



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
November, 28, 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

- Signed via sheet

II. Approval of Agenda*

Law

- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike BAG allocations
- Strike Grassroots Organizers for Working Students Grant Allocations
- Strike USA/BOD Allocations
- Strike Bruin Access Presentation
- Add Web Accessibility Presentation

- Megan moves to approve the agenda as amended, Evan seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes*

Law

- Tabled until next meeting.

IV. Public Comment

Hammonds

- Harvind: "I just wanted to give you all an update and a quick outline on the Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly meeting which was held on Thursday, November 16th at 2pm. I along with three other student representatives sit on the respective committees. Firstly, we had some remarks from Andrea Casco who is the chair of the Academic Senate. She went over Assembly Bill 1291 which was passed and essentially it is a pilot program which will affect admission of transfer students and they will basically be figuring out which transfer pathways fit which degrees. The second thing that she spoke about was that there has been a shift in faculty workload so they are trying to transfer to a new procurement system during the winter break. This is also going to be a transitional time with the departure of Chancellor Block and there is a replacement search for him. The move to the Big 10 is another major thing on campus. Moving on, a couple of faculty urged that they need a bigger pay raise and they don't like that they are doing more admin work without getting paid for it. The consent calendar had no objections for the year 2024/2025. Because Chancellor Block couldn't attend, the interim vice provost for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion attended and he went over how every morning the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion department meets to get debriefed on what is going on in the campus and they strategize and plan with the priority of student safety. He spoke on the couple of experiences of students that have been going through harassments and stuff. He definitely exasperated on the fact that if anything happens as of such, students should report the claim immediately. As of Monday 6th of November, there were 131 reports since October 7th because of the conflict in the Middle East and 33 were reported last week. That is all from me. The next meeting will be on February 16th in 2024. Thank you."
- Aiden: "Hello, I am here to report on the committee on planning and budget for the academic senate. Basically one thing that I am specifically going to report is on UCLA's real estate. So right now, UCLA is trying to rent a building in Westwood called One West Side which is basically a massive building in order to put an engineering center there so we can do quantum engineering and stuff like that. It will be one of our biggest investments ever and it will be half paid by Google and there will be a lot of other ways in which we will fund it and this would be one of the biggest expansions of UCLA into our campus and properly ever. It will be our biggest real estate investment in the history of UCLA so that is incredibly exciting. It will happen sooner than later but just kind of working with the company and working with

Google or trying to move in there. There also needs to be some tenant renovations so they need to be ready for that. The next meeting is on December 4th. Thank you.”

- Clara: “Hi, this is Clara from CALPIRG, I am just going to give a super quick update on some stuff that we are working on. The main thing is that this week us and the other CALPIRG chapters at different UC’s across the state are doing a week of action for our 100% renewable energy at the UC’s Campaign so we are going to be doing lots of cool stuff like visibility around campus and on Friday we are going to make a giant mural that is like the vision of UCLA with clean energy. If you guys want to stop by we will be doing that in front of Kerckhoff from 1-4pm on Friday. The other thing is that more organizationally we are currently in our campaign selection process for next quarter. The biggest thing is that we are going to be choosing a lead campaign across the state. This is also the campaign that we recruit on and that we fundraise on so we are considering several campaigns for that right now. We will officially vote on that at our statewide board meeting which is on December 19th after finals week. Thank you.”
- Jesse Martinez: “I am a first year environmental science major and this quarter I am an intern at CALPIRG. As you all know CALPIRG is a statewide student organization at each of the UC’s and we work to fight towards resolution of issues that students are interested in such as protecting the environment and supporting students' basic needs. Today, I wanted to tell you about your campaign that focuses on making textbooks more affordable. In light of finals coming up and with the bringing of textbook buyback season as well as with students needing to buy textbooks for next quarter. I feel like this is the perfect time to address this issue. Textbooks are and historically have been outrageously expensive. Our research has found that 65% of students have skipped buying a textbook in college despite 90% of them knowing that it would harm their grades. It isn’t just that knowledge is monopolized and profited off to the point of making it inaccessible for many there are only a few publishing companies that supply most of the textbooks which gives the power to artificially increase the price. It simply isn’t right, however, there is a clear solution to this problem. Open educational resources or OER’s. They are faculty written and peer reviewed but are published under an open license so that they are cheaper or even free for students to use. At CALPIRG, we will be working statewide over the next two weeks to elevate this issue on all of our UC campuses. We will be working to educate faculty on OER’s and getting visibility on our local papers. Thank you.”
- Branden Bohrsen: “Hello, I am the vice chair of the student fee advisory committee and I just wanted to come and provide a brief update. SO first, we have an instagram now so please follow it. It is @ucla.sfac. If you could repost some of our stuff that would be helpful to help us fill our two undergraduate vacancies. I just want to ask whether this is any update on either of the two vacancies. Thank you.”
- Public comment closed at 7:16pm.

V. Funding

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| A. <u>Capital Contingency*</u> | Yin |
| B. <u>Contingency Programming*</u> | Yin |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$3,850.00 to 13 non USAC entities - Alicia moves to approve \$, Chia Ying seconds. - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and contingency programming is approved. | |
| C. <u>SFS Allocations#</u> | Wong |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$1,239.00 for 1 CSC org and 1 non CSC org - No opposition, passes as a consent item. | |
| D. <u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u> | Kang |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$2,000 for 2 non USAC orgs and 1 USAC org - No opposition, passes as a consent item. | |
| E. <u>Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#</u> | Jussim |
| F. <u>Grassroots Organizers for Working Students Grant Allocations#</u> | Jussim |
| G. <u>ASRF Allocations#</u> | Sridhar |

- Allocation: \$2,000 to 1 non USAC entity
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

H. AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Sridhar

- Allocation: \$4,000 to 3 non USAC entities
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

I. ARC Allocations#

Verdugo

- Allocation: \$9,157.33 to 6 non USAC entities and \$2,000 to 1 USAC entity
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

J. TGIF

Curran

- Allocation: \$7,681.92 to 4 non USAC entities
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

~~K. USA/BOD Allocations*~~

~~Broukhim~~

VI. Special Presentation

~~A. Bruin One Access Presentation~~

~~Chapman~~

B. Web Accessibility Presentation

Curran

- I. Web Accessibility; adapted from the work of Lily Shaw with contributions from Sachi Cooper
- II. Graphic Design Considerations
 - A. Color Contrast
 1. High Contrast = Accessible
 2. Low Contrast = Inaccessible
 3. Resources to check for Color Contrast
 - a) [WebAim Color Contrast Checker](#)
 - b) Checks if color contrast is accessible
 - c) [Coolers Color Contrast Checker](#)
 - d) Checks if color contrast is accessible and suggests more accessible alternatives
 - e) [Vischeck Colorblind Simulator](#)
 - f) Shows how an image looks to 3 kinds of colorblindness
 - B. Meaningful Text = text that aids in understanding the graphic
 1. Needs adequate color contrast
 2. Decorative Text = text that only serves an aesthetic purpose, provides no information, or has no functionality
 3. Does not need adequate color contrast
 4. Text is only decorative if the words can be rearranged or substituted without changing their purpose
 - C. One Last Graphic Design Consideration

Some cognitive disabilities will compress all text and background into the foreground, making the text difficult to comprehend.

EXAMPLE: Hello I am here to introduce the Facilities Commission

The above text is processed in pieces as:

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VII. Appointments

A. Budget Review Director*

Hammonds

- a. Iris Shi

- Megan moves to table Iris Shi's appointment until the next meeting, Gabby seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Iris Shi's appointment is tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Hammonds

- Attended and participated in interviews for the next UCPD Chief
 - Reviewed applicants and resumes
- Met with Preserve Abortion Access California Taskforce (PAACT), the first UC reproductive justice network, to discuss some of their work and the formation of a potential committee with USAC appointments
- Attended our weekly Downtown Programming Committee
 - Discussed latest proposals and which we will be moving forward with
 - Increasing meeting frequency next quarter
 - Presentation of vision for the space
- Met with CALPIRG to discuss a 100% Clean Energy resolution that will be presented soon and talked about potential action items my office can support in
- Met with the Chancellor Search Committee to discuss the position description
- Prepping for Financial Aid Advocacy Day
- Community vigil preparation is continuing
- Planning to attend the California Higher Education Basic Needs Alliance Summit in February
- Preparing with the UC Council of the Presidents for our quarterly meeting with President Drake
- Have pushed several undergraduate appointments to ARC
- Interviewed with NBC for Good Clothes Good People (GCGP) and the Basic Needs Redistribution Center
- Co-signed an op-ed piece by Robert Blake Watson (USAC's 2019-2020 Student Body President) on the 5th year of UCLA's Basic Needs Redistribution Center
- Planning several events for Finals Week
- Met with Guayaki sponsorship/marketing team to discuss upcoming partnerships

B. Internal Vice President

Law

- The Appointments Review Committee has conducted 1 interview this week. We will be scheduling multiple for the Elections Board Chair, SFAC, etc.
- Megan attended the Narcan Implementation Taskforce with Dr. Nicole Green, SWC, and EVP to discuss updates on where narcan is being distributed. We will be working on advertising where the narcan is and getting the word out to students.
- Megan attended the monthly meeting with Vice Chancellor Michael Beck where we discussed the Campus Safety Alliance, the UC Regents Meeting, and we also invited him to attend a USAC Meeting to listen to public comment. I'd like to request SGS to invite his email to the Google Calendar.
- Megan and Josh have a meeting with the True Bruin Raise Committee and are currently reserving the Kerckhoff Grand Salon for the ceremony.
- The ASUCLA T-Shirt Contest Voting is open!!! Please vote for your favorite T-Shirt design to be sold in the UCLA Store next quarter!
- Josh will be attending the RJN Campaign Meeting this Friday in Megan's place and will get updates afterwards.
- The IVP Office did not hold our All-Staff Meeting this week but here are some committee updates!
 - To be added tonight!!! (11/28/2023)
- Megan would like to remind everyone that if you entered the ASUCLA Room Reservation Lottery, the Lottery Zoom is open from 11am - 4pm tomorrow, Wednesday, November 28th, 2023. It is first-come, first-serve to reserve your room.

C. External Vice President

Jussim

- Exec
 - Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement (CLDE) Network Meeting
 - Narcan implementation taskforce – with Dr. Green
 - CRP meeting – with Dr. Green
- Local:
 - <https://thesource.metro.net/2023/11/27/weve-got-updates-on-the-sepulveda-transit-corridor-project-and-we-want-your-feedback-by-december-8-please/>
 - KYY meeting 12/1
 - Lindsey Horvath + Mayor Bass meeting 11/30
 - Preparing appropriations summaries

- SOCC flyering
- EVP x FAC TEA survey
- CSC houselessness event
- RJN co programming
- Lobby meetings 11/20 and 11/28

D. [General Representative 1](#)

Pool

E. [General Representative 2](#)

Lasry

- Director of First Generation College Students is working on a “send a letter to home” event that will take place during Winter Quarter
- Finalizing details for Gen Rep x FSC Parking Permit Reimbursement.
- The General Representative Internship has been completed for the Fall quarter and will resume next quarter, however, each General Representative will now be conducting separate internship programs geared towards focusing on our own respective initiatives.

F. [General Representative 3](#)

Valenzuela Mejia

- Office wide Efforts:
 - My office is meeting right now lol. They are discussing and I will be relaying the work that they mention.
 - Will be onboarding more staff within the next couple of weeks! Very excited to be growing our staff and expanding our reach to support students!
 - Attended the meeting with Michael Beck alongside Megan, Eva and Evan where we brought up the safety concerns students have for the past couple of weeks.
 - Attended today a meeting with Latine Student Leaders to discuss their work and collaborative efforts on establishing a Student Advisory Board for HSI.
- Platforms:
 - Bruin Health:
 - Masks and Hand sanitizers have arrived. Will have those available for students to have and will be seeing how many are being used by students and how worthwhile it will be to have that available for students.
 - Bruin Resources:
 - HACU Internship event will be happening next Wednesday the 6th from 4-6pm in Ackerman 3517 and we will be working with students to promote the internship opportunities HACU has for undergraduate students.
 - Bruin Worldwide:
 - More mentee applications! Yay!
 - Need more Mentor applications though! If you or your staff are interested, please sign up! A fun opportunity to support exchange students and gain a global perspective.
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYZkbQDDty8vBQ2cwC0U8jOEjl1bHpHC3947wR-NYb7HnLNg/viewform>
 - Bruin Convenience:
 - Survey to be sent out to the general student body is complete!
 - Survey will be sent out the student body tomorrow and will be further marketed to them
 - PLEASE FILL IT OUT: <https://forms.gle/orf9ZXwiquEWtCVc7>
 - My BC director will be coming next week to present the results we obtained from the USAC survey so far about the Digital BruinCards.
 - Bruin Representation
 - Meeting with UCB students next week to discuss our dual-resolution on supporting Latine students of ALL groups
 - Hoping to continue meeting with Latine orgs on campus and students of all origins to ensure that the work my office does encompasses the beautiful diversity of our campus and the community.

G. [Academic Affairs Commissioner](#)

Srihar

- Retention first is going to be launching the Books for Bruins application for winter quarter this week and so students will be able to apply ahead of time. We are looking forward to changing the reimbursement process and hopefully make it more efficient. We are still continually working on private funding and winter break will be a time really devoted to doing grant writing and applications where we have more time to devote to it.
- Access and Equity has also been working on a few different initiatives and is getting involved in a Disability Justice Resolution. I am working with Javier who has come to public comment a few times.
- Today we had a meeting with a lot of different entities including the bookstore strategic initiatives committee and the librarians to discuss how Katie and I have spent the past few months really collecting all of this information on textbook affordability and how we are going to try to shift to implement certain things.
- It was a productive meeting and we are also working on a resolution for course marking that we are bringing as an extension of last week's work.
- I was also able to connect with my director of Safety on campus with the Muslim Student Association. My director is a muslim student herself and I am glad that I am able to also respect what they had brought up earlier last week regarding you know kind of cultural values and the more delicate nature of that.
- Regarding upward movement and the career readiness platform, besides the partnerships with the school we are launching a grad prep book rental program this week where students can apply for GRE, LSAT, MCAT prep books that they can take home over the break to help them study.
- My Growing Roots is my platform dedicated to the mother organization relations and making sure to really give them a platform and amplify their initiatives. I do feel bad because I have had a lot of trouble filling this director position as I do want it to be filled by someone that is from the mother organizations. But I have started those responsibilities myself over the past couple weeks.
- The last thing is that my interns yesterday gave a presentation which is the culmination of all of the work that they have done this quarter where they were tasked with identifying problems themselves and how AAC can materially improve them.

H. [Campus Events Commission](#)

Miller

- **Groove Garden: Vinyl DJ Concert**
 - Thursday, November 30th
 - doors open 7pm
 - Fowler Museum Terrace
 - **Beat Junkies' DJ Babu & Discotan**

I. [Community Service Commissioner](#)

Wong

- We are planning:
 - Holiday Drive with International Rescue Committee;
 - Nonprofit Networking Night with Volunteer Center, potentially Career and Alumni Center
 - Recruitment for the delegation to IMPACT Conference in Winter quarter
- Attended first two SREC meeting
- Recruiting student service groups for Youth Empowerment Coalition fostering collaboration, resource-sharing, and collective impact among diverse youth-based organizations on campus!

J. [Cultural Affairs Commissioner](#)


Verdugo

K. [Facilities Commissioner](#)

Curran

Upcoming Events:

Access & Infrastructure:

- The Access on Board team created and presented a Web Accessibility Guide during our USAC meeting.
 -  Web Accessibility Presentation
- Me and other council members met with the ASUCLA Board of Directors to discuss a potential referendum this spring to fund an extension to the Student Union. We're working on further outreach to cultural organizations to better identify the current issues with existing space.
- The Transportation Equity and Access (TEA) team met with members of the External Vice Presidents team to create a survey to be sent out to gauge interests and knowledge of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.
- TEA finalized a map of proposed infrastructure improvements and issues identified throughout Westwood Village, the UCLA campus and the North Village apartments.

Sustainability:

- I met with CALPIRG to discuss their current sustainability campaigns. We're working in collaboration on a resolution in support of a goal for UCLA to be operated on 100% clean energy by 2030 and collaboration on the Healthy Streets LA Ballot Initiative.
- The Sustainability goals team has conducted extensive outreach to different organizations to encourage and further the use of the reusable mug program at Kerckhoff Coffee House.

Appointments/Committees:

- OSAC met to begin planning for the reallocation period this winter quarter. Expect to see a survey coming your way about the current state and utilization of office space in Kerckhoff Hall.
- I met with members of the John Wooden Center Board of Governors to discuss current shortcomings with recreation space and paths to implement long term solutions.
- The Campus Bike Advisory Committee met to discuss several topics this week. Bicycle thefts, pedestrianizing underutilized roads on campus, and creating better scooter infrastructure were the most prominent issues identified.

Internal/Administrative/Miscellaneous:

- I attended the ASUCLA Fall Entities Meet and Greet to get better connected with the different organizations within ASUCLA. We discussed topics such as the Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center, campus security and sustainability in our restaurants.
- Me and other council members met with members of the Muslim Student Association to discuss current shortcomings regarding campus security and ways we could improve services like safe ride and CSO escorts.
- I met with members of Bruin Shelter to discuss the current challenges facing the organization. Bruin Shelter is currently facing issues both with finding a location and a sustainable stream of funding.
- We met with Administrative Vice Chancellor Michael Beck to address the issues raised in our meetings with Bruin Shelter and the Muslim Students Association. We're scheduling a follow up meeting with MSA and the Middle Eastern Students Association to address campus safety concerns.

L. [Financial Supports Commissioner](#)

Broukhim

M. [Student Wellness Commissioner](#)

Kang

- Commissioner Updates
 - Continuing COVID resolution response with DSU, AAC, FAC, and Strategic Communications
- SWC Updates
 - [Weekly SWC E-Board & Committees' Updates Sheet](#)
 - THIS THURSDAY: Dr. Tara Sex Professor at CSUF and TV Host giving a talk on Healthy Communication + Diddy Riese Cookies!
 - Thursday 7-9 PM Kaplan 169
 - NEXT MONDAY: December 4th, Week 10 Petting Zoo with CEC!
 - 12-4pm on North Dickinson Court
 - NEXT TUESDAY: December 5th, 5pm in the Ackerman A-Level Viewpoint Conference Room SWC Fall Quarter Town Hall
 - We welcome all undergraduate students to an evening of reflection on the quarter and brainstorming solutions for how SWC can best support the health and wellness of our campus in upcoming quarters.
 - Free pasta bar, fruit, cheese, desserts, drinks!
 - Attend for a chance to win an Apple Watch
 - Bruin Run Walk Annual 5k: RACE DAY APRIL 21ST 2024!!!!

N. [Transfer Student Representative](#)

Cobbs

- Next week we are hosting a Black transfer study hall with the Academic Supports Program which is a transfer retention project.
- We are also planning an international student welcome gala with Adam. I have never really engaged with the Dashew Center in my capacity as TSR so I am hoping to have something really big not just for international transfers but for all international Bruins to make sure that they feel safe and supported within USAC space and UCLA at large.

- We are beginning the planning of our first ever transfer health awareness week which I am really excited about. I hope to have other commissions involved as we are in the process of creating this.
- We are also in the works of developing the TSR Transfer Empowerment Referenda which I am personally excited about because it has been brutal out here trying to represent and support 30% of the population with not 30% of the USAC budget.
- We are also planning an Armenian Awareness Week with the Armenian Student Association and the Hidden Roads Initiatives. We are talking about different genocides that are happening across the world and definitely Armenians feel a little left behind in that framework of decoloniality and just general awareness of how European colonialism and imperialism impacts everybody.
- We are also extending our staff applications until December 1st so please push that out.

O. International Student Representative

Tfayli

- We are working on our programs that we had before our dinding programs and as Thyra said, we are working on our international student welcome event that is set to take place in January.

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Orlando: "Thank you to all of those that have reached out to me for the re-registration and the re-registration mandatory video. I sent them out so let me know if you have or have not received them or have any issues. If you still need to, please reach out to me. You have until December 8th to complete the workshop requirement."
- Jessica: "NO major updates but I did want to share that we did some de escalation training today that was facilitated by our colleague in student affairs. It was a great intro into how to handle different conversations and so you know just as we continue to go through training and different sources, we are your support team and we really want to help you. All."

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. Discussion on USAC Black History Month Initiatives

Cobbs

- Thyra: "Just a little background and a little bit of historical importance and this is not like ann-encompassing and you can use Google to learn more. Black History Month is traced back to 1926 when a very prominent African-American intellectual named Carter G Woodson founded Negro History week. Black History Month is an annual celebration that acknowledges the stellar achievements of Americans of African descent and it is really a time for recognizing their central role in developing and making the United States what it is today. I think that it is safe to say that America would not be here without the significant labor of black people whether it be physically, musically, culturally, politically, etc, whatever you want to think of. I think that it is important for us as the student government at UCLA representing students at one of the most prominent and prestigious universities in the world to show our appreciation and our support for Black History Month. USAC itself has been developed by several black influentials throughout UCLA's history but this space remains largely anti-black and you can just look at the demographics. It is just me and Naomi and we can only be representative of so many people and I think that this is indicative of just a general lack of support for black students within USAC. Black students don't feel comfortable engaging with this space. Anyway, USAC council wide support in celebration of Black History Month is kind of a form of academic reparations. The campaign goal is that it will allow black students to gain some kind of psychological comfort in terms of knowing that their student government does care for them and does represent them. It will also increase all of your knowledge of black students and we are not all a monolith and we all come in different shapes, sizes, and cultures so it will be kind of like a dialectical relationship between us and the black student body. I think it is also a great way for non-black students as well to start getting an understanding of what it means for black bruins to be here at such a predominantly white institution. It is a learning experience, it is something cultural, it is something that I think is healthy for everybody to be involved in and so I hope that everybody will be open and willing to engage in this effort. I think within my own office I can give some examples of what the would look like. I would also like to provide some different examples that I have talked about with certain offices and then hoping we can open up a discussion about how each office if you would like to, I would push you to, but each office kind of develops their own intuition to embark on within the month of

Black History Month. So within my office, some things that we have talked about is acknowledging black community college students and their creation of the Black Panther Party and I think this is a great segue into the advocacy regarding the proper memorial statues for Bunchy Carter and John Huggins. For those of you who don't know, they were ASU staff members who were killed in Campbell Hall in the 1960's. Black students have been advocating for proper memorials for decades now. All they have is a rock that gets covered up by leaves. ASU memorializes them every year so we are hoping to expand that but also the advocacy for institutionalized youth programs at UCLA. Currently UC Irvine, is the only UC school that has Youth programs. It is very important for black transfers to have youth programs at the schools that they transferred to because we have a set of support systems that are at the community college and then we transfer over to the schools that already white and then all of our programs supports that are African-centered are completely gone so it creates a lot of psychological misorientation for a lot of us. I personally experienced that and that manifested into imposter syndrome and that is directly linked to the BLM campaign goal. Something else that we have talked about and I know Naomi is helping to plan the PanAfrican week with ASu. Alicia is going to be helping ASU and the Caribbean Student Association develop our Afro Latin and Afro Caribbean Heritage week. Jennis had talked about doing something along the lines of PanAfrican mental health awareness week that we had done last spring and so we are doing that again this year in collaboration with SWC. I had talked to Chia about doing a mother organization community service project which highlights the efforts of black people in terms of doing more for greater Los Angeles and getting out of the academic bubble. Jonathan is also helping with this and then I briefly talked to Evan about acknowledging a famous black person from the continent and she did a lot of work in terms of Afro sustainability on the African continent and so different African countries acknowledge her on March 3rd for Africa Environment day."

- Sujana: "Yeah, I can definitely respond first by saying that this is a very important discussion topic and I would definitely want to support this initiative in every way. I feel like there are two ways to go about it. Like we can do both at the same time. I think in one way I would definitely want to just incorporate aspects of Black Culture into the events and programming that we already do and I feel like that is really important because you know, I think it is also about recognizing that this is something that should come naturally and should be standard. Then I also would love to do specialized events as well and like new events to brainstorm. I know Black History Month which is next February would coincide with the Little Libraries Initiative and one thing that I really wanted to do was curate book collections and so I would love to highlight Black culture in that way because I also know that we were talking about the transfer book club."

B. [Discussion on UCLA Joining the Association of Big Ten Students](#)

Jussim

- Eva: "Hi everyone, want to make this quick and preface that a vote tonight does not mean that we are joining the association of Big 10 students, like I can't just do that, but I wanted us to discuss what joining would entail and what that looks like for USAC. Also because I know that we have admin here so kind of laying this out for them as well. I have talked about it with Jessica and Pamela a bit but as you all know UCLA is moving from the Pac 12 to the Big 10 next year and you know being part of UCLA, it has given us the privilege of being in the UC Student ASSociation through which UCLA students have had really amazing connections to other UC's whether that is sourcing knowledge or literally just understanding how issues play out on other campuses. In addition to just collective lobbying power, that is really the biggest takeaway that I have had from this thing. The Big 10 Students Association lets us stay within UCSA but also just have more lobbying power with other students across the nation as being part of the big 10 includes like three conferences a year. They mentioned that seven max students would attend these. From my understanding, it would be the USAC president, maybe one other member from the President's office and then other members from the EVP office just because this is an external matter but that is how I seem to understand what it would look like. The one thing that I say will differ between the Big 10 is UCLA, we have a really dense population for our size of campus and I will say that our size of our population of undergraduate students is more comparable to the size of big 10 campuses and some of them even have larger campuses and larger populations of students so a lot of our conversations there about maybe space availability, we won't be able to discuss in the same way and have it be in vain for sharing those struggles."

- Eva moves to make this discussion item an action item, Megan seconds.

- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the discussion item is made into an action item.
- Eva moves to approve joining the Big 10 Association, Mason seconds.
- By vote of 9-0-1, the motion passes and the council agrees to join the Big 10 Association.

XI. Adjournment

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 8:20pm.

Good and Welfare;

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