedback form](#) and [complimentary resource guide](#)
  - Continuing to work with DSU, Ashe, IDMT in implementation of new and improved COVID resources
    - Signage refresh campaign with Ashe

- Working on COVID-19 resources IG post
- SWC Updates
  - [Weekly SWC E-Board & Committees' Updates Sheet](#)

N. Transfer Student Representative

Cobbs

- My office is giving our tickets to the football game on Saturday to transfer students. I don't know if Lori is going to be there but shout out to her for helping with that. Please send that flier to all of the transfer students that you know. We are going to be distributing those tickets on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week.
- We are also going to be working with the Asian Pacific Coalition to reschedule the SanRio day that we are supposed to have for midterm distress week. I am happy to push it back so we can put more details and energy into it.
- We are meeting with the transfer center because they are having another transfer pride week in the winter and I cannot tell you the theme yet but it is going to be really cool and we will have a lot of campus partners collaborating.

O. International Student Representative

Tfayli

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Orlando: "Good evening, happy fifth week. I would also like to mention to Alicia and the CAC office that I am sorry to have heard about what happened in your office. I was not aware of it until this meeting. I work very closely with SOLE and you can always come to us or any of the advisors and we will help with immediate assistance."

- Jonathan: "Hi, hello, what's up. If you are Katie, Gabby, or Adam, you have an outstanding email from Mr. Jack Estes and I would love for you to respond to him so we can get these mirror training finished up. If you are a funding body chair or if you have a funding body, please be sure to send your budget transfer sheets to Josh for your allocations. If you have questions about that please direct them to Fernando because I don't know how to answer those questions. I also want to highlight and emphasize that you really need to appoint an e-board chair and a budget review director particularly as BOD Allocations just came out. Last but not least, just a friendly reminder that if you get an email from our staff that you have packages to pick up, we would love for you to come and pick those up as soon as possible. Thank you."

## IX. Old Business

## X. New Business

A. [Resolution Requesting the ASUCLA Board of Directors\\* to Cut All Contracts with Starbucks Coffee Company\\*](#)

Jussim

**Resolution Requesting the ASUCLA Board of Directors to Cut All Contracts with Starbucks Coffee Company**

**Sponsors:**

Eva Jussim, *External Vice President*  
Thyra Cobbs, *Transfer Student Representative*

**Co-Sponsors:**

Jonathan Valenzuela Mejia, *General Representative 3*  
Chia Ying Wong, *Community Service Commissioner*  
Sujana Sridhar, *Academic Affairs Commissioner*  
Jennis Kang, *Student Wellness Commissioner*

**Sponsoring Organizations:**

Student Labor Advocacy Project  
Labor Studies Student Union

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 the Associated Students of the University of California, Los Angeles (ASUCLA) entered into a contract with Starbucks Coffee Company to replace Il Tramezzino at Anderson Cafe, expanding its existing offerings of Starbucks products across campus such as the ASUCLA's catering services<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, ASUCLA expanded its offerings of Starbucks products to ScrubJay Café<sup>2</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ASUCLA Board of Directors is solely responsible for entering into contracts or financial agreements on behalf of the Association, as such, has the authority to terminate where possible, or commit to not renewing existing contracts<sup>3</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has filed over 80 complaints against Starbucks for violation federal labor law and there have been over 500 unfair labor practice charges filed against Starbucks<sup>4</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, the first Starbucks cafe location in the United States to unionize in December 2021, in Buffalo, New York, continues to demand that the company meets workers at the bargaining table to meaningfully negotiate a contract; and,

**WHEREAS**, Starbucks has employed the services of Littler Mendelson, a law firm that specializes in providing legal counsel to companies that actively union bust organizing campaigns, spending millions of dollars in legal fees rather than investing in the well-being of unionized employees; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 29th, 2023, former Starbucks C.E.O. Howard Shultz was summoned by U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders to testify at a hearing of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, testifying “Yes, I have billions of dollars. I earned it. No one gave it to me.”; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to research obtained from Harvard, UCSF, and the Economic Policy Institute, 63 percent of hourly employees at Starbucks make less than \$15 an hour – a majority of Starbucks employees don't make a living wage<sup>5</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, in May 2023, the University of California Student Association (UCSA) Board of Directors unanimously adopted a resolution<sup>6</sup> in support of Starbucks Workers United, an affiliate labor union with Service Employees International Employees (SEIU); and,

**THEREFORE LET BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) stands in solidarity with unionized Starbucks workers across the country and demand that the company meets workers at the bargaining table in good faith; and,

**RESOLVED**, that the USAC will commit to supporting local and national efforts waged by Starbucks Workers United in support of workers demanding better working conditions and wages; and,

**RESOLVED**, that the USAC requests the ASUCLA Board of Directors to determine Starbucks' repeated violations of labor law as plausible cause for the immediate termination of any contracts it has entered into with Starbucks; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, if Starbucks continues to refuse bargaining in good faith with Starbucks Workers United, the USAC requests the ASUCLA Board of Directors to publish a statement affirming their intention to not renew any existing contracts with Starbucks and/or immediately terminating existing contracts where possible.

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<https://www.asucla.ucla.edu/pressreleases/asucla-opens-new-caf-at-the-anderson-school-of-managemen-t-featuring-the-only-starbucks-on-ucla-campus>

2 <https://newsroom.ucla.edu/stories/asucla-scrubjay-cafe-dachi-openings>

3 <https://www.asucla.ucla.edu/constitution>

4 <https://www.help.senate.gov/chair/newsroom/press/news-help-majority-staff-report-on-starbucks>

5 <https://www.epi.org/company-wage-tracker/>

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<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E63YioMImCnehX9c4eOGiqws7cnkA7JqbS--PNvwwas/edit?usp=s haring>



- Eva moves to approve Resolution Requesting the ASUCLA Board of Directors to Cut All Contracts with Starbucks Coffee Company, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the Resolution Requesting the ASUCLA Board of Directors to Cut All Contracts with Starbucks Coffee Company is approved.

B. [Resolution to Increase UCLA's Collegiate Recovery Services\\*](#)

Jussim

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE USE OF INCREASED FUNDING TO EXPAND UCLA's COLLEGIATE RECOVERY SERVICES**

**Primary Sponsors:**

*Eva Jussim, External Vice President*

**Co-Sponsors:**

*Thyra Cobbs, Transfer Student Representative*  
*Jonathan Valenzuela Mejia, General Representative 3*  
*Sujana Sridhar, Academic Affairs Commissioner*

**WHEREAS**, at UCLA the CRP<sup>7</sup> became a Student Recognized Organization in 2014 and an Institutionalized Program in the Bruin Resource Center in 2016;

**WHEREAS**, at UCLA 513 students indicated they were in recovery from alcohol or other drug use out of 3,931 total UC students in recovery who took the survey which is based on the American College Health Association National College Health Assessment, Spring 2021 that is administered every two years;

**WHEREAS**, at UCLA the Associate Director of Bruin Resource Center supports the CRP program but there are no full-time equivalent (FTE) dedicated staff;

**WHEREAS**, at UCLA the CRP<sup>8</sup> program provides institutional support for students in or interested in recovery while Bruins for Recovery provides peer support and includes members who are in long-term recovery from alcohol, drugs, or behavioral addictions, choose not to drink or use drugs, for any reason (e.g., personal preference, religious reasons, etc.), drink but want to support a healthy campus environment, have friends or family members who struggle with or are in long-term recovery from alcohol or drug addictions, use alcohol or drugs but might want to stop, use harm reduction with an outside medical provider or therapist, or just want to make a difference on campus and show their support;

**WHEREAS**, at UCLA 23,352 students reported the use of alcohol in their lifetime, 13,780 students reported the use of cannabis in their lifetime, 2,634 students reported the use of cocaine in their lifetime, 2,890 students reported the use of stimulants in their lifetime, 1,092 students reported the use of opioids in their lifetime, 385 students reported the use of Methamphetamine in their lifetime, and 224 students reported the use of heroin in their lifetime which is based on the American College Health Association National College Health Assessment, Spring 2021 that is administered every two years;

**WHEREAS**, at UCLA 44,357 students reported the use of alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, stimulants, opioids, methamphetamine, or heroin in their lifetime which is based on the American College Health Association National College Health Assessment, Spring 2021 that is administered every two years;

**WHEREAS**, at UCLA approximately 62.5% of students reported the use of alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, stimulants, opioids, methamphetamine, or heroin in their lifetime out of all UC students who reported their use of these same substances in their lifetime which is based on the American College Health Association National College Health Assessment, Spring 2021 that is administered every two years;

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<sup>7</sup> [UC Collegiate Recovery Programs Summary FINAL.pdf](#)

<sup>8</sup> <https://bruins-for-recovery.weebly.com>

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that UCLA USAC, supports the establishment of a harm-reductionist approach as the standard of our system, recognizing recovery as an individualistic process for which there are multiple pathways;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the UCLA USAC implores UCLA to employ at least one paid full-time professional who is dedicated to specifically overseeing the collegiate recovery program and supporting students in recovery, funded by an institutional operating budget which is ongoing and covers programmatic and staffing costs;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the UCLA USAC, implores UCLA to have this collegiate recovery program recognize the importance of a low-barrier approach in promoting confidentiality, inclusivity, and accessibility in the face of the stigma surrounding substance abuse, with no general membership requirements for participation beyond an intrinsic desire to decrease problematic substance use.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the UCLA USAC, urges campus administration to designate private, dedicated, accessible physical space on or near campus, managed by program staff, for students in recovery to gather and support one another;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the UCLA USAC, recognizes the historical and ongoing harms of substance use — both direct and indirect — that disproportionately affects historically underserved communities (including, but not limited to, people of color and LGBTQ+ communities) and that CRPs commit to centering equity, inclusion, antiracism and cultural competence and humility in tangible and meaningful practices.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the UCLA USAC, urges the CRP at UCLA to follow the standards outlined by the ARHE and the “CRP SYSTEM WIDE RECOMMENDATIONS” outlined in the June 2023 CRP Summary released by Graduate, Undergraduate And Equity Affairs;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Chancellor, the Provost, Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, UCLA Daily Bruin, and UCLA Newsroom

- Eva moves to approve the Resolution to Increase UCLA’s Collegiate Recovery Services, Sara seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the Resolution to Increase UCLA’s Collegiate Recovery Services is approved.

C. [Resolution Calling for the Creation of a Latinx Success Center at UCLA\\*](#)

Valenzuela Mejia

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A LATINX SUCCESS CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES**

**Sponsors:**

Jonathan Valenzuela Mejia, *General Representative 3*

**Co-Sponsors:**

Thyra Cobbs, *Transfer Student Representative*  
Eva Jussim, *External Vice President*  
Megan Law, *Internal Vice President*  
Evan Curran, *Facilities Commissioner*  
Jennis Kang, *Student Wellness Commissioner*  
Chia Ying Wong, *Community Service Commissioner*  
Sujana Sridhar, *Academic Affairs Commissioner*  
Alicia Verdugo, *Cultural Affairs Commissioner*  
Mason Miller, *Campus Events Commissioner*

**Supporting Organizations:**

La Gente Newsmagazine  
Latinx Pre-Law Association

Grupo Folklorico de UCLA  
La Unión Centroamericana Estudiantil de UCLA

**WHEREAS**, the Latinx/Hispanic community is the largest ethnic group in the state of California, representing 39.4% of the state's population and the city of Los Angeles, particularly, is 48.6% Hispanic/Latinx<sup>9</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, there is an increase in the Hispanic/Latinx population in the United States, most significantly in the past decade, and public university populations should be representative of those growing statistics,

**WHEREAS**, in the 23-24 academic year, 23.1% of UCLA's student population is Hispanic/Latinx and 23% of the in-state freshman admits for the class of 2020 were Hispanic/Latinx<sup>1</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic/Latinx students constitute a significant number of current and incoming transfer students, a group of students who are often marginalized on-campus through a lack of resources and support,

**WHEREAS**, about 40 percent of Hispanic children live in families with salaries under the poverty line, an agent closely associated with lower educational achievement<sup>3</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, many Hispanics/Latinxs are first-generation students, first-generation or 1.5 generation Americans, and of low socioeconomic status – resulting in educational disadvantages given their unfamiliarity with the U.S. education system<sup>10</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, as Hispanic/Latinx students proceed through the schooling system, insufficient educational resources and poor cultural competency in schools continue to undermine their academic success<sup>2</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, there are a multitude of institutional and student-level components that seem to be impeding Hispanic/Latinx educational success, particularly including entering school at a disadvantage because of minimal exposure to literacy activities at home and in early formalized school settings, teacher examinations of students' language proficiency inordinately affecting instructional practices, how the relationship between Latinx/Hispanic students and their predominantly non-Hispanic/Latinx teachers promotes disconnection from scholarly work, and how the deficit of academic guidance concerning course selections and college choice hinders Hispanics/Latinxs from attending four-year colleges<sup>2</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, families with limited economic, educational, and social resources are often less likely to participate in literacy activities than those with greater resources. However, at all income levels except the highest, Latinx/Hispanic families are less likely than other groups to engage in literacy activities, revealing that lower engagement in literacy activities can be partially accounted for by lack of financial resources<sup>2</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic/Latinx students are more likely than White Non-Hispanic students to go to schools that have inadequate academic resources and are segregated<sup>3</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, notable gaps between the high school graduation rates of Hispanic/Latinx and non-Hispanic/Latinx students endure even after holding students' social class, English-language proficiency, and immigrant status constant, although the chances of finishing high school are even lower for Hispanic immigrants and those with limited English proficiency<sup>3</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, from 2011 to 2019, graduation rates amongst White Non-Hispanic students graduation rates were on average 5.4% higher than Latinx graduation rates at UCLA – a larger divide than at all present UC HSIs<sup>11</sup>,

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<sup>9</sup><https://dailybruin.com/2021/01/12/the-quad-exploring-uclas-goal-to-be-designated-as-a-hispanic-serving-institution>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK19909/>

<sup>11</sup>[https://stack.dailybruin.com/2021/05/11/student-demographic-hsis/#:~:text=From%202011%20to%202019%2C%20white,UC%20Santa%20Barbara%20\(6.64%25\).](https://stack.dailybruin.com/2021/05/11/student-demographic-hsis/#:~:text=From%202011%20to%202019%2C%20white,UC%20Santa%20Barbara%20(6.64%25).)

**WHEREAS**, the dropout rate among Hispanic students has remained at about 25 percent, much higher than that of other racial groups, whose dropout rates steadily have declined<sup>12</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, initial drawbacks continue to amass over the years, resulting in Hispanics/Latinxs having the lowest rates of high school and college degree attainment, which thwarts their odds for procuring stable employment<sup>2</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, the growing importance of a college degree even for entry-level jobs, and the obstacles that Hispanics/Latinxs face in recognizing their educational ambitions is a major national policy concern<sup>2</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic/Latinx individuals such as Reginaldo Francisco Del Valle have been essential to the founding and establishment of what now is the University of California, Los Angeles through their efforts to solidify the institution,<sup>13</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the University of California system has made it a commitment for itself to increase diversity, specific to the Hispanic/Latinx community via its UC Hispanic-Serving Institutions Initiative,

**WHEREAS**, the University of California, where it aims to support the current 5 University of California campuses that are already designated Hispanic Serving Institutions, which includes UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Santa Barbara with UC Davis designation pending<sup>14</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, the University of California aims to push for the remaining Universities of California – UC Berkeley, UCLA, and UC San Diego – to become Hispanic Serving Institutions in the near future<sup>15</sup>,

**WHEREAS**, UCLA is in the midst of becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution by 2025, meaning that at least 25% of its enrolled full-time undergraduate student population must identify as Hispanic/Latinx and half are eligible for federal financial aid, better reflecting the demographics of the surrounding Los Angeles community,

**WHEREAS**, UCLA – one of the three emerging HSIs – will become the last institution across the University of California to have a Latinx Success Center,

**WHEREAS**, the University of California, Berkeley, our sister institution, is likewise going through the struggle of establishing a permanent space to support their Hispanic/Latinx student population, as they also seek to become an Hispanic Serving Institution,

**WHEREAS**, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) has not adequately supported and uplifted its Hispanic/Latinx student population by failing to provide a Latinx Success Center since the foundation of the University in 1919,

**WHEREAS**, the Latinx Success Center requires the investment from UCLA administration to acquire a central space to campus to make the services of the Center accessible,

**WHEREAS**, that Hispanic/Latinx students' success are crucial to the University community, and it is a means for improving access to and diversity in higher education,

**WHEREAS**, that the UCLA community has a strong interest in improving the Hispanic/Latinx condition on campus,

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a dedicated Latinx Success Center on campus will allow the campus community to expand and to improve Hispanic/Latinx resources, and therefore to make lasting and substantial improvements to the UCLA Hispanic/Latinx experience,

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<sup>12</sup> <https://www2.ed.gov/offices/OUS/PES/Hispanic/chapter1.html>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/remembering-uclas-latino-founder-reginaldo-francisco-del-valle>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.ucop.edu/hsi-initiative/campuses/campus-websites.html>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.ucop.edu/hsi-initiative/index.html>

**WHEREAS**, the Latinx Success Center requires an operational budget in order to staff, equip, and provide the Center with the resources necessary to uplift the success of Latinx students at UCLA through cultural, socio-emotional, restorative, and academic support,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Students' Association Council supports and promotes the creation of a Latinx Success Center on campus to facilitate much-awaited improvements and resources that will benefit the Hispanic/Latinx community at UCLA, and in turn, the UCLA community as a whole,

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Students' Association Council of the University of California, Los Angeles stands in solidarity with the Hispanic/Latinx students of the University of California, Berkeley, as they also aspire to establish a permanent space to support their Hispanic/Latinx student population,

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the institutional leaders at UCLA reevaluate their policies and practices in response to the data to support Hispanic/Latinx students who have been admitted to the campus to aid their endeavors during college and beyond,

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that facilitating Hispanic/Latinx adjustment and retention at an institutional level is essential for Hispanic/Latinx student success, and that more support is necessary to assess and to meet Hispanic/Latinx students' unique needs,

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that UCLA must make a dedicated Latinx Success Center available as a resource to its students so as to convince more Latinx admits to commit to UCLA, and to equal the strength of Latinx resources offered by other UC campuses,

**LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Students' Association Council calls for Chancellor Gene Block, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Darnell Hunt, and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Monroe Gordon to ensure that the Hispanic/Latinx community can be supported by allocating all necessary resources for the establishment, maintenance and growth of a Latinx Success Center, including but not limited to space and an operational budget that will support development, staffing, and programming of the Center.

- Megan moves to table the Resolution Calling for the Creation of a Latinx Success Center at UCLA, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the Resolution Calling for the Creation of a Latinx Success Center at UCLA is tabled until next week.

D. [Resolution in Support of UCSA Racial Justice Now Campaign\\*](#)

Cobbs

**A Resolution in Support of the UC Student Association's Racial Justice Now Campaign for Academic Reparations and the Establishment of a Permanent \$1 Billion Endowment Fund to Improve Afrikan UC Student Access, Retention, and Graduation Rates**

**Sponsor:**

Thyra Cobbs, *Transfer Student Representative*

**Co-Sponsors:**

Eva Jussim, *External Vice President*

Jonathan Valenzuela Mejia, *General Representative 3*

Chia Ying Wong, *Community Service Commissioner*

**Sponsoring Organizations:**

Students Heightening Academic Performance Through Education

Academic Supports Program  
Afrikan Education Project  
Afrikan Student Union  
Melanin Melodies  
Samahang Pilipino  
Unión Centroamericana  
Student Labor Advocacy Project  
Afro-Latinx Connection de UCLA  
East African Student Association  
Caribbean Student Association  
Nigerian Student Association  
Pilipino Transfer Student Partnership  
Chi Alpha Psi, Transfer Co-Ed Fraternity  
Disability Peer Mentoring Program  
Rising Over Oppression Through Science  
Improving Dreams, Equality, Access, and Success  
American Indian Student Association  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated  
Black Business Student Association  
Students for Justice in Palestine  
Armenian Student Association  
Afrikan Womxn's Collective  
Muslim Student Association  
Pre-Law Transfer Society  
Afrikan Mxn's Collective  
Bruin Parenting Scholars  
Children of the Diaspora  
Disabled Student Union  
Asian Pacific Coalition  
Nikkei Student Union  
Club Sampling Club  
MEChA de UCLA  
Blac4LA  
Umoja

**WHEREAS**, European colonial and imperial governments such as that of the United States are responsible for committing the worst racialized massacres in human history, the systematic and perpetual genocide and mass murder of African-descended peoples across the world.

**WHEREAS**, white supremacist oppressors have historically used the colonial and cultural genocide of African-descended communities like African Americans, the Congolese, Rwandans, Haitians, Tigrayans, and Afro-Palestinians along with racialized segregation practices such as North American Jim Crow, Latin American *Blanqueamiento*, and South African Apartheid to impede the social, psychological, cultural, political, and educational well-being of all Continental and Diasporic African peoples.

**WHEREAS**, anti-Black racism is a racial pandemic and public health crisis that has been maintained globally for more than 400 years. Afrophobia is psychologically ingrained and has transcended across geographical, national, and racial lines and is present in the mind and behavior of European-descended peoples, Indigenous peoples, Asian and Pacific Islander populations, Latine communities, and even African/Black individuals as a result of institutionalized white supremacy.

**WHEREAS**, African-descended communities across the world have been systematically denied the basic human right to access culturally empowering knowledge and proper education due to anti-Black racism and the intentional dehumanization and racial oppression of Afrikan people.

**WHEREAS**, global education systems rooted in Eurocentric hegemony and Afrophobia contribute to low racial self-esteem among Black people by systematically erasing the history of major African contributions to mathematics, sciences, religion, medicine, architecture, literature, philosophy, psychology, among other pivotal aspects of modern life.

**WHEREAS**, the University of California system is capitalistic and benefits from the educational, cultural, socio-political, and financial destruction of African-descended peoples on the African continent and throughout the Black Diaspora with no remorse or shame.

**WHEREAS**, the University of California system has access to more financial and educational resources than the California Community Colleges and the California State Universities but has historically enrolled and retained the least amount of African/Black students.<sup>16</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in Fall 2005, the UC Office of the President Fall Enrollment database acknowledges that the African-descended population at UC Berkeley was 3.4%, 2.4% at UC Davis, 2.1% at UC Irvine, 3.4% at UC Los Angeles, 6% at UC Merced, 5.9% at UC Riverside, 1.3% at UC San Diego, 2.6% at UC Santa Barbara, and 2.5% at UC Santa Cruz.<sup>17</sup>

**WHEREAS**, almost two decades later in the Fall of 2022, the African-descended percentage at UC Berkeley was 4.2%, 3.7% at UC Davis, 4% at UC Irvine, 6.2% at UC Los Angeles, 6.9% at UC Merced, 5.5% at UC Riverside, 3.2% at UC San Diego, 3.9% at UC Santa Barbara, and 4.5% at UC Santa Barbara.<sup>18</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in the Fall of 1999, the UC systemwide population of international students was 4.7% and in the Fall of 2022, this demographic increased to 15%. Between Fall 2005 and Fall 2022, African-descended students from Ghana, Nigeria, Morocco,

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<sup>16</sup> <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED618539.pdf>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/fall-enrollment-glance>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/fall-enrollment-glance>

Zambia, Somalia, Sudan, Haiti, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Mali, Jamaica, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Tanzania, Somalia, Niger, and Ethiopia have accumulatively made up 0% of the overall UC international student demographic.<sup>19</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in the 2023-2024 academic year, preliminary data shows that the University of California System granted 3,017 more enrollment slots than in previous years and not a single enrollment slot was allotted to a Black freshman or transfer student.<sup>20</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the UC system was founded in 1868 yet the first institutionalized Black Resource Center was founded at UC Riverside in 1979. Subsequently, other resource centers for Black access and retention were formed at UC Santa Cruz in 1990, UC Santa Barbara in 2007, UC San Diego in 2013, UC Davis in 2015, UC Irvine in 2016, UC Berkeley in 2016, UC Merced in 2017, and UC Los Angeles in 2021.<sup>21</sup>

**WHEREAS**, during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and 1970s, African-descended students advocated for culturally empowering courses and the UC's establishment of academic programs centered around the history and culture of both Continental and Diasporic Africans.<sup>22</sup>

**WHEREAS**, UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, UC Davis, UC San Diego, UC Riverside, and UC Irvine are the campuses that presently offer Africana/African American/Black Diasporic Studies majors. African-American Studies minors are offered at UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Irvine. The UC has no established African Studies majors yet minors are offered at UC Los Angeles, UC Davis, UC San Diego, and UC Riverside. UC Merced has no African American Studies major or minor as well as no African Studies minor.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/fall-enrollment-glance>

<sup>20</sup> [https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article\\_aab0d216-3636-11ee-a62e-4fc34a7108f0.h](https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_aab0d216-3636-11ee-a62e-4fc34a7108f0.h)

<sup>21</sup> <https://brc.ucsd.edu/>  
<https://blackbruinresourcecenter.ucla.edu/>  
<https://admissions.ucr.edu/black-student-experience>  
<https://aarcc.ucsc.edu/>  
<https://eop.sa.ucsb.edu/cultural-centers/african-diasporic-cultural-resource-center-adcrc>  
<https://cadss.ucdavis.edu/>  
<https://star.berkeley.edu/resources/fannie-lou-hamer-black-resource-cente>  
<https://blackalliance.ucmerced.edu/>  
<https://blackcultures.uci.edu/>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.history.com/news/san-francisco-state-student-strike-black-studies>

<sup>23</sup> <https://afam.ucla.edu/>  
<https://africam.berkeley.edu/>  
<https://aas.ucdavis.edu/>  
<https://bdaas.ucsd.edu/>  
<https://ethnicstudies.ucr.edu/africana-studies/>  
<https://www.humanities.uci.edu/afam>  
<https://catalog.registrar.ucla.edu/minor/2022/africanstudiesminor?siteYear=2022>  
<https://www.ucdavis.edu/minors/african-american-and-african-studies>  
<https://catalog.ucsd.edu/curric/AFRI.html>



**WHEREAS,** the Black community has historically had less equitable access to housing, financial aid and scholarships, professional and career development, research, study abroad opportunities, psychological services, and social/cultural engagement than other UC students.<sup>24</sup>

**WHEREAS,** the University of California proudly proclaims that it is the world's leading public research university system providing “a unique environment in which leading scholars and promising students strive together to expand fundamental knowledge of human nature, society, and the natural world”.<sup>25</sup>

**WHEREAS,** according to the 2022 University of California’s Undergraduate Experience Survey (UCES) data, 91% of African/Black UC Students have not completed an Honors program, 83% have not conducted research under faculty guidance, and 81% have not conducted research without faculty guidance.<sup>26</sup>

**WHEREAS,** studies have shown that the presence of African-descended faculty is an essential aspect of Black access and retention at predominately white universities. In 2021, domestic and international African and African Americans were a mere 3.6% of all UC systemwide tenured or tenure-eligible faculty.<sup>27</sup>

**WHEREAS,** in 2018, the UC-wide Black freshman first-year retention rate was 88.9% and the fourth-year graduation rate was 59.4% compared to the white freshman first-year retention rate at 92.2% and the fourth-year graduation rate of 72.2%.<sup>28</sup>

**WHEREAS,** in 2018, the UC-wide Black transfer first-year retention rate was 91.4% and the second-year graduation rate was 51.1% compared to the white transfer first-year retention rate at 93.1% and the second-year graduation rate of 63%.<sup>29</sup>

**WHEREAS,** Umoja is a statewide African-centered access program for Black community college students that offers support such as academic counseling, professional development opportunities, and a culturally responsive curriculum. UC Irvine is the first and only UC campus that has institutionalized Umoja to address the stressors of Black students in their transition from community college to a four-year university and enhance the educational experiences of Black transfers.<sup>30</sup>

**WHEREAS,** the UC Office of the President met with Afrikan/Black Student Unions in 2016 to draft a strategic plan to improve Black UC access and retention, yet UCOP has not followed up nor implemented any concrete initiatives for educational equity and racial diversity.

**LET IT BE RESOLVED,** the UC system has marginalized and oppressed African-descended students and owes academic reparations to Black UC students for the educational atrocities that have been historically and systematically perpetuated against this community.

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<sup>24</sup> [https://calmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/FINAL\\_excelreport\\_12-30-15.pdf](https://calmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/FINAL_excelreport_12-30-15.pdf)

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.ucop.edu/about/mission/index.html>

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/ucues-data-tables-2022>

<sup>27</sup> [https://www.ucop.edu/faculty-diversity/\\_files/reports/afd-2022-2023-preliminary-report.pdf](https://www.ucop.edu/faculty-diversity/_files/reports/afd-2022-2023-preliminary-report.pdf)

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/disaggregated-data>

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/disaggregated-data>

<sup>30</sup> <https://soar.uci.edu/umoja-program/>  
<https://umojacommunity.org/affiliate-colleges>

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the UC Office of the President, administrative leadership at every UC campus, and all UC Associated Students should show their unequivocal support for the UC Student Association's Racial Justice Now! Campaign goal to establish a permanent \$1 billion endowment fund to improve Black access, retention, and graduation rates throughout the UC system.

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the UC Office of the President, administrative leadership at every UC campus, and all UC Associated Students should all be meeting regularly and annually with Afrikan/Black Student Unions to ensure that Black UC students have their particular educational needs met.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the UC Office of the President, administrative leadership at every UC campus, and all UC Associated Students should all establish racially conscious, inclusive, and empowering initiatives to address the systematic harm that the UC system has historically inflicted on Black students and enhance the overall UC experience for African-descended communities.

**LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the UCOP's establishment of \$1 billion in Academic Reparations for all Black UC students will be used to properly invest in outreach to Continental and Diasporic Africans, Umoja programs, scholarships and grants, hiring of Black faculty, staff, and administrators, African/African American Studies departments, Black student-initiated and student-run initiatives, Afrocentric retention efforts and Black Resource Centers, African-centered research and study abroad opportunities, among other supports.

- Jonathan moves to approve the Resolution in Support of UCSA Racial Justice Now Campaign, Eva seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the Resolution in Support of UCSA Racial Justice Now Campaign is approved.

A. Discussion Time Adjustment for 11/14/2023 USAC Meeting

Law

- Eva moves to make the Time Adjustment for the 11/14/23 USAC Meeting an action item, Evan seconds.
- By vote of 10-1-0, the motion passes and the discussion item is moved to an action item.
  
- Evan moves to start the 11/14/23 council meeting at 6pm, Eva seconds.
- By vote of 10-1-0, the motion passes and the next council meeting will begin at 6pm.

**XI. Adjournment**

- Megan adjourns the meeting at 10:15pm.

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\* Indicates Action Item  
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