

AGENDA

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL April 7, 2020 7:00PM

Zoom

I. Call to Order

- Robert calls the meeting to order at 7:08pm
- A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
 - none

II. Approval of minutes*

- 3/31/2020
- Lalo motions to approve minutes from 3/31/2020, Kim seconds
- By motion of 9-0-0 the motion passes, minutes from 3/31/2020 are approved

III. Approval of the Agenda*

- Add discussion item for Academic Senate
- Add discussion item about E-Board Letter
- Move action items up in the agenda, after public comment
- Strike ARCF
- Strike Travel Grant Mini Fund
- Strike ASRF
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike OCHC Officer Report
- Strike Gen Rep 3 Officer Report
- Strike ISR Officer Report
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Strike Gen Rep 1 Office Report
- Strike TSR Officer Report
- Lalo motions to add the removal of SOS to the agenda, Millen seconds
- By motion of 9-0-2 the motion passes, action item vote to remove SOS added to agenda
- Lalo motions to approve the agenda as amended, Brandon seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

<u>UCPD</u>

IV. Public Comment

Audio No Video:

- 0 comments

Audio and Video:

- I hope that you are doing well. I wanted to give you guys a couple of updates. We are transitioning to remote organizing. For this spring quarter our focus is going to be our new voters campaign. We've also added a public health campaign to increase access to COVID-19 testing. Asking you all to circulate the petition about this. We've also been

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working on a pledge to stay home campaign. We're continuing our work on our affordable textbook campaign. Thank you guys for everything you've been doing right now and let me know if there's anything we can do.

- I just wanted to give you guys an update on our campaign to make textbooks more affordable. We're working to make that happen at the UC wide level. We're still doing our campaign remotely. We're gonna be working to connect faculty to these resources.
- Public comment concluded at 7:23pm

Elections Board Updates*

- 1. Powering ahead on finding substitute events
 - a. Partnership with BallotPedia
 - b. Zoom Webinar for Debates
 - c. Candidate Profiles on Website
- 2. Changes to election calendar
 - a. Social media advertisement
 - b. Entries vs submissions
- 3. Campaign Orientation went well and had optional walkthrough
- 4. Endorsements...still figuring it out. Will have instructions/form done by end of this week.

Social Media Guidelines*

Add:

Regulation 4:

- 1. It is within the full discretion of the Elections Board Chair to specify new, temporary social media guidelines and approval processes during the election season for platforms or campaigning mediums not mentioned in these guidelines.
 - a. Temporary guidelines expire at the conclusion of the Spring Election
 - b. Prior to using social media platforms that are not explicitly mentioned in these guidelines, advice should be solicited from the Elections Board as to the appropriate approval, tagging, and disclaimer method.
 - c. Candidates who utilize novel social media platforms or campaigning mediums without the advice from the Elections Board on how to appropriately receive approval, tag and/or use the disclaimer can be issued sanctions, including, but not limited to suspension of campaigning.

Rename regulations to make sure sequentially numbered.

- Lalo motions to add Regulation 4 to social media guidelines, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 9-0-3 the motion passes, Regulation 4 added to regulation guideline

Election Ballot Presentation*

Sidhu

Overall

- 35 applications submitted, all candidates passed eligibility check
- 2 candidates withdrew, so 33 actual candidates
 - The field isn't necessarily as big as some years, but much more competitive than last year(s)
- 3 referenda (2 after tonight?)
- All non-commissioned offices contenstested no fall special elections (unless disqualifications)
- 2 slates: For the People and Cost-Cutting Innovations

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1. President	<u>5</u>	Aniq Chunara; Josh Feldman; Josuel Vasquez; Naomi Riley; Orion Smedley
2. Internal Vice President	<u>2</u>	Brandon J. Broukhim; Emily Hong Van Luong
3. External Vice President	<u>2</u>	Aidan Arasasingham; Carl Illustrisimo
4. General Representative	<u>9</u>	Andrea Robinson; Atharva Kulkarni; Clare Glavin; Elijah Wade; Jong Hyeon Lee; Justin Rodriguez; Sam Haddad; Sophia Su; Viktor Chanchykov
5. Academic Affairs Commission	1	Breeze Velazquez
6. Campus Events Commission	1	Alice Naland
7. Community Service Commission	1	Jonathan Wisner
8. Cultural Affairs Commission	1	Promise Ogunleye
9. Facilities Commissioner	<u>2</u>	(1 Withdrew) Draco Tong; Sachi Cooper
10. Financial Supports Commission	1	Noe Garcia
11. Student Wellness Commission	1	Christina Read
12. Transfer Student Representative	<u>4</u>	(1 Withdrew) Deven Streeton; Nawa Arghandiwal; Zuleika Bravo
13. International Student Representative	<u>3</u>	Bakur Madini, Nadine Xerxes Avari, Nox Yang

Referenda	UCOP Approva I	Language	Designated Campaign Representative
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<u>1. CUBS</u>		Shall the Undergraduate Students Association address the space, resource, and programming needs of undergraduate students from historically underrepresented and marginalized communities by implementing a new ASUCLA CUB fee of \$15.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$9.00 per UC undergraduate student enrolled at UCLA in summer session), to supplement the Ackerman student union fee of \$22.00 per quarter, beginning in Fall 2020?	Alexandra Davis	
<u>3. GCGP</u>	√	Shall the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) institute a new fee of \$0.33 per undergraduate student per quarter beginning in Fall 2020 to fund school supplies and hygiene products to be distributed for free to UCLA undergraduate students at USAC's Good Clothes Good People redistribution center?	Sneha Thirkannad	

- Lalo motions to remove SOS referena from the ballot, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 10-0-2 the motion passes, SOS referendum removed from the ballot
- Johana motions to approve ballot for the election, Mihika seconds
- No opposition, ballot is approved

Election Board Giveaway Items Allocation*

Election Board Proposal

4100	Membership Fees				
210	Administrative Overhead				
5001	Assistance				
00000	Commission/Dept Related	16,666.00	5,264.00	0.00	11,402.00
6010	Supplies				
00000	Commission/Dept Related	1,555.00	666.63	0.00	888.37
6040	Services/Subscriptions				
00000	Commission/Dept Related	6,000.00	72.00	0.00	5,928.00
6110	Graphics				
00000	Commission/Dept Related	7,700.00	67.92	0.00	7,632.08
6120	Daily Bruin Advertising				
00000	Commission/Dept Related	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
6135	Outside Advertising				
00000	Commission/Dept Related	2,030.00	120.21	0.00	1,909.79
6220	Programming				
00000	Commission/Dept Related	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
6310	Facilities				
00000	Commission/Dept Related	400.00	367.80	0.00	32.20
6410	Hospitality				
00000	Commission/Dept Related	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
4800	Surplus Withdrawal				
230	Contingency				
6010	Supplies				
09986	EB: Computer and Furniture	1,377.40	1,317.21	0.00	60.19
6015	Computer Equipment				
09986	EB: Computer and Furniture	1,495.75	1,495.75	0.00	0.00
6220	Programming				
10204	EB: Candidate Orientation 4/2/2020	183.33	0.00	0.00	183.33
10205	EB: Meet the Candidates #2 4/22/2020	1,177.67	0.00	0.00	1,177.67
6410	Hospitality				
10204	EB: Candidate Orientation 4/2/2020	311.67	0.00	0.00	311.67
10205	EB: Meet the Candidates #2 4/22/2020	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
	Total 2106 - Elections	50,496.82	9,371.52	0.00	41,125.30

"Red-Box" Money "Available": \$27,490.44 Committed: \$

- 1. 888.37 for Supplies
- 2. 6k for my.UCLA
- 3. 7.5k for DB
- 4. 3k on social media ads
- 5. 1k on social media giveaways
- 6. 2k for MTC platform
- 7. 1k for Zoom Webinar Subscription
- 8. 3.3k Candidate Reimb (\$100 each)
- 9. 600 for staff/admin appreciation

Uncommitted: \$2,302.07

Proposal Pt. 2 We want 20% voter-turnout

= .20 * 33,000 students = 6,600 students

Incentivize 6,600 students

= 6,600 * \$5 = \$33,000

5 dollar eGifts

- Naomi motions to allocate \$15,000 for election board giveaways while also making it more broad and inclusive, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 3-7-3 the motion does not pass
- Naomi motions to allocate \$10,000 under the same conditions, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 6-5-2 themotion passes, allocating \$10,000 from contingency to election board for incentives to vote with the condition given that the amount is increased and that it's applied broadly for gift cards that can support students

SIOC/CRC Budget Reports*

Velazquez

Lalo: So as you might have seen, Assistant Vice Chancellor Mick Deluca sent us over three years of budget reports that, at least in my opinion were more of line items than concise budget reports. So I kind of wanted to bring it up to council to see if that constituted our idea of a budget report. Because I know we agreed to release the checks to both committees pending the receipt of those budget reports.

Roy: In terms of information I think information was released that covered the basic definition and these fees are quarterly fees. So these fees from fall were based on the communication. I think if you want additional clarification I recommend a good action to take would be to sort of specify what additional things you're looking for and give AVC Deluca a chance to respond to that.

Robert: Yeah and I talked to Roy a little bit about this. I think Roy's suggestion was to address the problem this week and then give them a week to respond and see what happens. I suspect we won't get answers, I know that's pessimistic but I suspect that we will not get answers or clarification. And then once that happens, moving to withhold the checks. Particularly the two problems I have with the budget are one, I don't think it's a budget I think its a [indiscernible] report. It doesn't address the problems we initially brought up about how the money is being spent. Then the large component to this is that this is evident that the money is never arriving to the committees. So only a small portion is arriving to the committees for approval.

Lalo: I just also wanted to bring up too that I think it's incredibly problematic that USAC received the budget report but from my understanding the committees did not. I don't feel satisfied because they also didn't receive the "budget reports".

Naomi: I just wanted to say I totally agree with Lalo. When I looked at the budget I just thought it was incredibly disheartening that we had waited for months and those were the only line items that we received. I agree with Lalo, I think this meeting can arrive earlier and I do think it's within AVC Deluca's purview to the meeting up.

Robert: The other concern I have is that this came from Deluca in the first place. I think I feel somewhat disrespected and this should've come from the department we're seeking the money from and that we're seeking the concern from, and I think the fact that the department has been unwilling to engage with us, to me is somewhat concerning. My concern with this is like, what is \$30,000 of travel and entertainment being spent on? What is this Promise fund? We don't know and the biggest problem with this is that \$1,262,000 was never approved by the committee, like a small portion of that was, like a few hundred thousand dollars. I think that Mick has a responsibility to know that we're talking about this right now and to address it and if he doesn't within the next week I think then we can move forward with releasing the funds contingent upon receiving an actual budget that we've been asking for for over a year now. Also demanding that the money goes to the committees as a whole for approval.

Robert: I think maybe a good idea is, Lalo, if you're able to send an email maybe outlining these concerns made by council and letting Mick know and also letting Mick know we're going to be voting next week to do this so he has the opportunity to respond or say something, and then voting for it.

Reallocation of Contingency Funding*

Brandon: So I have two Contingency allocations that I got over the year that were not spent. Obviously it's not possible to get a printer or a retreat at this point and I think there are better uses for the money anyway. I wanted to give a good amount of this to Naomi's Books for Bruins fund. I realize they've received a lot of requests and they could use the money during this time. I'm open to moving it to other places as well. Whatever doesn't go to Books for Bruins can go back into contingency.

Brandon: I had one allocation for a computer accessory for \$350.15, the other one was for \$375 so that is \$690 and some change. I don't mind giving the full thing to Books for Bruins.

David: In terms of the contingency fund we received one application this week, and also based on Vuong's report there is a lot of money in this account. I don't anticipate that we'll get that many applications. We're very much open to helping funds like the Books for Bruins.

- Brandon motions to allocate the full amount (\$690) to the Books for Bruins fund from the contingency allocations on 1/14/2020 originally allocated for Gen Rep 3 winter retreat in the total of \$375, and 1/21/2020 for \$315.15 for computer accessories, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, allocation is approved

Capital Contingency*	Minasyan
<u>Contingency Programming*</u> Total Requested: \$874.24 Total Recommended: \$544.34 - Lalo motions to allocate \$544.34 to non-USAC entities , Kelechi seconds - By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, contingency allocation approved	Minasyan
SFS Allocations#	Wisner
SWC Programming Fund Allocations#	
Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#	Guerra
ASRF Allocations#	
AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#	
ARCF Allocations#	
TGIF - No allocations - Updates: - No longer distinguishing between mini and main fund - No deadline	Shaw
- We don't anticipate a large volume of applications	

- Broadening the scope of funding guidelines to extend to student relief efforts

V. Special Presentations

VI. Appointments

<u>Jenny Wang for Finance Committee Vice Chair*</u> - Lalo motions to appoint Jenny Wang for Finance Committee Vice Chair, Kim seconds

- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, Jenny Wang appointed to Finance Committee Vice Chair

VII. Officer Reports

A. President

- Been meeting with Vice Chancellor Gordon and Pat Turner
- Concerned about the academic senate
- Meeting with the Chancellor yesterday that went good
- Working on initiative to improve voter turnout
- Initiative to make transparency report for student fees
- Working on Blue Book/Scantron Initiative permanent
- Working on making Basic Needs committee more transparent
- Sending an email out to the student body soon

B. Internal Vice President

C. External Vice President

- Meeting with Janet last week, I feel like it wasn't a very effective meeting
- Weekly COVID calls with UCSA
- Selected giveaway winners from spring break

D. General Representative 1

- AVC Deluca has committed to bringing together all of the student initiated graduation chairs along with SOLE advisors and other student advisors staff to get this planning process started

E. General Representative 2

- Working on budget analysis
- Finished simulating elevators

F. General Representative 3

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

- Went through the Books for Bruins applications, we were able to consider everyone
- Currently working with USIE program, trying to advertise USIE program as much as possible
- Meeting with analyst for academic senate to push forward our recommendations in regards to textbook affordability
- Last week we had our final priority enrollment meeting
- My office is creating graphics and links to guide people on what the policy changes that were enacted

H. Campus Events Commission

- In process of trying to figure out programming to settle down with
- Office is going to start doing weekly yoga classes via Zoom
- Working on seeing what we can do to live stream of events

I. Community Service Commissioner

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Wisner

Steinmetz

Minasyan

Watson

Bonifacio

Guerra

Velazquez

Smedley

Broukhim

Riley

- Concerts are moving online
- Word and art series are thinking about moving their programming online as well

K. Facilities Commissioner

- Office hours Wednesdays 10am-12pm PST
- First all staff meeting this week

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Srivastava

- Reproductive health center is moved online
- Got more I-clickers
- Wrote a letter that advocates for compensation for student workers
- Working on reducing tuition

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Sridhar

- SWC: Basic Needs Grants and COVID-19 SWC Scholarship will be open next week if you want to help out with funding let me know and I'll keep you in the loop.
- Bruin Consent Coalition: Digital internship application is open; ongoing list of resources for survivors of SVSA on social media.
- CPR & First Aid: Developing webinar-based First Aid instructions contact me if you know any student groups interested in a free class.
- Total Wellness: MoveWell Zine launched! fb/ ig: @uclatotalwellness.

N. Transfer Representative	— Oraha
O. International Student Representative	
P. OCHC Representative	
Q. Administrative Representatives	Alexander, Champawat, Geller,

O'Connor

Jessica: For TGIF the new application is live now. That will be a live link through the end of the quarter. Doing virtual office hours Tuesday and Thursday.

Vuong: We are still accepting recs, if you guys can just email them to us.

Fernando: We have added a programming fund section to our website. This is our main way of communicating funds other than our social media.

Josh: Housing is moving forward with housing moves out of De Neve courts, that's been going well. Dining options are going to increase starting next week. More dining options will be expanded.

VIII. Old Business

Discussion Item: USAC Budget/Funding

Kim: This was just to continue our conversation from last week about whether or not our office budget, if we can make some sort of COVID relief fund for it of some sort. From my office I personally still have around \$7,000 that I still don't know what to do with it, I'm planning to give a good chunk to it to Books for Bruins, it seems like Naomi could really use that money.

Millen: My office has been receiving a lot of questions and suggestions as to what USAC can do. It would be beneficial to pull our money together and create one large USAC relief fund.

Johana: I just looked at my budget and we are at \$64,322. Yes it can go to Books for Bruins but there's a lot of flexibility for that funding. If Mihika is already doing a COVID relief fund, I'd like to see what that is about before we do a council relief fund. I'm also open to using that for future Bruin posts out of my office budget.

Shaw

Bonifacio

Mihika: I'd love to talk more about what SWC has in the works and I'm open to talking about collaboration. To give some background, but essentially we also have an exorbitant amount of money, especially because Bruin Run Walk which is our most expensive event, it's around \$30,000 is not happening anymore and won't be happening for the year of 2020. So we have all that money, not to mention there's no way every single committee is gonna use their entire budget on online programming and giveaways. As of now we have committed to putting \$35,000 into these two grants. So the first one is a basic needs grant and everyone who applies will get some sum of money, the only limitation is that it's used for people's basic needs such as menstrual hygiene, oral hygiene, exercise, even utilities. Each person can apply for up to \$100 and we're phasing out this grant process over the rest of the quarter so it'll be open in two week cycles where we'll have sort of like a cap of how much money we give out every two weeks but it won't be first come first serve because people's applications will rollover to the next phase. We're either gonna do a reimbursement if their need is immediate, if their need is not as immediate and they don't have the means to front any type of money we will do a cash advance type process. The larger grant is essentially \$500 and there's two short answer questions on it and that's it. Anyone who's a UCLA student can apply. Right now based on the 35k we're planning to give out 30 of those. I really like the idea of collaborating and maybe even putting all of our budgets together, the only reason that might be difficult is the more people we have reviewing applications, the harder it'll be to decide who we can give the money to.

Kim: If we were trying to do one big USAC relief fund I just don't think USAC as a council would be able to review it so it should be a committee. We're trying to avoid what was about to happen with surplus fund.

Robert: So I guess for council members moving forward, if you have money you would like to move maybe message Vuong and he can help direct you. Let's get these budget transfers started and then representatives from offices.

IX. New Business

Discussion Item: Academic Senate

Naomi: We are awaiting a meeting with the chair of the Academic Senate. It's been a long process. My senators and I have barely been consulted. It seems that the chair has not taken in USAC's recommendations in any way.

Riley

Robert: I think that obviously a lot of this is in regards to the grading discussion. We came to a conclusion that we were unanimously behind. I was upset when I got the call from the chair person that basically said we already decided, too bad. I just would like to argue that it was not a good way to go about making a decision on grading that I would argue impacts students more than it does faculty or administration. I guess i'm just disappointed that there's an institution that has the power to make these decisions but is making these decisions without the input of the people they're impacting.

Naomi: This goes beyond the pass no pass situation. I don't believe any of them were seriously considered. We are working to see what can be done but at this point we are going to wait to see what that looks like.

Naomi: What we can do this week, we can repolish letters or concerns that we had addressed with the committee. What do yall think?

Lalo: I think that works.

Brandon: I think that's a good plan.

Kim: So the plan of action is to meet on Thursday and then to send it to Academic Senate members as well as the Dean of Colleges?

Naomi: Yes.

Discussion Item: Eboard Letter

Watson

Robert: I don't think there's a lot to say. We wrote a letter. I've expressed my opinion and Election Board has expressed their opinion and J-Board has expressed their opinion. So addressing the substance of the letter, I don't have anything to add, except obviously this is something that is important and the reason we addressed it is just hearing about what we talked about in the past which was the process of internal elections being exacerbated to an extent where candidates feel like they cannot run for office or feel pushed out of running for office.

Johana: i think my issue with this is an issue i have with you robert, which is your communication skills. You've said you can sign whatever you feel like, and that's fine. We all have the power to do plenty of things as council members. It just feels really weird to look at that letter and not find out about it until it's released. I feel like it sets a weird tone for council when you're addressing certain offices but those offices didn't know.

Robert: I understand. I think that as the person that kind of serves as the spokesperson for council I could understand why doing these kinds of things would raise that concern. I was intentional about what logo I'm including in this letter and my role in this letter. I would disagree that this is a trend that has been abnormal from what past presidents have done.

Isabel: I really disagree that this was an appropriate step to take. I think that this is a problem that can be extrapolated to mean more than what is actually happening.

Kelechi: Can we not beat around the bush in regards to what the context is. I think I feel really similar to Johana and Isabel that without context this comes across as way more serious than it needs to be.

Isabel: My issue is you signed onto a letter based on privileged information you knew that you weren't gonna tell anyone else but you were all expecting us to understand the gravity of the situation based on your letter that was just calling out people without any context.

Robert: Everything in this letter has been discussed publicly in previous meetings which is the issue of internal elections. It is very public information that offices are doing internal elections and offices are also hiring before they know that they're contested. Maybe the letter wasn't clear enough that that was one of the fundamental problems.

X. Adjournment*

- Robert adjourns at 12:31 am Good and Welfare

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

Watson