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I. Call to Order

Velazquez

- Breeze calls the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

II. Approval of Agenda*

Gatica

- Strike ARCF
- Strike TGIF
- Jane verbal report
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Strike BAG
- Strike CPC Brian Moreno Alvarez appointment
- Tayloneei motions to approve the agenda as amended, Herman seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

III. Approval of the minutes*

Gatica

7/26/2021

- Tayloneei moves to approve 7/26/2021 minutes, Emily seconds
- By motion of 12-0-1 the motion passes, 7/26/2021 minutes are approved

IV. Public Comment

Jeffry: Hello everyone, thank you madam President and members of the council. My name is Jeffry Umana and I address you tonight in my capacity as the IDEAS Internal Representative. I want to first thank you madam Internal Vice President for your courage and strong display of active allyship in reaching out to IDEAS to bring this matter to council. Sadly it is a role Iwish more of your fellow councilmembers have taken per their promises to the undocumented community during the campaign. In any case, I urge all councilmembers to sign onto the statement of solidarity before you tonight, the recent DACA decision impacts undocumented communities in ways that extend far beyond the economic and the academic, it represents yet another time that the immigration system in America continues to place politics over immigrant peoples' very own humanity. In this time of crisis and uncertainty, I ask that you all sign onto this statement to urge the UC and UCLA to take the steps necessary to ensure undocumented students have the resources not only to retain in school, but to live and carry lives of holistic wellness. Council has a responsibility, not as the undocumented community's voice, but as their ally to take every step within their reach to help push our community and fulfill your commitment to help advocate with us to ensure we have what it takes to live the lives we are entitled to. This statement is the first step, we demand action next. Your vote tonight is significant and we will remember just the way it plays out. Thank you.

Public comment concluded at 7:09pm

V. Funding

Capital Contingency*	J. Wang
Contingency Programming*	J. Wang
3 non-USAC entities	

Total Allocated: \$1,550.00

- Tayloneei moves to approve \$1,550 to 3 non USAC entities, Hailey seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, Contingency Programming funds are approved

Subhan Subhan

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#	
Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#	Wang
ASRF Allocations#	Quint
AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#	Quint
ARCF Allocations#_	Ogunley
TGIF	Ni

VI. Special Presentations

USAC Expenditure Viewer Presentation and Demo

Linder

Expenditure Transparency

The annual USAC budget is nearly \$10,000,000. Some questions arise...

- Is USAC being transparent with its money?
- If so, how do I see the budget?
- Where does that money come from?
- What is the money being spent on?
- Is the money being spent efficiently?
- Are our student fees being put to good use?

Features

- Expenditure data from 2002 now
- Keywords that display the amount of money spent in that category based on size
- See when the money was spent
- View the size of the transactions
- See where the money comes from
- General ledger (ex. Special fee remittance is money not directly spent by USAC, but that they are delegated to oversee)
- Filter to the data you want
- Raw accounting data displayed as line items
- The line items are searchable

Alternative Solutions

Other ways of solving some of the same problems include...

- Graphics
- Expense Reports

The USAC expenditure viewer has all of the features of these, and more!

Lasting Effects of the Expenditure Viewer

- Increased USAC expenditure transparency
- Better communication between USAC and student body
- More student engagement, better USAC sentiment
- Easier access to financial data during USAC meetings
- USeful for people involved in accounting
- Future updates will make the data even more accessible to students

Where's it at now?

- It is now available through the USAC website
- Newly released, ready to receive feedback from students (and council)
- Next step is to be housed in a USAC office, through a bylaw

Community Guidelines

- Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing ("I" instead of "they", "we," and "you").
- Participate to the fullest of your ability community growth depends on the inclusion of every individual voice.
- Maintain an open mind for new perspectives from this presentation and from others in your community.

Goals

- To become aware of the identities of the transfer community at UCLA, the UC, and beyond;
- To better understand the systemic barriers to access that exist for transfer students;
- To develop and incorporate action items that support transfer students

What is my own history with transfers?

Some questions to ask yourself include...

- How many transfer students do I personally know?
- Are any of my close friends transfer students?
- Are there transfer students in my office?
- Does my office use transfer inclusive language?
- When making decisions, am I including the transfer perspective?
- What do i know or not know about transfer issues and needs?

UCLA Transfer Statistics (2019)

- 6,306 transfer students
- 22-27% of the undergrad population
- 93% come from 1010 CA CC's
- 47% of incoming transfers live in UCLA housing
- Average Age: 23
- 15% are over 35 (about 950 students)
- 44-48% of transfers are first generation college students

Who are UCLA Transfer Students?

- Community College Students
- First-Generation Students
- Non-Traditional Students
- Parenting Students
- International Students
- Financially Independent
- Traditionally Aged Transfer Students
- Veterans
- Commuters
- Athletes
- Undocumented/AB540 Students
- 4-year to 4-year Transfer Students
- System Impacted
- Students who were formerly incarcerated
- Former foster youth
- Students in Recovery
- Out-of-State Students
- Adult Learners/Returning Students

UCLA Transfer History and Department Roles

Since 2001

- Transfer Student program est. 2009 under the BRC
- Transfer Leadership coalition was created in 2014 to advocate for the TSR position

- Office of the TSR was est. 2014
- Became a center and moved to Kerchoff in 2017
- In 2019 the TLC advocated for the Transfer Officer position in UCSA

Roles of CCCP & TSC

- Center for Community College Partnerships
 - Center for outreaching to underrepresented and low-income community college students to empower students and provide guidance on transferring to a four year university.
- Transfer Student Center
 - Center for supporting and connecting students to opportunities and resources though intentional programming

Academic Challenges and Obstacles

- 2-year time constraint
 - Overcoming familial, financial, social, and cultural barriers
 - Barriers to advocacy opportunities because of minimal institutional knowledge
 - Unclear transfer pathways and modes of communication post-transfer
 - Transitional challenges post-graduation for transfer students
- Graduation Rate
 - 2-year transfers graduation rate: 70.9 vs. 4-year freshman graduation rate: 82.3%
- Restrictions on changing major and adding majors
- Adjusting to quarter system
 - Work loads, connecting with professors, and large class size
- Finding/using campus resources
 - Resources weren't created with transfers in mind
- Balancing Responsibilities
 - o Families, jobs, commutes, and school
- Financial issues

Transfer Shock

- Transfer shock refers to the tendency of a temporary dip in GPA when student transfer from one institution of higher education to another
- Students may take longer to graduate than those who begin their undergraduate career at a four-year university
- "Transfer shock...may happen for a number of reasons because there are many differences between the community college and the university. Just as with "culture shock" being in an unfamiliar environment and learning to navigate the skills, tools, and resources available people tend not to perform at their highest level."

Social Challenges and Obstacles

- Feeling overwhelmed
 - o Time management
- Lack a Sense of Belonging and that they matter to the university
 - Diverse community is often unmentioned
 - Imposter syndrome
- Meeting/connecting with peers
- Overcoming Community College Stigma
 - We only got here because CC was easy/not challenging
 - o Poor people take the CC route
 - We aren't stat smart to succeed at UCLA
 - We are difficult to interact/communicate with

REFLECT: How has my knowledge of transfers changed?

Some questions to ask yourself include...

- Which of the statistics or facts stood out to me most?
- What was I surprised about?
- What do I feel equipped to talk about with my family and peers?

Consider...

- Understand that not all students are direct entry (4 years)
- Use transfer inclusive language:
 - Call incoming students 1st year transfers or 3rd year students, NOT freshman or 1st years
- Recognize the validity of our past experiences, skills, attributes, and knowledge
- Be mindful that we often have many other responsibilities
 - o Careers, jobs, families, commuting

ACTION:

- Active
 - Active actions refer to tangible measures that include or support transfer students
 - Examples include changing by-laws, adding transfer roles, or including transfers in spaces other than a transfer position
- Passive
 - Passive actions refer to ideological measures to include or support transfer students
 - Examples include asking yourself the transfer perspective question when making decisions as simple as a social media post or an event

VII. Appointments

OSAC: Joycelyn Liu* Regan Jane moves to appoint Joycelyn Liu to OSAC, Tayloneei seconds By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, Joycelyn Liu appointed to OSAC Campus Retention Committee: JeRonimo Thomas* Yu Herman moves to appoint JeRonimo Thomas to Campus Retention Committee, Promise seconds By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, JeRonimo Thomas appointed to Campus Retention Committee The Green Initiative Fund: Chervl Ma* Ni Promise motions to appoint Cheryl Ma to The Green Initiative Fund, Maya seconds By motion of 11-0-2 the motion passes, Cheryl ma is appointed to The Green Initiative Fund The Green Initiative Fund: Maddie Wilson* Ni Tayloneei moves to appoint Maddie Wilson to The Green Initiative, Jane seconds By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, Maddie Wilson appointed to The Green Initiative Fund The Green Initiative Fund: Grace Leary* Ni Jane moves to appoint Grace Leary to The Green Initiative Fund, Maya seconds By motion of 12-0-1 the motion passes, Grace Leary appointed to The Green Initiative Fund The Green Initiative Fund: Ragini Srinivasan* Ni Jane moves to appoint Ragini Srinivasan to The Green Initiative Fund, Tayloneei seconds By motion of 12-0-1 the motion passes, Ragini Srinivasan appointed to The Green Initiative Fund UCLA Committee on Disability: Samantha Bodger* Ni Herman moves to appoint Samantha Bodger to the UCLA Committee on Disability, Sarah seconds By motion of 12-0-1 the motion passes, Samantha Bodger is appointed to UCLA Committee on Disability UCLA Committee on Disability: Grace Song* Community Activities Committee: Yesica Guzman* Velazquez Jane moves to appoint Yesica Guzman to Community Activities Committee, Herman seconds By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, Yesica Guzman appointed to Community Activities Committee Community Activities Committee: Simran Athwal* Velazquez Tayloneei motions to appoint Simran Athwal to Community Activities Committee, Emily seconds By motion of 10-0-3 the motion passes, Simran Athwal appointed to Community Activities Committee Campus Programs Committee: Brian Moreno-Alvarez* Velazquez

VIII. Officer Reports (check for more linked reports)

A. President Velazquez

- Released apps for FSLCC staff

- Reviewing projects to move forward
- Opened IG for the student advocate board
- Finishing cases this week

B. Internal Vice President

Gatica

- Meeting with student orgs about their roles and plans, connecting them with resources and my office
- Finance directors meeting with FiComm this week
- Released USAC IVP application, closes this Sunday
- Marketing directors doing an amazing job
- Met with Hailey to discuss a mental health resource guide our offices are working on
- Met with CSA Vice Chair
- Worked on USAC statement in support of undocumented students

C. External Vice President

Wang

- UCSA board meeting we had our elections recently, recruiting for system wide opportunities, still working on tuition increase, prepping a letter for UCSA
- Sept 4th, 2021
- Important dates to be aware of August 16th, August 30th

D. General Representative 1 Written

Valles

External Updates:

- Bridging the Gap
 - A. Finalized staff, hiring a total of 9 staffers
 - B. Hosting introductory staff meeting this week which will include presentation on USAC + GR1, covering basic expectations
 - C. Outreached to Cal State Northridge BUILD PODER program to set up a meeting
 - D. Focus on researching and coming up with formalized proposal for the STREAM initiative
- II. Decoding Academia
 - A. Finalized staff, hiring a total of 5 staffers
 - B. Hosting introductory staff meeting this week which will cover basic expectations
 - C. Outreached to AAP to set up meeting to discuss workshops
 - D. Working with ISR on incoming student guide
- III. Foster Youth Advocacy
 - A. Finalized staff, hiring a total of 3 staffers
 - B. Hosting introductory staff meeting this week which will cover basic expectations
 - C. Met with administrative rep, Patty, to discuss UCLA Bruin Guardian's List of Demands
- IV. Seat in the Classroom
 - A. Finalized staff, hiring a total of 5 staffers
 - B. Hosting introductory staff meeting this week which will cover basic expectations

Internal Updates:

- I. REGROW
 - A. Finalized staff, hiring a total of 3 staffers
 - B. Hosting introductory staff meeting this week which will cover basic expectations
- II. Social Media
 - A. Finalized staff, hiring a total of 2 staffers
 - B. Hosting introductory staff meeting this week which will cover basic expectations
 - C. Working on office introductions post & establishing posting schedule
- III. Community Over Competition
 - A. Finalized staff, hiring a total of 4 staffers
 - B. Hosting introductory staff meeting this week which will cover basic expectations
 - C. Met with CAPS administrative leadership to discuss office initiatives
 - D. Created draft for Mental Health Coalition Proposal
- IV. Finances

A. N/A

V. Chief of Staff + GR1:

- A. Planning staff initiation
- B. Outreach & Planning for the office's initiatives
- C. Check-ins
- D. Continuing conversations with LGBTQ Resource Center Training Proposal

E. General Representative 2 Written

Pungchai

- Week or two ago: talked with Academics Commissioner and Facilities Commissioner about the state of BruinCast on campus
- Finalizing staffing decisions
- Talked with Jacob Linder and fmr. Gen Representative Orion Smedley about the Expenditure Viewer project progress

F. General Representative 3 Written

King

- Met with Financial wellness program administrator about coordination with Gen Rep 3 Financial Literacy Program
- Continued to promote student body survey and started answering questions
- Met with Caps Exec Director regarding Caps Budget and expanding caps access
- Attended meeting with professors regarding transition back to campus
- Extended staff hiring applications

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Sanghavi

- Continuing with Bruin Bash and EAF planning with CAC.

I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Subhan

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

- Been working w internal directors to get ready for school year
- Working w directors of art initiative and figuring out how to structure everything, getting ready to launch initiative
- Working alongside maya on bruinbash the past few weeks
- Preparing for hiring for the fall

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Ni

- Finished hiring, sent our staff acceptances
- Had a meeting w environmental health and safety about collaborate
- Talked to breeze n angie abt potential referendum
- Meeting w ppl from ucla dining about a reusable pilot program on the hill
- Had a meeting w CAE and DSU
- Had another meeting w CAE about notetaking accommodations for students
- Attendented a climate workshop w climate leaders at UCLA
- Angie and i continuing to work on setting up a community for disability justice

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Yu

- We have been coordinating with Student Government Accounting to sort out any remaining relief fund disbursement issues, such as checks that have bounced back, PayPal account errors, and incorrectly formatted mailing addresses. SGA has told me that they are finishing up the last tens of disbursements this week. Students with questions about the relief fund disbursement should email them to usacrelief@gmail.com.
- One of my recent/most pressing FSC responsibilities has been trying to appoint a person to the Campus Retention Committee (CRC). After our first prospective appointment to the position was ultimately not appointed by USAC vote, we are putting up JeiRonemo Thomas as a prospective appointment at this council meeting.
- I am trying to find a prospective appointment, the Commuter Liaison, to sit on the Undergraduate Commuter Committee.
- Onboarded all directors to their positions in FSC.
- Co-Sponsored the EVP's Resolution to Oppose the Cohort-Based Tuition Model. FSC directors coordinated public comment in opposition to the Regents' proposal. Ultimately, the proposal was passed.
- Co-Sponsored TSR's Resolution in Restructuring the Basic Needs Committee, and Herman, Tayloneei the SWC, and I
 met with admin about it.

- FSC Education committee directors are working with ISR on New Student Survival Guide project. FSC will be researching and writing the housing and financial aid part of the guide.

Terminated initiatives:

- Explored the possibility of purchasing secondhand iClickers from a former student, referred to me by a former FSC. We decided to not move forward. Once we are allowed access to the FSC office, I and the FSC Campus Affordability committee directors will take inventory of our current iClicker supplies and other loaner materials to assess how best to expand during the school year. We hope to do this inventory in a few weeks, before Fall starts.

Upcoming initiatives:

- Got our FSC Westwood Business Liaison director up to speed with our current Westwood business contacts, previous deals and processes. We will begin trying to revive and create new discounts with Westwood businesses.
- We are drawing up our general staff application, to be released soon, mid-August.

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Jackson

- SWC Wellness Wednesdays on Instagram/Twitter @swcucla are live now!
- End-of-the-year \$10k grants distributed to LGBTQ Center, Ashe, CAPS
- Working on budget breakdown for committees + overall office
- Doing 1:1s with committee directors and executive board staff!
- Currently working on transferring all of our emails to official USAC emails
- SWC is currently working on the following summer assignments:
 - UCLA Wellness Hub
 - o Planning Health Equity Summit
 - Planning Healthcoming
 - Planning DiverSWC Workshops
 - Working on weekly Wellness Wednesdays posts
 - Updating the SWC brand
 - o Prepare committee applications for general staff

N. Transfer Representative Written

Chavez

- Interviewed seven prospective appointments for CAC, CRC, and TGIF as the Appointments Review Committee
- Met with Kayla Lam, TSR Director of Student Activities regarding the Transfer Awareness Training for Council

O. International Student Representative Written

Garcia

O. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Chacon, O'Connor, Luna, Perez, Solomon

Josh: I just have 2 things I want us to think about, we need to make a decision within the next meeting or two whether fall meetings will be virtual or in person. Also, our next meeting is on the 23rd, the following meeting is on September 6th which is Labor day, so we won't be meeting this day. So you all will either need to do a meeting on either the 30th or the 13th. I just want to put that on your radar.

Fernando: Just a quick reminder from Irma, for those who have the funding to start paying your directors she would like to get the ball rolling so they can start getting paid by the beginning of the year.

IX. Old Business

Academic Senate Appointments*

Quint

X. New Business

A Statement in Support of Undocumneted Students*

Gatica

USAC Statement in Support of Undocumented Students

The USAC Office of the President, Office of the Internal Vice President, Office of the External Vice President, General Representative 1, General Representative 2, General Representative 3, Academic Affairs Commission, Campus Events Commission, Community Service Commission, Cultural Affairs Commission, Facilities Commission, Financial Supports

Commission, Student Wellness Commission, Transfer Student Representative, and International Representative, affirm that we stand in complete solidarity with undocumented students at UCLA and the entire undocumented community as per the recent DACA decisions that occurred.

United States District Judge of Houston, Andrew S. Hanen, ruled on July 16th, 2021, in *Texas v. The United States* that the *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals* (DACA) was unlawful as a result of President Barack Obama and the administration exceeded its authority by creating the program in 2012. The DACA program that consists of over 500,000¹ young immigrants, protects them from deportation and allows them to study, work, and live in the United States.

While DACA renewals will continue to move forward, the ruling prohibits the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from approving first-time DACA applicants, leaving thousands of applicants, including those attending UCLA, unprotected for what should be basic rights.

As representatives of the student body, we condemn Hanen's decision that DACA is unlawful. We urge the university and entire University of California system to stand in solidarity with undocumented students. The UC system is an educational institution, and with that should work to ensure that undocumented students' rights to access and retention in higher education is protected from the unjust political, judicial, and immigration system that has clearly harmed immigrant communities. The UC system can do this by urging Congresspeople and Senators to pass citizenship for all undocumented immigrants and by ensuring that they are providing the resources undocumented people need to have access and retain themselves within their schools.

As a council, moving forward we will continue to stand in solidarity with undocumented students on campus and beyond. This includes working in collaboration with UCLA *Improving Dreams, Equity, Access and Success* (IDEAS) when it comes to advocacy work regarding undocumented students, to ensure that we as a council are making decisions with the community. Furthermore, we as a council, hereby commit ourselves to ensuring that the entirety of USAC and our individual offices and commissions are not only inclusive of undocumented students, but actively implement programs, initiatives, and provide resources that uplift, empower, and directly support the needs of undocumented students.

In solidarity,

Breeze Velazquez, President
Cassandra Gatica, Internal Vice President
Sarah Wang, External Vice President
Hailey Valles, General Representative 1
Passa Pungchai, General Representative 2
Carl King Jr, General Representative 3
Angelina Quint, Academic Affairs Commissioner
Maya Sanghavi, Campus Events Commissioner
Mominah Subhan, Community Service Commissioner
Promise Ogunleye, Cultural Affairs Commissioner
Jane Ni, Facilities Commissioner
Emily Yu, Financial Supports Commissioner
Tayloneei Jackson, Student Wellness Commissioner
Herman Luis Chavez, Transfer Student Representative
Natalia Garcia, International Student Representative

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A Resolution in Support of Reusable Dining Ware at UCLA

Sponsors:

Jane Ni, Facilities Commissioner

Co-Sponsors:

Hailey Valles, General Representative One Angelina Quint, Academic Affairs Commissioner

WHEREAS, UCLA dining, during normal operations, provides approximately 15,978 meals a day specifically in their takeout locations and these takeout boxes generate 212,967 pounds of waste per year and cost the university approximately \$179,400 dollars per year²

WHEREAS the UC Office of the President released a UC Policy on August 24th, 2020, for all universities a part of the UC system to replace single-use plastic dining accessories (e.g., straws, utensils, stirrers) by July 1st, 2021 and for dine-in facilities to provide reusable food service items (e.g., plates, cups, clamshell containers) for food consumed on-site while to-go facilities provide reusable or locally compostable alternatives by July 1st, 2022³.

WHEREAS UCLA Policy 809: Single-Use Plastics effective date October 13th, 2020, which applies to Foodservice Facilities, Retail Stores, and vending machines on University Property, mandates the university to replace single-use plastic food ware items with reusable or locally compostable alternatives for to-go facilities by January 1st, 2021⁴.

WHEREAS students and staff have created and presented a proposal to UCLA Housing and Hospitality regarding switching from compostable to reusable dining ware and utensils with estimated cost calculations⁵

WHEREAS the proposed system would save the university money after the first year, since UCLA Dining will no longer need to be purchasing single use compostable containers and utensils. Students and staff have estimated that switching completely to a tracked reusable container system would save the university approximately \$56,845 dollars in the first year and 113,764 dollars in years subsequently, as seen in the presentation linked above.

WHEREAS the proposed system would reduce the waste that is produced by 212,967 pounds per year, which aligns with the UC Sustainable Practices Policy that aims for 50% waste reduction by 2030

WHEREAS, Evidence from a life cycle assessment produced by UC Berkeley reveals that reusable clamshell systems have a lower environmental impact (in terms of greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, and material waste) than compostable clamshells when containers average at least 15 uses⁶.

WHEREAS other universities such as UC San Diego, Dartmouth University, and UW Madison have implemented these programs successfully by using a tracking system to ensure the return of reusable containers

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that UCLA Housing and Hospitality recommit to supporting student projects and student-led initiatives and recommit to its sustainability goals

² FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - Reusable Utensils

³ https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/uc-moves-scrap-single-use-plastics

⁴ http://www.adminpolicies.ucla.edu/APP/Number/809.0

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GatnI4SwT8HZ2hLig99EzK FRkOE5Xma/edit#gid=1620947979

⁶ https://nature.berkeley.edu/classes/es196/projects/2013final/HarnotoM 2013.pdf

LET IT BE RESOLVED that UCLA Housing and Hospitality commit to funding a reusable dining ware and utensils program as proposed by students and staff, and to not increase student fees to fund said program.

- Maya motions to approve a Resolution in Support of Reusable Dining Ware at UCLA, Emily seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, A Resolution in Support of Reusable Dining Ware at UCLA is approved

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Facilities Commissioner Bylaw Change *

Ni

- Herman moves to approve the Facilities Commissioner Bylaw Change, Promise seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, Facilities Commissioner Bylaw Change is approved

Transfer Student Representative Bylaw Change*

Chavez

- Maya moves to approve Transfer Student Representative Bylaw Changes, Hailey seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, Transfer Student Representative Bylaw Change is approved

XI. Adjournment*

Velazquez

Breeze adjourns the meeting at 10:38pm

Good and Welfare;

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