



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
March 5, 2024
7 PM PST

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I. Call to Order

Hammonds

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:13pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Present:
- Naomi
- Megan
- Chia Ying
- Sara
- Eva
- Sujana
- Adam
- Alicia
- Gabby
- Mason
- Jennis
- Katie
- Nilaya

II. Approval of Agenda*

Law

- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike TGMF Allocations
- Strike USA/BOD Allocations
- Strike BAG Allocations
- Strike GROWS Allocations
- Strike TGIF Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Add Discussion item for Surplus Proposals in New Business

- Jennis moves to add an Executive Session: Personnel Matter as an action item, Nilaya seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and this is added to the agenda.

- Nilaya votes to add a vote on restricted TGIF Funds for Spring Allocations, Megan seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and this is added to the agenda.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes*

Law

- No minutes to approve for this week.

IV. Public Comment

Hammonds

- CALPIRG representative: "Hello, I am here to give the CALPIRG update for this week because Clara is out of town. I just want to say that we have really been working on the New Voter Project as one of our campaigns. We have been pushing to get out the vote since it is election day today. The past week we have been doing tabling and flyering to get students information on how they can vote. We did like a Mean Girls table and we were out there for five hours today."

We were able to talk with a lot of students and help them get to a polling center. Hopefully all of you guys voted but if not Bruin Reception Room is open until 8:00pm so if you want to book it there you can. Aside from that, I also want to touch on our 100% Clean Energy Campaign. We are trying to get UCLA to go 100% clean energy by 2035 being that about 85% of our energy right now comes from natural gas. CALPIRG is also running a decarbonization study and I wanted to let you guys know that there is going to be a town hall on Monday where they are going to talk about the findings from the study so far and take public comment on what the community thinks is important when we are decarbonizing the campus. We will send out a RSVP pretty soon about that. Last quarter, USAC passed a resolution to support clean energy at UCLA. Part of that resolution stated that USAC would work with CALPIRG in order to student outreach so we are going to reach out to guys soon about getting the word out for that. We want to make sure that a lot of students come and learn about clean energy and be a part of the public comment.”

- Helen: “Hello, my name is Helen and I am a fourth year studying sociology. I am the chair for AfroGrad. It is a compartment under ASU and I am also the executive for the East African Student Association. I am here today to advocate for the USAC endowment fund to be allocated for an ASU annual program such as AfroGrad. AfroGrad is an annual program catered to the Black Bruin graduating students and it is the only event of its kind to celebrate at UCLA and especially a lot of the students who are graduating have been members of the class of 2020 and we want to ensure that not only is their unprecedented time and their college experiences is celebrated in full but that their disadvantage of being a black student at a predominately white institution is also glorified in a way that is memorable for all. I understand that the submission for a surplus request was 3:15 pm when the deadline was 3 pm but that leads me to question the use of the bureaucracy that this institution is supposed to be.”
- Thyra: “Hi everyone, my name is Thyra and I am currently serving as the chairperson of the UCLA Afrikan Student Union. I sent you all an email earlier today so I hope that you read through it as our student body representatives. But I am here on behalf of ASU to ask that you all address the concerns that I raised in my letter to USAC which included the vetoing of the Gen Rep 3 allocation from 2022 that was \$45,000 for black students at UCLA as well as the TSR allocation that is around \$35,000 for multiple transfer student organizations including the ASU and the transfer center. As Helen mentioned, the deadline was 3 pm, our wonderful CAC here let ASU know that a surplus was open and that you voted to have your guidelines changed this year because you felt that too many organizations had access to our student fees. So to add that back onto the agenda as well as talk about the process by which you all are going about this because scoring sheets by ASUCLA people who aren’t even current students, people who aren’t even minority populations is kind of wild. I am embarrassed to say that I sat on this council that is comfortable endorsing this. So if you truly care for your black student population, if you truly want to pass the RJN campaign like you all say you would, I expect to have this addressed in the meeting.”
- David Ramirez: “Hi everyone, my name is David and I strongly urge the council to reject Naomi’s shameful vetoing of \$55,000 that was allocated last year for the ASU, AEP, SHAPE, and ASP for a council that unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the Racial Justice Now campaign to establish an endowment fund as reparations for black students. It is absolutely hypocritical and shameful to not even consider a proposal that was submitted by ASU simply because it was 15 minutes late. You are not the military, you are not Chancellor Block, you are a student government and if you can’t be flexible to serve students in the way that we deserve then you don’t deserve your position.”
- UC Justice Now representative: “I am going to you all as the UCLA Racial Justice Now campus coordinator. I just want to echo what the last few public comments said asking for council to please reconsider the various black student surplus requests for academic reparations and whatnot. Especially just because of the fact that you know it has been echoed pretty often for over the past year due to Thyra and her work as ASU chairperson. There are only so many entities on UCLA’s campus that actually advocate for black recruitment, retention, and access here at UCLA. So to deny that funding, you know really doesn’t do those works any justice. It doesn’t do your students any justice especially considering the fact that some of the most marginalized communities here at UCLA are primarily composed of black students. I just think it is so incredibly important to really just continue considering the needs of the student body and to reject these surplus proposals just because it was 15 minutes late. I am choosing my words wisely but you know it is just a shameful thing to do because like why are we dictating the lifetime and retention of black students here because of the late period. I really don’t understand the logic behind that. If you all would explain that to me, I would really appreciate it but with the amount of marketing power that UCLA has within its own UC system, you really should make this decision.”

- William Chao: "Hello I am an undergraduate fourth year and a transfer. I just wanted to support the funding request that was 15 minutes late. I also heard about the funding request like two or three days before and it is just not a lot of time to prepare for that especially when it is about accessing \$1 million dollars. I think it is kind of unfair that you have two or three days and this was really communicated to a lot of other offices so I just want to support that cause. I don't think 15 minutes is crazy and I think an exception can definitely be made here."
- Public comment closed at 7:29pm.
- Public comment reopened at 10:21pm.
- Public comment is closed at 10:23pm.

V. Funding

- A. ~~Capital Contingency*~~ Yin
- B. Contingency Programming* Yin
- Requested: \$21,109.00
 - Recommended: \$7,626.33 for 23 non USAC entities
 - Megan moves to allocate \$7,626.33 for 23 non-USAC entities, Katie seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Contingency Programming is approved for this week.
- C. SES Allocations# Wong
- Allocation: \$3,975.00 for 2 USAC entities and 3 non USAC entities
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- D. SWC Programming Fund Allocations# Kang
- Allocation: \$250.00 to 2 non USAC entities
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- E. ~~Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#~~ Jussim
- F. ~~Grassroots Organizers for Working Students Grant Allocations#~~ Jussim
- G. ~~ASRF Allocations#~~ Sridhar
- H. ~~AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#~~ Sridhar
- I. ARC Allocations# Verdugo
- Allocation: \$4,000 to 2 non USAC entities
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- J. ~~TGIF~~ Kanuri
- K. USA/BOD Allocations* Broukhim

VI. Special Presentation

- A. Election Board Updates Le
- Presented by My-Lan:
 - Partnered with Bruin Media Group to advertise the election. They have sent a message to you all trying to create a video about why you ran, what you do in your office, and advice you have for future applicants. Please respond to them because this would be great to push out to the student body. Please also promote the candidate packet launch. I am still not on the elections board instagram so it is hard for me to promote it right now. There is a surplus proposal that we are putting through for candidate resources and to get a higher percentage of voting of the student body. You will hear more about this later in the meeting.
- B. Special Presentation from CSULB and SDSU Representatives on Equitable Access Sridhar
- Sujana: "This is just going to be about their experience with equitable access on their campuses. I know that we have discussed extensively equitable access and inclusive access at previous council meetings so

hopefully this gives you the opportunity to get to know from their personal experience and ask any questions you may have.

- Mitali Jain: “Yeah, so the equitable textbook program was started by our nonprofit Beach Shops and it has been there for 70 years. It has different stakeholders and they are responsible for providing the textbooks at the bookstore on campus. They are responsible for supporting and enhancing the educational mission on our campus. So originally, since they are in the textbook industry, they saw the challenges coming which were like access, affordability, and equity. They saw the challenges of where the textbook program was going to affect low income students, students of color, first generation students. They are the ones that are going to be the most impacted and so ultimately we had a similar structure where we had digital access and we just decided to revamp it and we will be introducing a program in fall 2024 and it is designed as a flat rate digital first program where it provides all students with access to the required textbooks on the first day of classes which is the most important part to bridge the equity gap. The cost is \$250 per semester for full time students and \$165 for part time students. The same applies for graduate students as well. To begin, our student government passed a resolution in unanimous support of this textbook program. We all support this program fully. When I go out and talk with students, they all really like the program. But that is pretty much it.”

C. ASUCLA T-Shirt Contest Update

BOD

- Presented to USAC
 - Every year the t-shirt contest occurs with a student winner and the proceeds are split between USAC and GSA. Check is presented to the council.

D. ASUCLA BOD: EMBRACE Referendum

BOD

EMBRACE -Establishing Meaningful Bruin Resources, Activities, Community & Experiences

Shall the Associated Students UCLA (ASUCLA) address the space, resource, and programming needs of the UCLA student community by implementing a new Student Union Fee in the amount of \$32.00 per undergraduate/graduate student per quarter (\$48 per semester) effective fall 2024. Summer fees are to be assessed on a prorated basis.

The increased revenue will support student success and student community, through new identity-based cultural centers, additional support for student programs and events, and addressing undergraduate, graduate, and professional student needs. The fee will also implement a wage increase for all hourly ASUCLA student employees.

A. The approval of this referendum would allow the following:

1. Fund establishment of student identity and cultural centers through renovations within existing ASUCLA facilities. Including three initial centers for graduate and undergraduate students: Disability Resource/Cultural Center, Latinx Cultural Center, and AAPI Cultural Center.
2. Fund annual facility costs for these three new centers, plus include annual facility costs of Transfer Student Center, and Black Bruin Resource Center.
3. \$1.00 per hour permanent wage increase for all ASUCLA student employees starting fall 2024. This increase is in addition to the minimum wage increase effectuated in July of every year in accordance to City of Los Angeles provisions and is intended to provide additional economic relief for working students.
4. Implement a program in fall 2024 for student purchases of food items at a discount in the UCLA Store markets, supporting all students including CalFresh recipients.
5. Allow for additional programs to support graduate and undergraduate student basic needs starting in fall 2024. Such programs will include, but not be limited to, free pre-packaged meals for food-insecure graduate and undergraduate students, and meal support through ASUCLA catering for graduate and undergraduate student events at ASUCLA facilities.

B. In accordance with University policy, 25% of the amount collected from the referendum will be returned to UCLA students in the form of graduate and undergraduate financial aid.

C. This fee would be implemented beginning Fall Quarter 2024. This fee will be subject to a Los Angeles County Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment factor (as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the

U.S. Department of Labor) every Fall in order to address changes due to inflation and any rise in the cost of living. The CPI adjustment will begin annually in Fall 2025.

- Eva: “Thank you so much for coming tonight to explain this proposal. It definitely means a lot but I do want to echo the concern that I think. I think that with this referenda it is very valuable to the university but I think you all know that a \$165 amount is very risky and to be very blunt I do not feel that this is going to pass if it is that high and I think ASUCLA would be better served to lower this amount and rethink their calculations and prioritize maybe one or two specific projects just so that they can get some amount of funding rather than none. I don’t know how long it took to develop this proposal but I really think that this is not going to pass with this amount even though I am in support of conceptually what it wants to do. I really encourage you to rethink the proposal before submitting it to the elections board and lower the amount just so that it has a better chance of being passed.”
- Elijah: “Thank you Eva, just to address some of that. When we talk about addressing spatial needs, this is something that costs a lot of money and getting this funding is really just the beginning of creating that baseline of funding that would then attract additional investment whether we are talking about the Olympics or other sources that could really pour in to create the type of funding to create those really large scale projects that we need to address. I can tell you internally and as the finance committee chair, I have been pushing aggressively to push this as low as we can because it started as a much higher number and I also aware of the political realities at UCLA so I hear your concerns and I think it is about continuing to make the case around what this will do in terms of alleviating the financial burden for students even though the increase isn’t insignificant.”
- Alicia: “I have a few points. First, I want to talk about the wage increase. For context, I have worked three jobs aside from this position. I have been a barista at the bomb shelter, I was a MCW stock fulfillment my first year and then I also worked at the CEC office as well this past summer. There are a lot of issues with this because it is not going to benefit all the students that have to pay this referendum. A lot of students don’t work here. Personally, I hate working here in those positions because my managers were weird or the working conditions were bad. The pay was really low but it was the only option I had to get hired. I know a lot of students are in those positions but I do want to emphasize that ASUCLA workers who are working minimum wage jobs cannot unionize. I have been to meetings where ASUCLA HR has not been transparent about how they are going to support students who are afraid of being doxxed on the internet or being screened on the internet for their hiring practices. They weren’t clear about these things. I don’t feel like workers as of now are being treated fairly. I would have much rather worked in housing if I would have known that I wouldn’t have a great experience because I didn’t. I just want to be honest with that. I do want to bring up that last quarter, there was a Daily Bruin article about ASUCLA technicians not being paid overtime. Like where were their labor practices? That had to occur because there was just so much programming in the springtime and just wanted to bring that up. I think there should be a lot of things addressed when it comes to ASUCLA divisions and how they treat their students and exploit them. I think that this wage increase will not benefit a lot of students. I see my friends come and go from UCLA jobs and going to other departments around the school because of their experiences being really hard. I want you to know that last year there was another proposal for a ASUCLA referendum and they showed us where their money came from. I would like to see a presentation on where your budgets are coming from because given that we are top three in the nation in terms of branding, I know those trademarks are bringing in a lot of money. I know the merch sales at ASUCLA. I know the actual cost of producing those sweaters is much less than what it is priced for and like that is scamming students and you are taking in a lot of profit. I think that ASUCLA definitely has money but it is just not investing in things that this proposal would invest in. I think the redistribution of funding should be considered before you propose a referendum to students, especially such a high one. LA is one of the most expensive cities to live in. To raise it to this amount is highly concerning for the same working class students that have to work jobs to make a living, to pay their housing and tuition. I think that there should be a larger discussion that ASUCLA imposes on chancellors and other UCLA entities because I think that UCLA should really think about being a participant in the UC divest campaigns. The UC should divest from BlackRock and other companies that are investing in a genocide and reinvest that same money into these spaces for culture centers. I also did not enjoy that it wasn’t specific. I don’t like that we aren’t addressing the needs of the BBRC. Their ceiling is still leaking. How are you going to work on other cultural centers, when their needs aren’t even addressed? Every time it rains it floods. The fact that this wasn’t on the proposal in and of itself is racist. You should have included some remodeling for their ceiling instead of avoiding that in your proposals. Also in my time working here at ASUCLA, I saw a lot of spaces that were not in use. Like for example, the hair salon right over here. Well, it used to be one. It is now just used for storage for supplies.

I think that should be a space for students to have and then the game room is something that I don't see being used. I know from talking to Roy that it used to be a Jamba Juice. I feel like that space could also be a center as well. There is already space that is not being used properly. Students should be engaging on how ASUCLA could use spaces that are currently here that can be repurposed for other initiatives and other programs. I would like to specify that ASUCLA is not student run in the way that we are student run. I do not trust that this money is going to be delegated by students themselves so that is why I have my reservations."

- Eliyah: "Thank you for bringing all those concerns. I think first, when it come to actual complaints in terms of ASUCLA labor violations or anything like that, I think you came to a BOD meeting and we had our legal team walk you through that and again we are happy to answer any of those concerns and questions and we take that really seriously when it comes to that. You talked about how we bring in a lot of funding through our UCLA trademark and I think that is a really good point. That is the reason that our student fee is currently the lowest out of all the UC's. The reason that it is so low is because we have this profit model that is super innovative and ensures that students don't have to carry much of the burden of ASUCLA as an organization. ASUCLA is really able to help subsidize that so we are super proud of that model. We also have more details in terms of where this funding goes and we are happy to meet one-on-one to break down all the referendums. We have it line by line in terms of where the money would go. We didn't have time to do all of that today of course, but this really is an iterative process because this is about getting buy in from the student body because this is for students and that includes the BBRC and that is very much a part of our vision in terms of where this funding would be going."
- Gabby: "I know that you probably looked at this already but is there any other way to get funding for these projects without increasing student fees, like maybe using Surplus money?"
- Jackson: "That is a good question. That is something that has been discussed but at the moment, this is the best option to go forward with and not because we don't want to use Surplus. The money that we do have right now is currently being utilized for current USAC spaces so at the moment it is not really an option for us to go to Surplus to fund this referendum."
- Sara: "I have a question on one of the points, which is I covered facility costs for establishing centers as well as I think you also mentioned that the cost of space would be reduced. Do you have exact numbers and like projections on how much decrease that would be for students?"
- Eliyah: "That is a great question, we do have a line by line breakdown of where the money goes to so we can provide that to you all. Again I do want to say that I appreciate all of this feedback. It is a process so it is great to hear what the students need."
- Katie: "Piggy backing off of Eva's comment, I understand wanting to build on this and expand on this which is why the funding increases are so high. Is there a proposal that you would prioritize or like one that you want to fund the most?"
- Eliyah: "I think the ones that require a lot of funding, orient around space specially and like I said, it is not even enough on it, we just need that as a baseline to attract more investments and I think part of the reason that we wanted to add things on top of that is just because we understand that students need something that they can immediately understand is helpful to them and addresses their needs in the short term because this really is about a long-term investment but we wanted to complement that with other things that would affect all students in the short term."
- Sujana: "I definitely share the same reservation that other council members have expressed. I think the largest thing is you know that number and students kind of immediate response to that and so I am not sure what ASUCLA already has planned, I am sure that there is plenty with you connecting with student groups, would you be open to basically like organizing a town hall like with representatives from ASUCLA there for maybe students to come and ask questions. I feel like if we advertise adequately especially with physical flyers beforehand, I think there will be a ton of interest especially because it includes an increase in student feeds. Obviously it would not be a trap or anything, it would be straightforward for students to get information that they need and I think that it would be great so that you can support them in that way."

- Jackson: “We wholeheartedly support that idea primarily because USAC is a small group but you represent a bigger constituency and like you said this is an iterative process so we are more than happy to present at large and have a town hall in person. I will reach out to you about that.”
- Jonathan: “Thank you for being here and being responsive to our questions and answering them properly. Firstly, I would like to start off and say that we need to thoroughly communicate this between us because I think it is frankly and I don't use this word lightly, reckless. I think it is a bit reckless to bring up a single referendum to raise student fees up to \$165. Again mentioned by Alicia, there is a cost of living crisis nationwide and in particular, Westwood is one of the most expensive neighborhoods not just in the country but in the world and I would like to address these as well in terms of these future community centers, have you discussed with groups that already have plans for these centers? For example, HSI with a Latinx support center. I know I had discussed this with you all in the meeting that we had, but you all had mentioned that you had not had those conversations yet and so I want to ask again if you have had those conversations because I find it fundamental because if there are no solid plans to use the funds for the Latinx Center, you would be hurting the momentum that is currently picking up with three centers on the hill. So have you all communicated with the HSI, the BBRC, or the transfer center?”
- Jackson: “We have started to further the conversation with HSI for the Latinx Community Center since our last conversation so thank you for pointing us in that direction. We are currently continually scheduling conversations with the other centers so the conversations have not stopped, they are all ongoing.”
- Eliyah: “I think part of this is also understanding our role as ASUCLA in providing these spatial needs for groups. We see that as part of our job. I mean we understand that currently we don't have the resources to sufficiently do that based on the need that we see and the beauty of having ASUCLA, of having a student board majority is that these funds will continue to be at the discretion of the student majority and so we trust that in those hands guided by the appointments of USAC, those will continue to be oriented towards the groups that need it the most.”
- Jonathan: “I did also discuss with you all about dividing this into a separate referendum because I don't love the idea of community centers being intrinsically entangled with the idea of raising minimum wage which I do think is important but I do think that those issues are fundamentally separate and they should be voted separately. I did also want to ask if you had already communicated with the financial aid office about how many students who have this covered in their financial aid as far as return to aid and just having these fees covered by financial aid.”
- Eliyah: “We don't have specific numbers on that yet and we understand that with any referendum, there is a large percentage of that that goes to return to aid and so back to the university and then that is dispersed on whatever the general disbursement of financial aid is accordingly. I don't have the exact metric for you but it is totally a valid thing to look into for us.”
- Jonathan: Just because, myself, as a student on financial aid, it is essential and I think more than anything I do want to emphasize that I don't love the idea of putting the burden of supporting students on fellow students. More than anything our pressure should be on administration because solidarity is important among students and I don't think students should bear the brunt financially of having to support their fellow students in terms of a resource center and providing funds and providing the basic necessities to campus. I will repeat what I said in the meeting that we had privately with other USAC members, this will not pass, this will not pass. Students do not like having their fees increased. A grand majority of us on this board, on this council right now, we ran on maintaining the fee as low as possible so I am giving you my honest and real feedback. I would love for this referendum to pass, I really would, but it's just thinking about the other intrinsic issues going on within the world. I don't see the feasibility now and I just want to be very honest with you all.”
- Jackson: “The other thing that you reminded me to say is that we are taking full ownership of this referendum as ASUCLA so we are not asking it to be a USAC referendum, we are not asking it to be a GSA referendum. We are not asking USAC as an organization to be putting this forward. This is an ASUCLA referendum and we are shouldering the full burden of it.”

- Eliyah: “Just to build on that, this is going to students so if students choose this, they do and if they don’t, they don’t. What we need, what we are asking for you is the opportunity to sell this to students and to really lay out what our vision is and so I think that you all understand what the needs are and we are doing everything we can to engage the community to spread this out. We want to ensure that we are balancing the needs of the organization with the student body and we will do our best to build as much support and we invite you to be a part of that process.”
- Katie: “I definitely agree with what you guys mentioned and this is something that we should be prioritizing. I do however want to echo Jonathan’s point that a lot of us did run on this idea and that we wanted to decrease student fees especially with inflation and the idea of burdening students with another student’s needs is something that is really difficult. I think it can really target those middle class students that don’t quite receive financial aid but their parents can’t provide for them and then they are responsible for the student fees. Yearly we already pay over \$2,100 in student fees and with this referendum it would be almost a \$200 increase per year. I think the idea of raising student fees is just mentally something that you know students don’t want to support which is why passing this would probably be difficult. This is also something where finding an outside organization to sponsor like the disability Center would be manageable. I would love to help with that along with other things that you have mentioned.”

E. [Surplus Proposals: First Glance](#)

Hammonds

- 37 Surplus Proposals Submitted
- Total Requested Allocation: \$3,485,415,98
- Surplus Funds Available: \$1,119,225,16

I. Office of the President

A. BruinCard Fee Waivers

1. \$4,000.00
2. To cover the replacement cost for Bruincards or provide fee waivers to students by reducing the \$25 replacement card fee to \$10.

B. LGBTQ Resource Center Support

1. \$10,000.00
2. The funding shall be used for the “provision of LGBTQ student wellness and leadership programs, such as the annual leadership institute for students, training for students, and HIV self-test kits.”

C. Election Board Candidate Supplies and Reimbursement

1. \$10,500.00
2. The 2024 Elections Board would like to prioritize the success of candidates campaigns this year and would like to give students equal access to more campaign resources. To do this, we would like to extend the amount of funds provided to candidates from the Election Board in hopes of improving candidate campaigning resources which will aid in campaigning opportunities and boost student engagement with elections. With funding from surplus, we would like to expand the Election Board grant from a variable amount (typically \$50-\$100 depending on the number of candidates and availability to funds) to \$250 to fund supplies like signboards, posters, flyers, online digital marketing resources and any other campaigning materials within the Election Board guidelines.

D. Leadership Banquet

1. \$30,000.00
2. Leadership Banquet, featuring guest speakers (e.g. administrators, campus partners, etc.) club networking, and a good time!

E. ECRT Funding

1. \$40,000.00
2. Supporting their work in aiding students in emergency grants and basic needs grants, emergency meals, emergency housing, case management support

F. Blue Books and Scantrons

1. \$50,000.00
2. Free blue books and scantron answer sheets

G. Center Support (BBRC, Transfer Center, Bruin Resource Center, Veteran Center)

1. \$60,000.00

- 2. Providing additional funds/support to various centers on campus
- H. Commuter Parking Permit Grants
 - 1. \$152,000
 - 2. Parking permit grants (covering the entire \$302.28) for undergraduate commuter students
- I. USAC Funding Bodies Additional Support
 - 1. \$500,000.00
 - 2. Increasing funds to USAC (potentially SOLE) funding bodies for students/student organizations to apply to.
- II. Office of the Internal Vice President
 - A. IVP Annual Partnership Fund
 - 1. \$50,000.00
 - 2. The IVP Partnership Fund provides financial support for campus events run by student organizations in Spring Quarter. This fund gives student groups a chance to run large scale events and is essential in helping maintain and bolster student engagement.
 - B. Housing Rent Relief Fund
 - 1. \$150,000.00
 - 2. The IVP office (HRF) is an annual initiative which seeks to lighten the initial burden of housing and food payments for students by providing monetary awards. Funds will be awarded to undergraduate students with significant financial need.
- III. Office of the External Vice President
 - A. AISA Transfer Admit Weekend
 - 1. \$15,000
 - 2. American Indian Student Transfer Weekend is a FREE event for recently admitted Native and Indigenous Transfers. This event will take place in person, on campus after the Bruin Day festivities for students won't have to make a separate trip to UCLA. AISA will provide food and a lot of information to get you ready and excited for your experience as a Native Bruin! The additional ask for funding is increasing capacity for the event because currently guests can only bring 3 friends and family.
 - B. Student Empowerment Network Day
 - 1. \$15,500.00
 - 2. Student Empowerment Networking Day (SEND) is a one-day event hosted by the Pilipino Transfer Student Partnership (PTSP) that welcomes newly-admitted and self-identifying Pilipinx transfers to UCLA and provides a glimpse of what life is like as a Bruin. Also culturally inclusive for other newly admitted transfer students and is not exclusive to the Pilipino community.
 - C. Transfer Admit Weekend
 - 1. \$25,000
 - 2. UCLA's Transfer Admit Weekend offers a dynamic and immersive experience tailored specifically for incoming transfer students. The weekend begins with a warm welcome and orientation session, followed by campus tours and networking opportunities over lunch. Transfer students engage in panel discussions with current transfers, dine with faculty and staff, and explore academic opportunities through an academic fair and faculty meet and greet sessions.
 - D. Safe Parking Initiative
 - 1. \$84,403.00
 - 2. UCLA has a large number of Bruins who are housing-insecure or super commuters. A Safe Parking Initiative (SPI) supports those that sleep in their cars at night by providing a safe place for them to do so. While building more housing and making it more affordable and accessible is the end goal of the university, SPI is a step closer to that goal by providing immediate support for those already sleeping in their cars before/after their classes, on campus jobs, or other UCLA commitments. We are hoping to secure a parking lot level at UCLA to support this, including access to restroom facilities in John Wooden or with Porta Potties.
 - E. Funding the UCLA CARE Office's Immediate Need
 - 1. \$1,000,000.00

2. This project will work towards increasing funding for UCLA's Campus Assault Resources and Education (CARE) office. It will provide a bigger CARE office in a new location, an additional prevention education coordinator, an additional advocate, and one additional staff member.
- IV. Office of the General Representative 1
- A. General Representative 1 Office Stipend
 1. \$3,480.00
 2. We are requesting to compensate the Executives, Directors, and Staffer for the USAC Gen Rep 1 office.
- V. Office of the General Representative 3
- A. Latine Student Prosperity Fund
 1. \$326,484.00
 2. The Latine Student Prosperity Fund (LASPROF) is an intended fund for organizations based on UCLA's campus to ensure that these groups are provided with the opportunity to foment the building of Latine community on campus and beyond. Given that Latine students make up approximately 23% of the student population and are not provided a direct resource center, as well as direct institutional support via such an office, student organizations are dealt with to handle the bulk of community building for the Latine community campus-wide.
- VI. Academic Affairs Commission
- A. Academic Success Referendum Fund
 1. \$3,000.00
 2. ASRF is a referendum-directed fund designed to support students achieve academic success.
 - B. Books 4 Bruins Spring Allocation
 1. \$4,000.00
 2. Books 4 Bruins is a textbook reimbursement program historically provided by AAC. This program is executed in partnership with the bookstore.
- VII. Campus Events Commission
- A. Bruin Bash Reimbursement
 1. \$12,572.64
 2. Reimbursement for CEC's contribution to BruinBash
 - B. AfroFest Honorarium Reimbursement
 1. \$13,433.33
 2. Overdue Afrofest honorarium balance for Teni
- VIII. Cultural Affairs Commission
- A. ARCIF CommUnity Fund
 1. \$30,000.00
 2. The purpose of the CommUnity Fund is to help alleviate some of the fiscal responsibilities student organizations face when putting on culturally oriented programs while also providing resources through the Cultural Affairs Commission. The fund is an auxiliary financial resource and can be used supplementary to other monetary sources. Student organizations apply each quarter for the amount of \$2000.00 for the student organization and \$200 as a stipend to the leader of the project.
 - B. CAC Concert Series
 1. \$35,000.00
 2. If awarded funding, Concerts will have the opportunity to finance two significant events. The first event will be a collaborative effort with the Caribbean Student Association to organize a student-led Carnival celebration in May 2024. The second event, titled "Love Letter 2 LA" aims to showcase the vibrant Los Angeles community and its rich culture, and is expected to happen in June 2024.
 - C. Annual UCLA JazzReggae Festival
 1. \$60,000.00
 2. UCLA's JRF is a subseries of the CAC and the two have been some of the most prominent purveyors of campus entertainment. From its humble beginnings to its acclaimed present, JRF has entertained southern California since 1986 with performances by Erykah Badu, The Roots, and Snoop Dogg with as many as 30,000 attendees.
- IX. Facilities Commission

- A. Urgent Kerckhoff Hall Office Space
 - 1. \$12,250.00
 - 2. Office Space Allocation Committee (OSAC) as a body is responsible for allocating office and storage space within the Kerckhoff Hall and responding to student concerns within these spaces to ensure that programming critical to students' wellbeing can take place. This project would respond to storage concerns by renovating existing locker space to optimize them, purchase additional off-campus storage solutions to alleviate pressure on existing office spaces and replace outdated furniture that fails to meet student organizations' needs.
 - B. Supporting the Establishment of a Disability Cultural Center
 - 1. \$100,000.00
 - 2. FAC has been working to establish the Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center for years now. Some of the barriers we have faced include identifying a central-located and accessible space on campus that we can use to house the center and financial barriers to renovate potential spaces to make them accessible. This program would be designed to supplement the EMBRACE referendum.
- X. Financial Supports Commission
- A. Address Food Insecurity with ASUCLA Pre-Packaged Meals
 - 1. \$31,061.01
 - 2. The purpose of this surplus proposal is to buy pre-packaged meals from ASUCLA so that the Basic Needs Center can distribute them to students in need.
- XI. Student Wellness Commission
- A. Community Suicide Prevention Safety Training
 - 1. \$6,000.00
 - 2. This project would fund 2 hour Suicide Safe Prevention training for 500 students. For each session that can train 25 students, it would cost \$300 per session. This includes 2 hours of pay for 2 trained RISE center Health and Well-Being Coordinators to facilitate training.
 - B. Low Cost CPR, First Aid, BLS, Certification Course
 - 1. \$16,078.00
 - 2. The SWC CPR and First Aid program at UCLA is a committee of the SWC under USAC. Our program's 30 instructors are a team of UCLA undergraduates, each certified by the American Health Association. Our organization teaches AHA Heartsaver CPR and First Aid courses as well as Basic Life Support certification courses to our attendees at low-cost in order to make these life-saving emergency skills more accessible to the community.
 - C. SWC BruiNecessities Basic Needs Gift Card Program
 - 1. \$25,000.00
 - 2. The Basic Needs Gift Card Program is housed under SWC. This program is in partnership with the UCLA store to provide gift cards to students in order to purchase basic necessities (hygiene products, household supplies, etc.) from the UCLA store. All undergraduate students are eligible to apply and depending on our budget, around 200 students are accepted every quarter to receive a gift card.
 - D. Sex Week 2024
 - 1. \$30,000.00
 - 2. The significance of Sex Week can be attested by its long history dating as far back as 2017. It is scheduled to unfold across the campus and the hill. We are currently working to confirm spaces on campus and we have reached out to the Hill to co-program for a Sexextravaganza event. We are aiming for Sex Week to be held the week of May 6-10.
 - E. RISE on the Road Wellness Vehicle
 - 1. \$30,000.00
 - 2. The Resilience in Your Student Experiences (RISE) Center is an extension of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), focused on helping students build a strong foundation of resilience that includes caring for their mental wellness through daily practice. In order to make a larger impact and increase visibility on campus, this project would fund a golf cart for RISE to transport around during their wellness event pop ups, providing mental health screening, healthy snacks, education, and resources.
 - F. 2 Weeks of Free STI Testing at Ashe Center

1. \$38,664.00
 2. The SWC Planned Parenthood Generation Action Chapter at UCLA is committed to combating obstacles that prevent students from making the best decisions for their reproductive and sexual health. For 2 weeks, we seek to offer free walk-in gonorrhea and chlamydia screening through urine tests at the second floor of the Ashe Center.
- G. Non UCSHIP Live Health Online Program for Therapy and Psychiatry Support
1. \$112,500.00
 2. Currently UCSHIP students have access to Live Health Online, an additional tele-health therapy and psychiatry resource that students may utilize in any of the 50 states, whether they are insured or not. This funding could support up to 1000 sessions for non UCSHIP students who may need to access this resource.
- XII. USAC Office Collaborations
- A. SWC/FAC Supporting the ECRT Fund
1. \$44,800.00
 2. The ECRT uses the ECRF to provide support and guidance to students who have self-identified or have been identified by UCLA faculty/staff as experiencing a financial crisis that impacts their academic success at UCLA. This includes emergency short term loans, grants, and basic needs grants.
- B. USAC Non-Referendum Office Executive and Director Stipends (OP, IVP, GR2, GR3, FAC, FSC, ISR)
1. \$47,560.00
 2. The USAC Office Staff Stipend Proposal would give stipends to staff members of USAC offices that do not have the financial capacity to pay proper staff stipends with their officer managerial budgets.

VII. Appointments


VIII. Officer Reports

- A. President Hammonds
- Reviewed appointments on Workflow
 - Met with Eva, Vice Chancellor Monroe Gorden, Interim Vice Provost of EDI Mitchell Chang to discuss University of California President allocation of \$7 million to address discrimination
 - Met with Vice Chancellor Monroe Gorden, Yolanda Gorman, and KC Bui
 - Met with Dean of Students Jasmine Rush, Vice Chancellor Monroe Gorden, and a student to amplify a variety of concerns
 - Supported the Armenian Students Association Unplugged event which raised \$1000 for their organization
 - Attended Association of Big Ten Students President meeting
 - Attended Gender Recognition Act Implementation Committee
 - Attended Black Student Lobby Day training
 - Met with the Armenian Student Association to go over upcoming collaboration on Friday
 - Attended UCLA Unhoused Task Force Kick off meeting
 - Attended Honorific Naming Committee
 - Hosted our USAC OP Townhall for service organizations
- B. Internal Vice President Law
- The Appointments Review Committee conducted eight (8) interviews for positions including USAC Judicial Board and the Transfer Student Representative position. Both appointments for those positions will be made next week at the USAC Meeting.
 - Last week, Megan met with Sujana and Katie (AAC) to discuss their textbook affordability plans and how to move forward with them.
 - This past weekend Megan was creating and editing the surplus proposal presentation. We apologize that it was not open to viewers to see as there were still changes and edits being made to current proposals.
 - The IVP office is currently in touch with My-lan, the USAC Elections Board Chair to discuss the future appointments of the Elections Board Vice Chair and directors within the Elections Board.
 - Today, Megan met with Jessica to discuss the current IVP surplus proposals and other logistics regarding to the overall financial process.

- Thank you to everyone who came to Our Professional Headshot Day at the Career Center! It was very successful with over 20+ attendees! Thank you to Jonathan, Gen Rep 3, for collaborating with us on this!
- The Constitutional Review Committee will most likely be meeting this week so if you have any bylaw changes to submit, please do so to Gabby, Eva, and Megan.
- Please fill out this survey about Course Material Costs from the BruinLearn Working Group!
www.tinyurl.com/uclacoursecosts
- The IVP Office posted a graphic distinguishing Inclusive Access and Bruin One Access since these new changes will be implemented in the Fall. Please share it on your social media platforms!

C. [External Vice President](#)

Jussim

- Local
 - Mutual aid event this quarter/Spring quarter?
 - Week 10 with Echo, we have left over food gift cards. We could just get water and socks. Total expected expenses could be \$400.
 - Updates on ASUCLA STC letter?
 - Draft is done for the Op-Ed on the West LA Armory Shelter. Beginning a new op ed for STC with the FAC-EVP survey data.
 - Working with Winston to do data analysis from survey responses.
 - A.B. 1818 or USAC surplus. Obtaining specifics about LBCC parking program
- State
 - Finalizing SLC attendee list: 35 students to Sacramento Thursday-Monday.
 - Preparing legislative agenda, leave behinds.
 - Total of 15 meetings with different legislators in state government.
- Federal
 - Hill Day prep: 12 students attending. Finalizing hotels, flights.
 - Staff doing in depth research on each of UCLA's representatives.
 - Letter of support for Bruin Cubbies. USAC resolution addressed to Sen. Butler
 - Update on UCLA GCR's programming during UCSA Hill Day?
 - Tuesday, event taken over by the alumni association.
 - Event might be with the Chancellor.
- Met with Rep. Sherman
 - Met with his policy advisor. Maybe the craziest lobbying meeting lol.
 - Seemed responsive to heavy rail argument.
 - Congressmen will not publicly support either option, he will support whatever Metro moves forward with.
 - Good start in building a relationship.
 - Wants a follow up on survey data, preferences for alternatives
 - Doesn't prefer alternative 4.
- "If you're interested in learning about LA Metro's administrative structure and how to advocate for an on-campus station at UCLA, STC4All is holding a virtual presentation on March 6th at 5:00 pm for Ambassadors on conducting targeted advocacy towards Metro in support of STC4All's goal of a Sepulveda Transit Corridor with an on-campus UCLA station. Sign up to be an Ambassador [here](#) and RSVP for this Ambassadors-only event [here](#)."
- Doing a safe parking proposal for surplus!
- The City of Santa Monica is conducting a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) for the Big Blue Bus (BBB) system to enhance transit service for riders in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles. The City of Santa Monica invites members of its community to join one of our Public Workshop meetings. Join us next week for one of our public Workshop meetings.
 - Option 1: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 [Zoom link to register is here](#). The meeting itself is 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.
 - Option 2: Thursday, March 7, 2024 Santa Monica Library, Multipurpose Room 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. [Register here for Thursday](#).
-  \$7 million funding meeting with IVP Chang and VCSA Gorden (funds going towards anti discrimination policies and proposals to allocate it across campus)

- Monthly meeting with VC Beck
 - To recap: VC Beck prefers a stop at UCLA's campus but not a preference on the modality.
 - "Not opposed" to a people mover solution. Aka alternative 2. Budget constraints no matter what is chosen. If it is a separate system, that could be redlined and UCLA could end up without the connection.
 - "Still have concerns about what connectivity looks like" for Alts 1-3 with how they "interface with teh purple line and expo line"
 - "Not a supporter of the bus alternative"
 - What can you do then about alts 1-2 to make sure those at least are not chosen?
 - A new letter signals pressure on a certain outcome and that is not what they aim to do...???
- FAC survey stats

D. [General Representative 1](#)

Pool

E. [General Representative 2](#)

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F. [General Representative 3](#)

Valenzuela Mejia

- Overall Office
 - Midterm report has taken a little longer than expected but will have that out by the end of the quarter.
 - Working working working but would like to graciously appreciate my staff and directors for all of their hard work!
- Platforms:
 - Bruin Health
 - Masks available in the 3rd floor Kerckhoff elevator station
 - A map outlining COVID-19 test stations will be available soon! (thank you to my marketing staff)
 - Bruin Representation
 - Held the first ever Latine Caucus this past Thursday and reunited a variety of Latine student leaders together to discuss a variety of issues impacting the community.
 - Worked on the LASPROF which was presented earlier today to provide financial support to Latine students and their organizations .
 - Meeting with UCB connections soon to discuss long-term collaborative efforts as well as HSI to plan our collaborative Latine Town Hall event later in the spring.
 - Planning to host another Latine Caucus in the spring to discuss more issues and building solidarity amongst the different groups.
 - Bruin Worldwide
 - Matches were released earlier today!
 - Planning future events in the coming quarter
 - Meeting with ISR (Adam) soon to discuss transitioning the program to ISR to have a permanent home for Bruin Buddies and maintain its longevity.
 - Bruin Resources
 - Recorded the how-to video with IVP staff outlining the very important resource of having the professional headshot booth available.
 - Working on collaborating with Latine student organizations on one to two events next quarter highlighting internship and scholarship opportunities for Latine students.
 - Meeting with AAC to discuss collaboration!
 - Bruin Convenience
 - No updates :(

G. [Academic Affairs Commissioner](#)

Srihar

H. [Campus Events Commission](#)

Miller

- INDIE ROCK CONCERT
 - THIS THURSDAY MARCH 8th
 - doors open 8pm

- Wescom Terrace
- Inner Wave featuring Swede and Skogen
- JUST ANNOUNCED... JACQUEES TICKET GIVEAWAY
 - win two tickets to see Jacques live at The Novo DTLA 3/23
- finalizing another sponsorship,, big things coming
- Breakfast on Pluto (Irish Screening)
- March 12th, 7pm in Ackerman Grand Ballroom

I. [Community Service Commissioner](#)

Wong

- Met with Jonathan, Fernando and Bruin Shelter to discuss potential use of surplus to help with a housing insecurity relief program
- Support of cost of space operation

J. [Cultural Affairs Commissioner](#)

Verdugo

K. [Facilities Commissioner](#)

Kanuri

- COUNTDOWN TO 03/05/2024 ELECTIONS: 0 days!
 - Here's where and how to vote!
 - If you're registered to vote in LA County primaries, make sure to vote YES on the HLA measure!

<p>Los Angeles City (1) Vote Passage-Majority Vote (50% + 1)</p>	
<p>HLA</p>	<p>CITY MOBILITY PLAN STREET IMPROVEMENT MEASURES. INITIATIVE ORDINANCE HLA. Shall an ordinance providing that when the City of Los Angeles makes a qualifying improvement to a City-owned street (e.g., a paving project), the City must also install certain street enhancements described in the City's Mobility Plan network of pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicle routes; and requiring the City to provide publicly accessible information regarding street improvements; be adopted?</p> <p>Supporters: Sierra Club; LA County Labor Fed; LA County Business Fed; Move LA; Streets For All; SEIU Local 721; UNITE HERE 11; TreePeople Opponents: John Russo; Jay Beeber; Peggy Huang; Lauren Matthews</p>

- Office Space Allocation Committee (OSAC) has released their space applications for 2024-2026! Here is the application and here are the guidelines! Deadline: March 15th, 2024 (Week 10 Friday)
 - OSAC is still hiring committee members for 1- and 2- year terms! Please advertise <3 (they're not stipended!)
 - Bruin Bazaar will be holding a clothing swap event on Kerckhoff Patio on tomorrow, Wednesday of Week 9 (3/6) from 11 am - 2 pm! Come hang out, speak to sustainability orgs, check out a reusable mug from Kerckhoff, and trade clothes!
 - There will be a virtual Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Public Workshop tomorrow, Wednesday, March 6th from 6-8 pm! BBB will be using the public input to enhance transit service for riders in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles. You can register for the webinar here!
 - There will also be an in-person workshop in the Santa Monica Main Library's Multipurpose Room on Thursday, March 7th from 5:30-7:30 pm. You can register for that workshop here!
 - Also tomorrow: Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00 pm, STC4All will be holding a virtual presentation with an overview of the LA County Metro's plans of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project! If you're interested in attending or receiving a recording, please RSVP using this form by Tuesday, March 5th!
 - The FAC Graphics & Publicity team is hiring staffers!
- Access & Infrastructure:
- Some members of the Commission met with the Bruin Policy Institute on Wednesday, 2/28 to discuss ideas to increase advocacy regarding universal transit for students in surrounding schools.

- One of our Access on Board directors, Savannah, met with EVP and Brad Sherman’s legislative director to discuss expressing support for Sepulveda Transit Corridor alternatives 5 and 6!
- Building Our Space is continuing to work with Emily Han to plan the release of a scooter survey in Spring Quarter.
- The Transportation, Equity, and Access (TEA) team is continuing to plan their Basic Mobility Event in collaboration with Move LA and UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies for April 18th.
- TEA is also planning to apply for speed bumps on Levering and Strathmore/Le Conte.

Sustainability:

- I attended the Buy Your Values Monthly Meeting on Thursday, 02/29 with other campus stakeholders to provide updates and plan for a meeting with ASUCLA Trademarks & Licensing.
- I attended the Buy Your Values meeting with ASUCLA Trademarks & Licensing and the Bookstore director on Monday, 03/04 to discuss the possibility of and logistics behind implementing Made in LA merchandise in ASUCLA stores. Made in LA merchandise is sustainably and ethically sourced at all steps of production and would support ethical purchasing ASUCLA standards.
- EJ Now! has sent out over 30,000 messages in text-banking efforts to encourage voters to vote YES on Measure HLA.
- Sustainagoals is finishing up their final draft for waste signage in the Court of Sciences, and they should be implemented by Week 2 of Spring Quarter.
- Bruin Bazaar met with UCLA Housing to discuss their Donation Rotation project in efforts to reroute on-campus donations around move-out time back to students in need.

Appointments/Committees:

- The Honorific Naming Committee met on Wednesday, 2/28 to determine the maximum number of honorific names that can be designated in the next 10 years. The Committee also began to go through potential sites for renaming on UCLA’s Westwood campus.
- TGIF Committee met with Cal Poly Pomona’s TGIF to discuss ways to increase engagement and sustainable programming on CPP’s campus on Friday, 03/01.
- Aviv Schifrin of the Transportation, Equity, and Access team sat in on the Campus Bike Advisory Committee Meeting on Monday, 03/04, as they discussed bicycle parking, wayfinding, signage, and future meetings.
- I met with EVP Eva, Michael Beck, and Michelle Sityar on Monday, 03/04 to discuss UCLA messaging regarding Metro’s six alternatives for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project.

Internal/Administrative/Miscellaneous:

- I met with the Commission’s SGS advisor to discuss four surplus proposals: OSAC, ECRT, PD stipends, and Disability Cultural Center.

L. [Financial Supports Commissioner](#)

Broukhim

M. [Student Wellness Commissioner](#)

Kang

- SWC Updates

- [Weekly SWC E-Board & Committees’ Updates Sheet](#)
- SWC Town Hall March 12th 5pm Ackerman A-Level Viewpoint

Conference Room

- 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 and drinks!
 - Attend for a chance to win an Apple Watch!
- Successful implementation of new COVID-19 all across campus!
 - Huge thanks to the Disabled Student Union, Dr. Chitali at the Ashe center, and the (now sunsetted) IDMT for their teamwork and hard work
- Bruin Run/Walk [registration has now opened!](#)
 - Join us at the 24th Annual Bruin Run/Walk, a 5K race benefitting the Painted Turtle on April 21st, 2024! You can run it, walk it, dance it! Create a team and bring your friends and family! For a limited time, we are currently doing FREE UCLA student registration with promo code: “uclastudent2024” — Sea you at the finish!

- Peer Support Lounge open through week 10!
 - Kerckhoff 308 open to all students for snacks, coffee, tea, lounge space
 - Tuesdays through Thursdays weekly from 10am-5pm
- UCLA Radio collabs
 - Sexperts: Mondays 11pm
 - Active Minds: Sundays 12pm-1pm

N. Transfer Student Representative

O. International Student Representative

Tfayli

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Skipped administrative reports for this week.

IX. Old Business

A. Election Code Change: Article V Sec. 5.1 2.a.ii*

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- Megan moves to approve the entirety of the Election Code for 2024, Jennis seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the election code is approved.

B. Resolution in Support of AB 1818 (2024)*

Hammonds

- Jonathan moves to approve the Resolution in Support of AB 1818, Sara seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the Resolution in Support of AB 1818 is approved.

C. Resolution Condemning the Genocide of the Ethnic Armenian Population of Artsakh and Calling for the UC's Immediate Divestment from the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Turkey*

Hammonds

- Jonathan moves to approve the Resolution Condemning the Genocide of the Ethnic Armenian Population of Artsakh and Calling for the UC's Immediate Divestment from the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Turkey, Sara seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the resolution is approved.

X. New Business

A. A Resolution in Support of an Earmark in Appropriations for Bruin Cubbies*

Jussim

- Eva moves to approve a Resolution in Support of an Earmark in Appropriations for Bruin Cubbies, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and the resolution is approved.

B. Letter in Support for Bruin Cubbies*

Jussim

- Eva moves to approve an all council sign-on letter to send to the Californian government, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and USAC all signs onto the Letter in Support for Bruin Cubbies.

C. Vote on Restricted TGIF Funds for Spring Allocations*

Kanuri

- Nilaya moves to vote on the restricted TGIF funds for Spring Allocations. This amounts to \$280,651.26 from past years, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and it is approved.

D. Personnel Matter*@

Kang

- Jennis moves to table Executive Session, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the Executive Session is tabled.

E. Discussion on Surplus Proposals

Hammonds

- Naomi: "This is really just going to be a discussion after hearing the proposals and going about a brief conversation before we hit Friday where we are going to do the final presentations and voting on the actual other items that are going to be approved. However since then we have gotten various emails, various public

comments, and so this is an open stage for council members. First I want to know how folks are feeling and then also to give my two cents on what has occurred.”

- Chia Ying: “CSC has restricted our surplus for our transportation needs because we have to buy events and when projects get into accidents, the insurances costs a lot of money so a consequence of that is that over the years, we have accumulated a sum of money in all surplus and I want to use that surplus because there is no point in accumulating so much money that is not being touched so some of the proposals today I feel would help to fund a lot of good things.”
- Naomi: “I will say a few things because we did get questions about this and I will just bring it up because as I explained in our last meeting and I am pretty sure that I gave my explanation for that last meeting so those that didn’t see that, here it is again. That specific proposal for last summer was for last summer’s programming. When it comes to proposals that are submitted and approved by council, that is a whole separate council that approved those funds that were supposed to be used for those different events. It is not supposed to be used for different events even if it is the same event for next year. It is for that summer that came and went. If those funds were to be used for this summer, that would be something that last year’s council would have to vote on in order to do it. I believe that the funds that we are talking about were restricted by this council prior to the fiscal year closing because you know that was the only way to carry them into this term.”
- Jessica: “Yeah, so technically, it was last council’s initiative that you all voted to restrict very early on in your terms, probably the first or second week so it may be a little fuzzy remember.”
- Naomi: “Yeah, even going based off of that, I don’t think anybody should be restricted funds in their first few weeks of being council members because I didn’t know the full scope of what restricting funds meant but it is also the fact that your program was supposed to happen last summer and now we are towards the beginning of spring quarter. It was also restricted under a certain office, the Gen Rep 3 office, which is Jonathan now, and if that council member doesn’t want to do the programming, do the collaboration because it should be coming from that office, that actually does the proposal for all these events, it should be coming from your office.”
- Jonathan: “Wait, so then I would still be able to use those funds for those intended purposes this year or not?”
- Naomi: “That would have a whole different proposal because what I am saying is that this proposal was specifically for programming last summer. If it had just said summer programming generally over the next two years, that is a different story. Because these funds were not used last summer, that is why.”
- Sujana: “I just wanted to contribute to the conversation. I first want to say that I appreciate the fact that you have your own responsibilities as president that I am not aware of so definitely not trying to misinterpret that. I do think that the fact that we voted to restrict the funds that that was our decision shows the initial commitment that we made and I understand if there is for example, that summer 2023 issue where that specificity is a problem, but I do think that we should do everything in our power to help that programming go through this summer because we did show up as a council that we voted and saw the value in allocating the funds for this purpose.”
- Naomi: “Also just talking about summer as a whole, we aware talking of SGA, it is very hard to give funds during the summer because of the simple fact that not many people are here and we have talked about that after the fact that is because we pretty much haven’t given funds over the summer for various programs. Not saying that students can’t apply, but just because our staff is very limited, especially in SGA.”
- Jonathan: “I think it would have been nice for all of us to have had that discussion a year ago and I just wish because like when I motioned to restrict them, I was under the impression of like I am not leading this programming but I want them to be easily available to those who requested them so it would have been good to know that beforehand. I also do voice my support just because in previous instances, I am a very strong

supporter for students to get their voices heard because at the end of the day, our paychecks every two weeks are funded by student fees and so I think every student should be able to speak to us.”

- Alicia moves to reopen public comment at 10:20pm, Sujana seconds.
- By vote of 9-0-4, the motion passes and public comment is opened again.

- Naomi: “Okay, moving back to our discussion on Surplus. It was an overall general discussion on the Surplus proposals. The other topic of the email that we received was that there were some late applications from a multitude of people. The deadline was set for a reason, it was agreed by people that were at the meeting, that were present. That is what I have to add to that. Everybody had the 3 pm deadline. There are proposals that I thought about an hour later that was upsetting because I didn’t get to submit them. I did not make an exception for myself, I am not making an exception for anybody else.”

- Chia Ying: “I am just going to recap what Thyra mentioned in her letter. My opinion is that even though this was technically supposed to happen last year and we didn’t vote to restrict it, I feel like if they are able to produce a plan of evidence that this can still be carried out and the that \$45,000.00 is still going to be carried out based on what they had intended it to then, then I personally would be in favor of supporting them getting back that allocation. I think similarly for the TSR allocation that was allocated \$35,000.00 for the ASU Transfer Student Body. I think this one is a little bit tougher because currently there is no one in the TSR position, and for this one I am a little more hesitant because I am concerned about who would be carrying out the program. Then for the last thing, about the proposals that were submitted 15 minutes late. I also just want to give some grace and also let that be considered because I know it is a really tight turnaround. 15 minutes is not something that I think should be penalized.”

- Naomi: “I want to say that I do hear you, but I didn’t set a deadline then what could I do. How can I compare it to other ones? There has to be a specific date and time and when we talked about it first for a deadline at noon and honestly it makes it very hard because council meetings are a requirement and this is where you are supposed to be and even after the meeting, people didn’t know about and it is like yes because we talked about it here at eh meeting. Jonathan sent an email very detailed with the meeting and a link so that everyone had the same information as everyone else. The proposals were supposed to be submitted by the commission so that also probably aided in the delay of that proposal because another person was trying to submit it. So that is just miscommunication between the commissioner and their staff. It would be a different conversation if it was submitted and we go from there but my thing is if you cared about it enough, I feel like it would have been handled properly.”

- Chia Ying: “Yeah, I think that is super valid for like funding bodies and stuff but I think there should be some leniency around this one.

- Eva moves to consider ASU surplus proposal, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 6-4-0 the motion passes

XI. Adjournment

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 11:00pm.

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