



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
January 9, 2024
7 PM PST

Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/98686577744?pwd=Zm5TeGNIVG5PcTxO3MzckNlZ0lXZz09>

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I. Call to Order

Hammonds

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance collected by FICOM Chair

II. Approval of Agenda*

Law

- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike BOD Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency Allocations
- Strike TGMF Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike BAG Allocations
- Strike GROWS Allocations
- Strike TGIF

- Sara moves to approve the agenda as amended, Megan seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes*

Law

- Megan moves to approve the minutes from 12/5/23, Gabby seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 12/5/23 are approved.

IV. Public Comment

Hammonds

- Clara Castronova: "Hello, I am Clara from CALPIRG here to give an update of what we were up to over the break. The main thing is that we had our board of directors meetings. We have those twice a year and so we voted on our lead campaign for the winter/spring term. So our lead campaign is going to be the Beyond Plastics campaign and we are supporting a bill to completely ban single use plastic grocery bags in California. So this would be super exciting if the bill is passed. It is being authored by Senator Ben Allen who is our UCLA rep so it is super cool and we have worked with him a lot in the past. He is our big Plastics Champion. So you might be like wow, I remember there being a plastic bag ban, like why aren't they banned. So basically, there was a bill that passed in 2014 in California to ban plastic bags and then there was a ballot measure in 2016 and so they ended up being banned. But there is a loophole that is exploited by the plastics industry so they basically made thicker plastic bags and called them reusable. So that is why there are plastic bags and why they are thick now. So this is something that everyone in California voted for and the state legislature has voted for in the past so they should do it again and that is what we are asking them to do and so that is our lead campaign for the winter and spring term once the legislative session starts. We are also still working on our other campaigns as well. The other thing I will note is that our fast fashion campaign is also working on a legislative initiative. The bill is called Sb 77 which is a producer responsibility for the fashion industry. Thank you guys."

- Diana Blanco: "Hi, thank you for allowing me this time. I am here as a representative of the End Overdose Student Alliance and I am here to make a petition to utilize surplus funds to pay for three requisitions that remain unpaid as of spring 2024. Three requisitions were processed before the spring 2024 deadline but were not paid and they are still waiting to be paid. Last I spoke to Lucy Yin in October and she asked that I attend this meeting and make this request. I have sent the breakdown of the three requisitions via the comment section and I would appreciate your time and effort in reviewing this request and letting me know what the next steps would be to get the requisitions paid."

- Naomi informs her that surplus funds have not been released yet and they will keep her updated.
- Public comment is 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"> - Requested: \$49,335.00 - Recommended: \$22,990.00 for 59 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity - Sara moves to approve \$22,990.00 for 59 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity, Gabby seconds. - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and \$22,990.00 is approved for 59 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity. | |
| C. <u>SFS Allocations#</u> | Wong |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$2,126.00 for 3 CSC orgs and 2 non CSC orgs. - No opposition, passes as a consent item. | |
| D. <u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u> | Kang |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$2,146.82 for 6 non USAC entities - 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 |
| H. <u>AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#</u> | Sridhar |
| I. <u>ARC Allocations#</u> | Verdugo |
| J. <u>TGIF</u> | Curran |
| K. <u>USA/BOD Allocations*</u> | Broukhim |

VI. Special Presentation

VII. Appointments

VIII. Officer Reports

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| A. <u>President</u> | Hammonds |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Successfully hosted a week of events throughout finals week including “Muffin Your Way Through Finals”, “Refresh for Finals With Yerba Mate”, and “Refuel for Finals With Celsius” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnered with Yerba Mate and Celsius to hand out drinks in addition to 900 Costco muffins - Met with UCLA professor Dr. Ketema Paul to make a post about sleep hygiene. - Aided in the promotion of SafeRide extended hours during finals week - Attended enrollment committee planning meeting - Attended the Honorific Naming Committee kickoff meeting - Attending hiring committee meeting for the Dean of Students - Traveled to Washington D.C. with the UCLA Chancellor's Leadership, Innovation, Networking and Knowledge (LINK) cohort. I participated in financial aid advocacy on Capitol Hill in response to the House Appropriations bill that proposes to completely cut Federal Work Study programs and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants. Specifically, we spoke directly with staffers from the offices of Congressman Ted Lieu (CA-36), Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-41), Congressman David Valadao (CA-22), Congressman Pete Aguilar (CA-33), and Congressman Mike Garcia (CA-27). - Attended Campus Safety Administration Prep Meeting alongside other council members and club leaders - Met with the Berkeley President and her Chief of Staff to tour the campus/office and attended the men's basketball game together. - Meet with the Daily Bruin Editor in Chief - Meet with the advisors several times this week - Reached out to UCLA Alumni about a potential collaboration - Held an all staff meeting Monday of Week 1, where we planned about our events for Winter quarter and breaking it down into actionable steps | |

- Met with the Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS) Presidents to discuss the upcoming Winter Conference
- Finalized my SREC appointment
- Planning a leadership workshop for USAC members and representatives from the mother organizations
- Will be serving on the UCLA Student Space Subcommittee
- Setting up a monthly meeting with Chief Thomas of UCPD

B. Internal Vice President

Law

- The True Bruin Raise Awards Nominations are out! Please nominate a Bruin who has exemplified the True Bruin Values to help another Bruin in crisis. Nominations are due January 25th at 11:59PM. You can find the link at www.studentincrisis.ucla.edu/truebruinrecognition!
 - The Award Ceremony will be taking place at the end of February.
- The Appointments Review Committee is currently interviewing for the following positions: Student Conduct Committee, Elections Board Chair, Student Fee Advisory Committee, etc. If any council members would like to forward questions they would like ARC members to ask, please let me know.
- The Internal Vice President's Office held our Executive Team meeting this Monday at 4pm. If you would like to attend the next All-Staff Meeting, they are every Monday at 4PM in the IVP Office, please contact me or Josh to RSVP.
- The Internal Vice President's Office held our first Winter Quarter All-Staff Meeting. If you would like to attend the next All-Staff Meeting, they are every Monday at 5PM in Ackerman Union 3517, please contact me or Josh to RSVP.
- Committee Updates:
 - The Equity, Transparency, Accessibility Committee has been continuing with putting together transparency reports, funding posts, and agenda previews. We will be working on other initiatives for USAC Meeting transparency.
 - The Empowering Student Engagement Committee is currently reviewing data from EAF and collecting responses for club spotlights on our social media. They held a funding workshop earlier today at 6pm and it has been recorded and will be posted.
 - The Pre-Professional Support Committee is currently planning events for winter and spring quarter. They will be focusing on sharing pre professional resources and social media.
 - The Supporting Student Needs Committee is currently preparing for the Off Campus Housing Fair which is planned for January 31st in Ackerman Grand Ballroom. They are collaborating with Student Media for advertising.
 - The Administrative Relations Team is hosting a Administrative Meet and Greet on February 21st at 11am to 1pm in Covell West on the Hill. We have confirmed attendance from VC Monroe Gordon, ASUCLA Student Union Director Pamela Lewis, and more so please spread the word. Councilmembers, please send a few office representatives if you can, we would like to have a large attendance.
 - The Institutionalized Events Committee is currently still planning details for the True Bruin Raise Ceremony. We are going through inventory, decor, and have already made a venue reservation for the Kerckhoff Grand Salon.
 - The General Events Committee is planning for the Midterm Stress Relief Giveaways and hopefully a Lunar New Year activity.
 - The Internship Directors are currently planning for a new round of IVP Interns and applications will be open soon. Our Fall Interns have been integrated into various committees in the office and are now full-fledged IVP General Staff.

C. External Vice President

Jussim

- Michael Beck x MESA x MSA [meeting](#)
- SOCC planning
- SBWU planning
- STC planning
- Lobby corps
- Setting up fed lobby trips
- Setting up 1:1s with all 10 directors
- Local to set up lobby meetings with CD5 KYY, LACS Lindsey Horvath, Mayor Karen Bass, Asm Zbur, and Sen Ben Allen's offices. We just met with each of them so Alice should have contact cards from field reps in each office.
- Meeting with ASUCLA re: STC on Tuesday 1/12. Action plan for ASUCLA to support heavy rail.
- Scheduling lobby meetings with folks on LA Metro's BOD. E

- Assign the Latine Lobby Day delegate leader to make an outreach template for sign-ups ASAP since they close on Jan 20. UCLA has the most signups of all campuses.
- Completing an analysis of the edu-relevant portions of Gov Newsom's draft budget. He is releasing it on Wednesday, January 10th.
- Prepping a timeline for lobby corps this year from once the graphic you submitted gets posted. Please send me the link to view responses to signups.
- The last day for state policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to approps introduced in their house in this leg session is 1/12, the last day for any committee to hear bills is 1/19, and all bills must pass their floor by 1/31, so there are several key deadlines coming up. Having State utilize common tracking services to track new edu bills and key 2-year edu bills, or new/2-year basic needs-related bills.
- Timelining for state & fed lobby prep.
- The two-pronged appropriations continuing resolutions are expiring mid Jan so our approps should finally be settled soon.

D. [General Representative 1](#)

Pool

- Met with a company that students on campus that is called Bounce Team and talking about different ways that we can support them and support UCLA startups
- Trying to find a room for a Financial Literacy Night

E. [General Representative 2](#)

Lasry

- Prepared graphics and events for Winter quarter
- Advertised available USAC appointments

F. [General Representative 3](#)

Valenzuela Mejia

- Collaborating with TSR on event to bring Latinx community and Black student communities together
- Further collaborating with the Caribbean Student Association and Afrikan Student Association on the Afro-Latin and Afro-Caribbean History and Culture Week.
 - Happening in February! Stay tuned!
- Working on the application of the Latinx Student Resource Center Resolution passed in the Fall and will be meeting with Latinx student leaders as well as on campus administrators to ensure that steps outlined in the resolution continue to go forward.
- Met with UC Berkeley student leaders over the break to discuss methods of solidarity and diffusion of methods to ensure the growth of Latinx student representation in our respective campuses.
 - Lucha4LSC - the main group of students and leaders on campus is providing insight as the GR3 office is working on continuing to accelerate these efforts forward in both of our institutions becoming Hispanic Serving Institutions.
- Implementing new interns into our office and expanding our reach as we continue forward.

G. [Academic Affairs Commissioner](#)

Srihar

- **Marketing**
 - Renewed wix.com URL

H. [Campus Events Commission](#)

Miller

- **Trixie Mattel next TUESDAY!!!**
 - **Jan 16th at 7pm in Ackerman Grand Ballroom**



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- **AfroFest**
 - **Feb 3rd**
 - **collaboration with Nigerian Student Association**
- screenings coming February and March
- hopefully 3 full-scale concerts this quarter PLUS 3 NoonTunes
- working with Thyra and ASU on a Pan-Afrikan culture exchange
- planning to meet with MSA in the coming weeks to set up some collaborative speaking and concerts events

I. [Community Service Commissioner](#)

Wong

- Film screening - collaboration with ASU and Center for Community Engagement happening next week! Please pull up and repost to your IGs :)
- In the midst of planning NNN and Houselessness Awareness Week

J. [Cultural Affairs Commissioner](#)

Verdugo

- Week 4 Art Gallery with SJP
 - Art series contributing with creating linocuts, making stickers, prints and art to sell
- HHAM
 - Working on meeting with ASUCLA about Fashion Show and Explosion on our preliminary invoice and our issues with the reservation in years past so we can avoid
 - Fashion show model applications
 - Fashion show finalizing brands and looking for Palestinian designers for the show
 - Sending offer letters by end of month
 - Finalizing funding apps
- Meeting w GSA & BOD on resolution/letters on BDS movement and Palestinian student support
- Meeting w AISA to finalize Native Expressions event
- Meeting with Thyra TSR on Black History Month initiative collab
- CSA Collab w Concerts & Worldfest
- Finalizing worldfest dates tomorrow
- Word on wednesday is even weeks
- Rock Noir event week 8
- Cumbia night week 9
- GBMS even weeks
- Retreat is being finalized for week 3
- Teeny desk next week

K. [Facilities Commissioner](#)

Curran

L. [Financial Supports Commissioner](#)

Broukhim

- Created and posted an Instagram graphic about lab coat rentals
- Reached out to Life Science Departments to advertise

- Met with the Bruin Card office
 - Had a meeting with Vice Chancellor Gordon
- M. Student Wellness Commissioner Kang
- Commissioner Updates
 - Working on collaboration with Bruin Shelter to donate Basic Needs Gift Cards
 - Week 3 Retreat
 - SWC Updates
 - [Weekly SWC E-Board & Committees' Updates Sheet](#)
 - Peer Support Lounge Re-Opening next week!
 - Week 3 I Love My Body Week
 - Week 1/25 Heart to Heart on Reproductive Justice Forum
- N. Transfer Student Representative Cobbs
- I have been meeting with individual offices to go over the USAC Black History Month. I am really excited for this. This will be the first time that USAC is doing it and I am excited to be spearheading this and bringing it to the community. I will probably write a resolution to see if we can start showing support for black students in a more formal way more often so keep a lookout for that.
 - One of my chiefs has sent out a request for all of the offices that signed up to be a part of our transfer community council and we will start having those meetings soon.
 - We have also put out applications for the planning of the transfer graduation. We want to commemorate the transfer community because we are 30% of the population and it is only right that we get our own graduation ceremony. Luckily I am a part of the UCLA mother orgs and so I am going to follow that template of commemoration.
 - I have a meeting with the Armenian Student Association and the Hidden Roads initiative tomorrow because we will be collaborating on Armenian culture and heritage awareness week.
 - I am also spearheading a black transfer appreciation week with the African Student union and this will include entities like the BBRC, TSR office and others.
 - I also want to spearhead our first annual transfer mental health week and it will be UC wide. I am working with other campuses on this right now.
- O. International Student Representative Tfayli
- We are working on having a career center event for international students for internships and jobs on Jan. 22nd from 5:00pm-6:30pm. We have a lot of things planned for that so please spread the word.
 - We are also working on some things for the UCSA International Student Coalition and the plan is to try and implement having all nine undergraduate campuses have ISR's by next year.
- P. Administrative Representatives Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner
- Orlando: "Hello everyone, happy new year. Couple of updates. We have begun this week and running through this week and next week we are registering new organizations, so if you know someone or if you are starting a new organization yourself, this is the next couple weeks to do it. Also groups who failed to re-register in the fall, we are allowing them to register their group now. So if you know anyone or if you are a part of a group that failed to register, not your offices, your offices should all be registered. On week three, SOLE will host their quarterly events where we will be doing in person and virtual workshops ranging from new signatory workshops to funding workshops, youth services workshops, driver training workshops, etc. I believe that the list is now on the SOLE website. So if you are interested in attending, you are more than welcome to attend but it will be required for all new organizations to attend one of these workshops. The other thing is that I am the recruiter for the UC Student Regent position and that is going to be kicking into gear next month. The current UC Regent will be visiting campus to recruit. I typically work with the EVP office from USAC so Eva I will be reaching out to you as well as the Graduate Student Association. Typically the regent will want to meet with the student government so they may hear me reach out to you to organize a meeting with them. They will usually ask topics that you want to discuss. There will even be a town hall that they will host and this is where I work with the EVP offices on trying to get students in seats to hear and talk with the regents."

- Jessica: “We will be doing some presentations over the next couple weeks just as refreshers but week 5 of this quarter is going to be the requisition deadline for any activity from fall that has occurred and has been funded through USAC so please make sure that if you have outstanding requisitions, you need to submit them now. If you need help with that, we can chat but this will be really critical because we are going to encourage all funding chairs to close accounts that still have balances so essential funding that has been allocated but unspent, you really should be closing those accounts so that it becomes available to relocate to new groups going into the end of winter quarter and into spring quarter. That is really important since last year in Spring, a lot of funding bodies ended early because of funding running out. So that is just something to be mindful of and make sure that if you are a funding chair that you are reaching out to your organizations that have been funded and haven’t utilized any of those funds to remind them to do their work. Additionally, I just wanted to go over the trademarks and licensing requirements. Especially if you are going into spring quarter and are going to be ordering any branded items, stickers, shirts or any kind of swag, anything that has your office or youth student organizations logo on it. If it has a UCLA Mark, the bruin bear, anything like that, you do need to use a licensed vendor for your order and you do need trademarks and licensing approval to use that mark so we have seen through SGA a couple of requests for reimbursement that did not use a licensed vendor and it has a UCLA mark on it so we have had to follow up with those individuals to let them know that they can’t do that again because we don’t want to have to say that sorry you are out of pocket for that so just keep that in mind if your office is going to be placing any orders for any branded item. If you want an easy one stop shop, Bruin Custom Print can do it all for you and they are a licensed vendor.”
- Lori: “Just quickly, if you are doing any midterm study spots or need a spot to pass out stuff, you can hit me up by next week. I have a really slammed quarter and I want to make sure that I can get you guys what you need by next week so if you have any plans to do midterm de stress or whatever outside of Pauley or on the IM fields, let me know. I guess I will reach out to whoever will be in Evan’s position about the study nights for this quarter and other than that, I will see you guys at a basketball game or two because that is my other gig.”
- Jonathan: “Happy New Year, I hope you had a nice break. It is winter, I believe it is the dead of winter outside, I am freezing. Just a couple of things on my end. Regarding the requisition due dates week five, we are also probably going to be coming around if we find out that you have some outstanding bills and you know how persistent we have been when it comes to bills so please pay your bills. Jack, one of our student staff, has sent out a midpoint survey to just ask for your feedback on some things that we have done in the Fall. There will be another survey kind of talking about advising later on in the quarter but I know that Megan and Naomi have filled that out so thank you to them. Please take a chance to do that. CalFresh is now accepted at the Health Sciences Store which is really exciting. Regarding appointments, the election board is pretty urgent. The other one that I want to put on your radar is the distinguished teaching award appointment. That is one where they have specifically reached out to me to request a student and they need that person by the start of February for their meetings. Don’t forget to check your mail. Jack got a lot of mail from the dock today and all of you have at least one piece of mail to go and pick up. The other thing that I do want to say is that I am sure that all of you saw Evans message today and I do want to let you know what kind of process it looks like to fill that position. So with Evan’s resignation today marks from your Constitution, 21 days that you have to fill that spot. Interviews will be done by Naomi which will then be sent to ARC which will then come to this council for approval. So the deadline for that is Tuesday of Week 4 so please do keep that in mind. Last but not least is office cleanliness. We have had some issues recently with office cleanliness and I won’t go into details but please I am sure that you all saw the nice little letters that they put under your door. Please take that seriously.”

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Adjournment

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 8:00pm.

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