



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
October 29, 2019  
7:00PM

## **I. Call to Order**

Watson

- Robert calls the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

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

- Sign in sheet is passed around

## **II. Approval of minutes\* (Outgoing/incoming)**

- 10/22/19
- Kim motions to approve minutes from 10/22/2019, Joanna seconds the motion
- 8-0-1 motion passes; 10/22/19 minutes are approved

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

- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocation, add discussion item for Elections in New Business, add action item for New Business for discretionary money to buy a new laptop, add discussion items about fires in new business
- Lalo motions, Shahamah seconds, New Business item for discretionary money to buy a new laptop is added
- Kelechi motions to approve the agenda as amended, Shahamah seconds
- 9-0-0 motion passes and agenda is approved as amended

### **Elections Board Updates**

Shajari

- Voting started yesterday at 7am and closes tomorrow at 5pm.
- We had our endorsements/meet the candidates/ a debate last Thursday and it went pretty well
- Planning on doing more class raps tomorrow

### **Elections Conflict of Interest**

- Robert: My concern going forward is that students in oversight positions in committees, especially government oversight positions using their positions on those entities to, I don't want to say intentionally, but that is a conflict of interest. When your boss is a person running and endorsing that person in a government position, specifically in a government oversight position that is a conflict of interest. I think that that's something I'm concerned about going forward, regardless of who's running. I think it's a difficult situation because, at least from the Daily Bruin's perspective, they can't just not endorse students because they serve on government positions, if anything that's a qualification but that also presents challenges with essentially their boss that's essentially designed the oversight position in student media.
- Naomi: I think my question is what is the alternative?
- Dr. Geller: It's a tricky situation because the paper has the right to do endorsements. I think what's important is that they're disclosing the relationship to comm board. A conflict of interest means you're voting to benefit from the outcome. Some might argue they might lose because they're going to lose a member of comm board if a member of comm board is elected.

### **Contingency Programming\***

Komzyuk

- Requested: \$25,550.95
- Recommended: \$12,794.00 for USAC and non usac entities
- Shahamah motions to approve recommended amount for contingency programming, Lalo seconds
- 9-0-0 motion passes, recommended amount approved

### **SFS Allocations#**

Wisner

- Requested: \$1,690.16
- Allocation: \$1,233.36
- CSC and non-CSC groups
- No oppositions, SFS allocation approved

### **~~Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#~~**

Guerra

### **SWC Programming Fund Allocations#**

Sridhar

- Allocated \$1,074.02 plus tax
- Two non-USAC groups
- No opposition, allocation approved
- Requested \$2,577.21

### **ASRF Allocations#**

Riley

- Allocating \$538.87 to non-USAC entities
- No opposition, allocation approved

### **AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#**

Riley

- Allocation \$1,368.80 to non-USAC entities
- No oppositions, allocation approved

### **ARCF Allocations#**

Iheanacho

- Allocating \$9,160.00 to non-USAC entities
- No opposition, allocation approved

## **IV. Public Comment**

Watson

- No Audio No Video
  - 0 comments
- Audio No Video
  - 0 comments
- Audio and Video
  - 0 comments

## **V. Special Presentations**

- None

## **VI. Appointments**

- None

## **VII. Officer Reports**

### **A. President**

Watson

- Student body got an email sent out about voting and to encourage voting in elections
- Succulents Event happening tomorrow where we give you succulents when you vote
- Gender Recognition Task Force met today, my big priority is gender inclusive housing
- Basic Needs Committee meeting next week

### **B. Internal Vice President**

Bonifacio

- USAC connect doing user testing on filter for funding
- Off campus living fair on January 21,2020

- Campus safety alliance next meeting is next week
- Publicity working on a new logo to rebrand IVP office

C. External Vice President

Guerra

- Applications have been closed for conference
- Ucsa sending a letter to UCOP with the boards decision
- My office is co-hosting Lattes and Legislation

D. General Representative 1

Velazquez

- Meeting with registrar tomorrow
- CAPS town hall november 21st
- Just released a new logo
- Retreat this weekend

E. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Riley

- Meeting with Dean Blandizzi about a proposal I want to bring to council

F. Campus Events Commission

Steinmetz

- Monday we had a coffee cart on a level of Ackerman
- Doctor sleep free sneak on thursday
- Queen and Slim a free sneak eventbrite just went up

G. Community Service Commissioner

Wisner

- Day of service this saturday

H. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Iheanacho

I. Facilities Commissioner

Shaw

- Next pop up swap meet in bruin bazaar wednesday of next week
- Recent OSAC appointment just resigned, jessica and our office are making the move in and move out decisions

J. Student Wellness Commissioner

Sridhar

- SWC-wide General Meeting (expected attendance: 150 students) to be held next Tuesday.
- Eight Interns have been hired and start shadowing Executive Board Members this week.
- Active Minds: [Mindful Eating Workshop](#) with BITF this Friday 2-4 pm in CAPS
- Body Image Task Force: [Body Positive Art](#) event 11/6 from 6-8pm in De Neve Plaza Room B
- BruinNecessities: 3: YRL menstrual hygiene dispenser is up at the CLICC desk!
- Bruin Consent Coalition: Handing out “My Culture is not your Costume” stickers on Bruin Walk with CARE this week.
- EARTH: Documentary Screening in De Neve Plaza Room on Nov. 16th from 6-9:30.
- SHA: Collaboration with Global Health LLC at Dykstra Hall Floor 5 next Wednesday.

K. Transfer Representative

Oraha

L. International Student Representative

Shahamah

- Not enough representation in the conversation cafe, would like more undocumented/international students

M. Administrative Representatives

Aboagye,Alexander,Champawat,Geller,Kadota

- Joshua Connor (Associate Director on the Hill) : If there is anything you all need- space access, if you’re trying to get ahold of anyone on the hill please let me know. I work with all the student governments and advise all the student governments on the hill. I’m here for you if there’s anything I can do to support. Next Monday we’re having town hall all of the directors will be there.
- Jessica: On Monday we’re having the 3rd installment of the training workshops. Topic is booking space, student union event fund, how bruin lottery works. 12-1 in ackerman room 2408.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- None

## **IX. New Business**

### **Safe Parking Resolution\***

#### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SAFE PARKING**

Shaw

- **WHEREAS**, UCLA has a significant amount of unhoused students, undergraduate and graduate, and many cannot afford either campus housing rents or off-campus housing rents.
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- **WHEREAS**, the average cost of rent in the Westwood neighborhood and surrounding areas is \$4,883 per month which places Westwood as the most expensive zip code to rent in California and the third most expensive zip code to rent in the nation.<sup>1</sup>
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- **WHEREAS**, UCLA Undergraduate Students are only guaranteed three years of housing if they are traditional access students and one year of housing for transfer and are subject to differing rates based on the lottery system for housing. While UCLA on campus housing options may be slightly cheaper than the private alternative, the lack of availability leaves students vulnerable, and the lottery selected housing style may not be suitable for all students.
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- **WHEREAS**, due to methodological limitations of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's annual homeless count and the fact that the University of California has to date not attempted a comprehensive count of housing insecure students, the university cannot credibly claim that there are few students experiencing houselessness.
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- **WHEREAS**, a significant number of those students experiencing houselessness choose to sleep in their cars, mostly in places such as unsupervised city streets, where there are substantial threats to the safety and security of those students.
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- **WHEREAS**, on July 30th, 2019, the Los Angeles City Council renewed Municipal Code 85.02 through January 2020, extending restrictions which impose fines for vehicle dwelling on a majority of city streets in Westwood and Los Angeles while providing no signage to indicate what streets are off-limits for vehicle dwelling during what times.<sup>2</sup>

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<https://www.latimes.com/business/realestate/hot-property/la-fi-hp-expensive-rent-westwood-20180929-story.html>

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<https://dailybruin.com/2019/09/20/city-council-extends-restrictions-on-car-dwelling-potentially-harming-students/>

- **WHEREAS**, Bruin Shelter only has the capacity to house 18 to 27 individuals per academic semester.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, Bruin Shelter only accepts applicants who are between 18-24 which excludes the significant UCLA population of non-traditional students.<sup>4</sup>
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- **WHEREAS**, 14% of community college students experience houselessness, and half of the 33,000 community college students surveyed are housing insecure.<sup>5</sup> Houselessness, especially when it stems from lack of affordable housing, is not solved through transferring to a UC, so students who were housing insecure before coming to UCLA will most likely continue to be housing insecure after they have transferred.
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- **WHEREAS**, other UC campuses, including UC Santa Cruz, have passed resolutions to support Safe Parking Programs on their respective campuses
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- **WHEREAS**, Safe Parking programs have been launched in many different cities, including Santa Barbara, San Diego, Los Angeles, etc.
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- **WHEREAS**, we understand that this is merely a short-term solution towards the increasing housing insecurity and houselessness in California but this is an important step towards addressing the material, hygienic, and safety needs of at-risk students.
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- **WHEREAS**, Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz has encouraged UCLA to allow students experiencing houselessness to park and sleep on campus lots.<sup>6</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation and Safety Committee of the North Westwood Neighborhood Council recommended that “UCLA Transportation identify on-campus parking lots which could be opened for vehicle dwelling of verified enrolled UCLA students and supplied with necessary hygienic and safety infrastructure.”

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- **THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the USAC encourages UCLA Administration to formally comment on the issue of safe parking to validate the lack of resources for students experiencing houselessness.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.businessinsider.com/ucla-shelter-college-student-homelessness-2017-4>

<sup>4</sup> <https://newsletter.alumni.ucla.edu/connect/2016/may/bruin-shelter/default.htm>

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<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2017/03/a-striking-number-of-college-students-are-hungry-and-homeless/519678/>

<sup>6</sup>

<https://dailybruin.com/2019/09/20/city-council-extends-restrictions-on-car-dwelling-potentially-harming-students/>

- **THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the USAC calls upon UCLA Transportation to acknowledge this problem and take steps to work with students to create a safe parking zone.
- Johanna motions motions to approve resolution, Kelechi seconds
- 10-0-0 motion passes, safe parking resolution is approved

Discussion Item: Donald Trump Jr. Event

Bonifacio

- Naomi: I think the first thing that should be addressed is that we were at a CSA meeting and it was explicitly said that controversial speakers were going to be coming because it's "that time of the year". When I asked who they were referring to there was a refusal to even talk about it. He literally said "just take a controversial topic and put it on the table and you'll divide a campus." I think it's really worrisome that there wasn't any notification. I was there the first time that Charlie Kirk was brought to UCLA's campus and I remember how triggering and traumatic it was for me to even be in that room as a form a protest and how triggering and traumatic it is for a lot of students who continuously have to go through far right wing speakers coming to campus and just spewing a bunch of hate speech and anger and riling the campus up and making it unsafe. We were at the Campus Safety Alliance meeting and there was nothing, like you could've prepared us, it's a safety issue. I'm really disappointed about that to say the least.
- Robert: It's a difficult position because people have the right to speak here. What we have to grapple with is the aftermath of students going and protesting. I don't think we don't have any authority to cancel the event but we have to deal with the aftermath of it.
- Jonathan: My main concern is that these events are an extreme safety issue on all sides. I don't feel like anyone has any real safety plan in place and no one really knows what the actual plan is. That to me is ridiculous. It's not even a matter of politics, it's a matter of your students' safety. We need to be putting the safety of our students first. When these things happen we need to have a different focus on safety.
- Robert: The university spends a significant amount of money on the security of these events, which can be viewed as sponsorship. I just agree that notifying in advance is a huge thing that should've happened that didn't.
- Johanna: Hasn't it been a thing that if you bring controversial speakers to campus and you know that they're high profile and need security you need to pay for it? And aren't there different fees associated with how many students from UCLA go to the event versus how many non students go to the event?
- Dr. Geller: There was a policy that set forth a percentage of audience that had to be Bruincard holders in order for the campus to pay the security fees. I'm not sure if that's still in place. The policy that governs safety is UCLA Interim Policy 862. The university has to administer it's funds on things such as security for this event.
- Johanna: I have been looking at the event, I'm not sure how they are okaying this when they don't have estimates of how many students are going to attend. When I go on the registration on the event, it doesn't ask me if I'm a UCLA student. My question is how is the university going about selecting this criteria when we don't know how many of the attendees are going to be 70% of UCLA students. All it says is that students will have priority.
- Robert: This would be a good discussion to create a resolution. I think calling in Michael Beck would be good.

\$400 to Allocate to new USAC Live Laptop from Discretionary\*

- Kim: I'm asking you all to allocate at least \$400 to buy a new USAC live laptop from discretionary fund. It would just be a chromebook.
- Kelechi motions to approve \$450 for a new USAC live laptop, mihika second
- 10-0-0 motion passes and \$450 is allocated from the discretionary fund to purchase a new laptop for USAC live

#### Fire Updates

- Naomi: Vice Chancellor Michale Beck responded and wasn't necessarily concerned with our concerns in the letter he was more concerned with the alleged inaccuracies in the letter. I also emailed him and addressed the inaccuracies that he highlighted within the email that he sent. I also want to acknowledge that the email was never actually sent to me it was sent to Robert and the GSA President Zak. We let him know we are requesting a meeting, GSA President endorsed and supported the letter entirely and was really upset with Chancellor Beck's correspondences. There is gonna be another Santa Ana wind event tonight so be on the lookout for Bruin Alert updates. I would recommend looking at LA fire updates as well.

#### **X. Adjournment\***

Watson

- Kim adjourns meeting at 8:41 pm.

#### **Good and Welfare**

\* Indicates Action Item

# Indicates Consent Item

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