



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
January 4, 2022
7 PM PST
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

I. Call to Order

Velazquez

- Breeze calls the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via google docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Gatica

- Strike SFS Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations
- Strike SWC Programming Fund Allocations
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Add discussion item regarding winter covid protocol (Winter Covid Protocol)
- Add discussion item regarding scholarship for job loss (Job Loss Scholarship)
- Make SWC Reports Verbal
- Hailey moves to approve the agenda as amended, Jane seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Gatica

- Cassandra moves to approve the minutes from 11/30/21, Sarah seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 11/30/21 are approved.

IV. Public Comment

Velazquez

- Radha Patel: "Hi everyone, Happy Winter Quarter! It's great to see you all again. I'm Radha, the chapter chair for CALPIRG at UCLA. I hope you all have had a restful and safe winter break. I just wanted to give a quick update on what we are working on this term. So as a state, we voted on making our Beyond Plastics our lead campaign and we are run by a student board of directors who get to vote and decide which issues we prioritize so we are working to pass a policy to reduce plastic pollution by 75% in California and it won't be easy because plastic lobbyists spend millions to stop this type of legislation in California but it makes it that much more important. We are going to be working to collect 2,500 petitions from students on campus, lobby surrounding la county officials to get them to sign onto the campaign, as well as work to put on big events like a big beach cleanup and we are also working to make textbooks more affordable UC wide, gear up 2022 midterm elections to turn out the vote, and work towards 100% clean energy future and we also kicked off our recruitment drive yesterday to invite students who want to get involved with us even though we are virtual these first two weeks we are still off to a great start and on track to getting a hundred people to our kickoff meeting week 3. We'd love to partner with you all on these campaigns so definitely reach out if you'd like to collaborate but with that thank you so much for having me and have a great meeting y'all."
- Sachi Cooper: "Hello everyone, happy new year! It's nice to see you all. I am here in like a million different capacities today but I am speaking now just as a student. So I just wanted to encourage all of you as council and encourage you to encourage your offices and the student body as well to sign up to volunteer for the LA Homeless Count in Westwood."

This is really important because our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness in Westwood don't get counted in the census, don't get counted in a variety of different social surveys and also the LA Homeless Count helps determine the amount of funding that Los Angeles County Homeless Services and other agencies will get to provide solutions and support for these people so I think currently there is just a little under 100 spots left to be filled for the vacancies for volunteers but I know that in years past like pre-covid there has been a really really strong turnout from you know organizations that are looking to fulfill community service requirements and like neighborhood councils and USAC and a lot of different people. So yeah, really consider going, I will drop the link in the chat after this. Also if you are concerned about covid and stuff which is totally valid, they used to do an in-person training where you sit in a crowded room for awhile but it's virtual this year so everything should be like outdoors and relatively covid-safe so yeah. I will drop the link in the chat and look forward to chatting with you about other things later tonight."

- Quinn O'Connor: "Hi everyone, my name is Quinn O'Connor and I am here on behalf of the disabled student union to basically one to publicly say and inform everyone that based on the covid dashboard of UCLA between December 26th and December 31st there have been over 300 cases of covid-19 within just the UCLA student community and those are just the ones that have reported to UCLA and I think going off of that and especially in the universities switch to in-person learning after two weeks I am strongly encouraging you as council to support a dual mode learning so that students are not forced to come to class at risk of contracting omicron variant specifically because it is quite a contagious variant and I as someone who recently tested positive for this variant specifically can say firsthand that it breaks, I am boosted and I am fully vaccinated and it still broke through to even me who is incredibly careful for the most part in my opinion so I urge you to all to talk to administration, talk to your offices as well to push for that dual mode instruction that the DSA has been pushing for since August with a collective 30,000 signatures from UCLA health employees, UCLA undergrads, UCLA grad students, UCLA professors, UCLA faculty staff, and UC affiliated students and faculty across the state so yeah. I think that UCLA needs to stop valuing profits over case numbers for yesterday which they still have not done and it is currently 7:10 pm pacific time the day after so please just push UCLA to be more transparent in their covid case reporting in general as well as providing dual modes of instruction for its vulnerable students, staff, faculty, and family members of UCLA community. Thank you."

Public comment concluded at 7:12pm.

V. Funding

Capital Contingency*

J. Wang

Contingency Programming*

J. Wang

Total Allocated: \$8,868.00 to 16 non-USAC entities

- (Not allowed to fund any in person events as long as classes are virtual. This also goes for events that may have already been funded.)
- Herman moves to allocate \$8,868.00 to 16 non-USAC entities, Emily seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and \$8,868.00 is allocated to 16 non-USAC entities.

SFS Allocations#

Subhan

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Jackson

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

Wang

ASRF Allocations#

Quint

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Quint

ARC Allocations#

Ogunleye

TGIF

Ni

- The Student Support Fund is now open and closes Week 3, Friday.

- Please let people in your offices know to apply.
- Student Support Fund is a \$500 one time stipend for students doing sustainability/environmental justice work on campus.
- Does not have to be traditional sustainability work as long as it benefits the environment.

VI. Special Presentations

VII. Appointments

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Velazquez

- Busy with going remote for these two weeks
- LA County indicated that they will not push for closure of any K-12 schools because there needs to be a certain amount of people hospitalized
- When it reaches 3000 people hospitalized, they will start asking for proof of vaccination at sporting events which is what UCLA is already asking, games are already being postponed
- LA did say Academic Senate is pushing for hybrid model for professors
- We should work on a draft email for students to send to their professors to ask for a hybrid model so everyone is prepared. Important to inform the student body about this.
- If students can't get a covid test before the 18th, they should contact the Ashe Center for a deferral.
- If students have not given a booster shot yet they can get it from the Ashe Center, even if they are not in LA they can still schedule an appointment.
- Have not talked about repercussions yet if students don't get a booster, but are working on it.
- Megan, Tay and I are planning a Task Force Covid-19 Town Hall and if you want to become involved let me know, looking to host next Thursday around 5 pm.

B. Internal Vice President

Gatica

- Finalizing plans for remainder of quarter
- Working on scholarships and applications are still out for True Bruin Recognition Scholarship
<https://studentincrisis.ucla.edu/truebruinsrecognition>
- Working on making the entire ceremony virtual instead of in person to make it more accessible and available to people even though it would be taking place after the two week remote cap.
- Office has collaborated with the FICOM Chair: Q/A funding panel this Wednesday from 7-8pm. Please share graphics and flyers about this event because I have been receiving a lot of questions about funding.
- Office hours for this quarter are online every Wednesday from 1-2pm.

C. External Vice President

Wang

- Apps for winter fellowship out due on Jan 9th, so please encourage people to apply.
- Also have upcoming opportunities to get involved with advocacy, if you want to join, do an application
- Our UCSA Students of Color Conference has been moved from UC Davis to an online format just because of Covid. (Jan 29th-30th) No travel funding restraints so everyone is able to come. Just do an application.
- Black lobby day is coming up at the state capital. It is going to be spring quarter and my office will cover all of your expenses so don't let it be a barrier to apply or come.
- UCSA space: we are having an upcoming January board meeting, also working on establishing a guaranteed seat as a student advocate to the regents for the UC Undocumented Coalition.
- The application to be a student advocate to the regents is open again.
- Budget transparency call with UCSA and we are currently considering 6 million ask for the Save the UC Former Foster Youth Services.

D. General Representative 1 Written

Valles

External Updates:

- I. Bridging the Gap
 - A. Developed action plan for the quarter, specifically focusing on Diversity and Inclusion in STEM talks with professionals for students to engage with!
 - B. Will be doing IG takeover to further discuss DIVE talks and STREAM for students interested in joining as gen staff under the platform
 - II. Decoding Academia
 - A. Brainstorming topic and event for workshops to support students
 - B. Collabing with SWC for You Belong Here campaign
 - III. Foster Youth Advocacy
 - A. Preparing to release FY resource guide!
 - IV. Seat in the Classroom
 - A. Currently in the recruitment process for 2 new directors!
- Internal Updates:
- I. REGROW
 - A. Initiating internship this week!
 - II. Social Media
 - A. Posting advertisements for office recruitment
 - III. Community Over Competition
 - A. Preparing for Holistic Wellness Coalition meetings starting week 2
 - IV. Finances:
 - A. N/A
 - V. Chief of Staff + GR1:
 - A. Ongoing:
 - 1. Working on anti-queer/transphobia training module
 - 2. Essentially facilitating all office work aforementioned!
 - B. Hosting check-ins with each directorship to strategize & develop action plans for winter quarter
 - C. Collaborating with SWC for You Belong Here Campaign

E. General Representative 2 Written

Pungchai

- Office is devoting most resources to assisting students with omicron response, focusing on communicating COVID-19 protocols: double masking graphics
- Proposing commuter student scholarship with Office of the President
- Initiating a new project to 3D print face shields to distribute to the student population. Reaching out to UCLA engineering student groups and the Bioengineering department about this

F. General Representative 3 Written

King

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

- Covid related: sent a letter to the academic senate asking for hybrid options in winter quarter and for immediate transparency about whether classes will be remote for winter quarter. They responded by saying that they have asked departments to record lectures after the 2 week mark, but it is still up to departments to decide for themselves.
- My office is still advocating for greater remote options and had a meeting today to discuss ways to work with them and give workshops to faculty to communicate why hybrid learning is so important.
- Discussed ways to encourage professors to deliver online options.
- Highlight professors who have been very accommodating and willing to make classes accessible.
- Launching a social media campaign with partnership with dcp and DSU with tips for students on how to approach professors
- Accountability and transparency team have been working to analyze data on surveys for hybrid learning and have compiled testimonies from different student groups.

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Sanghavi

- Cancelled most of our programming for the first two weeks of school
- Winter quarter apps go out on Friday for our Speakers, Films, and Public Relations staff.

I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Subhan

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

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EXTERNAL

TGIF

- TGIF Student Support Fund is now open: <http://tgif.ucla.edu/apply/support/>
- Apply before Friday of Week 3!

Center for Accessible Education

- Advocating to CAE to be lenient with remote learning accommodations

INTERNAL

PR/ Graphics

- Working on our Fall Quarter Transparency Report!

PROJECTS

- Recently completed hiring for all projects! Excited to get them up and running again for winter quarter

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Yu

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Jackson

- Raising awareness for imposter phenomena and looking at BIPOC students and any students who have had their belonging questioned
- If you want to get involved dm me and I will show you the application.
- If you are looking for initiatives to get involved with, let me know.

N. Transfer Student Representative Written

Chavez

- The Office of the TSR hopes everyone had a wonderful winter break and are excited to continue serving the transfer community in 2022!
 - The Office was on break from 12/6/21 - 1/2/22
- Winter TSR Office Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 AM - 12 PM Pacific time, exclusively online for the time being. Students can schedule 15 minute meetings with the TSR. If more time is needed or anticipated, please reach out to Herman at tsr@usac.ucla.edu
 - <https://calendly.com/transferrep/winter-oh>
- Administrators or Daily Bruin reporters can also schedule a meeting with me depending on the purpose of the meeting:
 - UCLA Staff or Administration: <https://calendly.com/transferrep/tsrxadmin>
 - Daily Bruin Reporters: <https://calendly.com/transferrep/tsr-db-interview>
- The TSR Office would love to know what your experience was during the housing process this year! **Please take the opportunity to [fill out this form](#)** and share any comments, questions, or concerns!
- External Relations at the Office of the TSR wants to reach out to **your** assembly members to target lobbying efforts! Please **[fill out this form](#)** in order to have your assembly member stay in contact about your needs as a student at UCLA!

O. International Student Representative Written

Garcia

O. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Chacon, O'Connor,

Luna, Perez, Solomon

- Josh: "Happy New Year, just a reminder that we have to push this again as hard as we can, no in person meetings can happen in the first two weeks so make sure you all are supporting and encouraging this as well. As well as making sure that everyone is getting their booster shot so vaccinated on our campus will be the two shots plus the booster so if we can spread that that would be most ideal. That's it."

- Orlando: “Just off of what everyone has been saying, a lot of student organizations have been having questions about the first two weeks especially those that have had scheduled programming. Please if you know any of them, please direct them to SOLE the their SOLE advisor so that advisor can help them navigate those two weeks as far as cancellations, rescheduling, getting refunds, stuxnet groups won’t be held accountable for any fees or deposits that they have dropped, they will get everything back. If they have any questions please direct them to SOLE advisors.”
- Fernando: “ Hi everyone, I hope you all had a great break. The only announcement I have is that if you have any initiatives, we are halfway through the term and if you need any guidance or support on initiatives, dm me and we will help. I find that when we talk about it beforehand, obstacles are lessened.”
- Patricia: “Hi everyone, Happy New Year. I wanted to quickly echo what Fernando said especially if you're looking for surplus projects. We can talk through the logistics to streamline because it does have a direct impact on your resources, your administrative support, so its really important that you do talk to us in regard to these projects because we can kind of streamline the ways that we move it forward to make sure that we have the resources to support all of these ideas that are coming through so just keep that in mind. Just shoot us an email so we can coordinate our schedules but yeah glad everyone is back.”

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A Resolution Calling For A Direct UCLA/Westwood Purple Line Stop on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor

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A Resolution Calling For A Direct UCLA/ Westwood Purple Line Stop on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor

Sponsored by:

Jane Ni, Facilities Commissioner

Sarah Wang, External Vice President

Herman Luis Chavez, Transfer Student Representative

WHEREAS, the LA Metro scoping process began on November 30th and runs through February 11th¹, and

WHEREAS, LA Metro is considering six alternatives for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, which will connect the San Fernando Valley to the Westside by train, with a proposed end-to-end travel time of 30 minutes²; and

WHEREAS, Alternatives 1 and 2 do not contain a direct stop at UCLA and a direct connection to the Purple/D Line station in Westwood³; and

WHEREAS, Alternative 3 does contain a direct underground stop at UCLA but does not contain an underground connection to the Purple/ D Line station in Westwood and does not connect to other key Metro lines including the Orange/G Line, the Purple/D Line, the Expo/E Line, and the future East San Fernando Valley Light Rail, plus Metrolink lines that connect to these Metro lines⁴; and

WHEREAS, Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 utilize monorail technology and an alignment that runs along the 405⁵, posing environmental justice, public health, and safety concerns for users that would have to stand along the 405 freeway while waiting

¹ [LA Metro Notice of Preparation](#)

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

for trains as well as first-last mile connectivity concerns, as key destinations along the corridor are not located along the 405 freeway⁶; and

WHEREAS, UCLA has approximately 47,000 undergraduate and graduate students⁷, as well as an additional 46,000 staff and faculty members⁸, including essential first responders and medical workers, who are all stakeholders of LA Metro; and

WHEREAS, 23% of UCLA students and 48% of UCLA employees commute to campus each day. Of those commuters, over 36% drive alone to campus.⁹ 42% of commuter students in a survey reported sleeping in their cars overnight as a result of their commute and 7% reported experiencing homelessness since starting college¹⁰; and

WHEREAS, the Sepulveda Pass (405 freeway) has some of the worst traffic in the LA region and is the only option for car commuting from the Valley to UCLA¹¹; and

WHEREAS, average rent in Westwood is the most expensive in California, forcing many students to live elsewhere along the Sepulveda Corridor¹²; and

WHEREAS, many students do not have a car with them at UCLA, and rely on public transit for connections to the greater LA region; and

WHEREAS, lack of public transit connectivity greatly limits job and internship opportunities for students, reducing their competitiveness in job pools post-graduation, and posing an equity issue wherein students with cars have greater opportunities than those without; and

WHEREAS, UCLA is a destination for Angelenos from all over LA County, providing health services, employment, education, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, UCLA has a daytime population of 82,000, equivalent to that of a small city, and is expected to be the most highly trafficked stop in the entire corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Purple/D Line station located in Westwood Village is a key connector to Culver City, Downtown Los Angeles, and the Expo Line to Santa Monica; and

WHEREAS, UCLA currently has no Metro rail connectivity, unlike many local community colleges and USC; and

WHEREAS, undergraduate students are directly impacted by the proposed alternatives; and

WHEREAS, students and the Undergraduate Students Association have consistently been allies and activists in the fight to bring accessible and equitable public transportation to UCLA and Westwood Village.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UCLA USAC strongly supports Alternatives 4, 5, and 6 of LA Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project scoping period, as they contain both a direct stop at UCLA and a direct transfer to the Purple/D Line in Westwood Village; and

⁶ [The Los Angeles Times; Editorial: Forget the monorail. L.A. needs a real transit line through the Sepulveda Pass](#)

⁷ [UCLA Academic Planning and Budget Enrollment Data](#)

⁸ [UCLA Academic Planning and Budget Faculty and Staff Data](#)

⁹ [UCLA Transportation State of the Commute, 2019](#)

¹⁰ [“My Commute is Hell: UCLA Students, Extreme Commutes, Impacts, Solutions,” Dr. Dana Cuff and Gus Wendel, with Rayne Laborde, Melissa Rovner, Katherine Taylor-Hasty, and Kenny Wong, cityLAB-UCLA](#)

¹¹ [LA Times: Is LA's traffic the worst in the US? It depends on how you measure it.](#)

¹² [LA Times: Westwood is once again California's priciest spot for renters, study finds](#)

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the UCLA USAC calls on LA Metro to eliminate or immediately amend Alternatives 1, 2, and 3, as they do not include a direct stop at UCLA, a direct transfer to the Purple/D Line in Westwood Village, or connectivity to other Metro lines across Los Angeles; and

FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UCLA USAC emphasizes the importance of undergraduate students as stakeholders in the LA Metro scoping process and affirms to LA Metro the importance of including student input equally as stakeholders in any scoping processes.

- Tayloneei moves to approve A Resolution Calling For A Direct UCLA/ Westwood Purple Line Stop on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, Herman seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and the resolution is approved.

CS Mini Fund Guidelines*

Subhan/Cooper

- Mary: "Hi, I'm Mary. I'm the chair of the community service mini fund somitte so we want to present our new application process that should be a lot more accessible, easy to follow, and easy to submit than the previous application that was through MYUCLA. So at the top we just have some information on our funding periods as well as what we've defined a community service program as. We want to let everyone know as well that while the deadline is for this quarter on the 28th of January, we will also be holding office hours week 2 and week 3 if anyone has any questions. We felt like the information that was given about the community service mini fund and what we fund and what we don't fund was a little bit unclear so we hoped to clarify it a little bit more here and make some examples of what we fund and what we do not fund. Also at the bottom of this page we have a link to a couple more specific guidelines that we have also updated which Sachi will share more about next. So below will be our actual application. All organizations will have to do is fill out each section of this application and download it and email it to me a csmunifuund@gmail.com and something to note is definitely that you have to do is get approved by your advisor first and we thought that this would also be a much easier way because you can just email it to your advisor rather than a lot of different technical things that happen through MYUCLA. We have also added the option to upload your own budget spreadsheet instead of the one that MYUCLA makes for you and that is the application."
- Sachi: "We also revised the CS Mini Fund like actual guidelines. Just for reference, the guidelines had not been updated since 2009 so we have relatively significantly updated them focusing mainly on how we defined community service as Mary mentioned and then just a few more guidelines on things like the kind of projects that are prioritized and that we look for. So just to read through the changed definition, the new definition now is that a student community service program is defined as student program activity or service which advocates for, assists, or provides direct services for underserved populations by addressing a range of concerns such as education, poverty, food and housing, security, mental and physical health, social and racial justice, and more. Under these guidelines, community services include but are not limited to serving communities both within UCLA and outside of it. So this definition was just updated to have first of all language that we felt like reflected the nature of a positive definition of community service which is like working with communities and groups instead of for them that makes sense. It just was a little bit more specific and expansive as well. I guess those two words are kind of opposites but it's more specific in the types of things that are listed but expansive in terms of like there's a larger list of things here that make sense. The next addition that we made to the guidelines is just to expedite the process of appointments to the committee so you know the way that our guidelines are structured is that ideally we have members from CSC and from CPO but sometimes like by nature of the amount of applications from those different organizations like that is sometimes almost impossible so we kind of added this line like if there's a genuine attempt on behalf of the council to solicit applications from these groups but there aren't enough eligible applications um that USAC can you know appoint applicants from the general undergraduate student body. Then these are just updates to be in line with that. We also changed the starting term of the office to be September 1st for the chair and September 15th for the committee just to give us a little bit of extra time to get settled before the year begins. This section under the eligible organizations these changes are just in line with the definition that I just shared but then these factors for consideration are a little bit edited so we change this line about an orientation towards post-secondary education to be promoting post-secondary education including community college. In this we changed this thing about innovation and uniqueness to meaningfully address the needs of underserved populations and then also provide a service that might not be available otherwise we eliminated the guideline of uniqueness because we felt that sometimes there is an issue which requires a variety of different groups working towards is so we didn't feel like uniqueness was necessarily a good factor. But that's just a grammatical thing, like CSP

is now SOLE so we changed that. The last thing that we did at the end is we just added a note that these covid-19 additional updates that last year's community service mini fund implemented where it would be reapproved for the 2021-2022 school year since obviously we are still in a pandemic. But that's it, thank you."

- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

USAC Surplus Discussion*

Velazquez

- Patricia: "Hi everyone, thank you so much for talking to us today about the USAC Surplus. I know we have talked a lot about surplus throughout summer as well as in fall and we were able to allocate some great projects already at the beginning and you'll see that a little bit today. So my goal is now that we have all the finalized numbers is to go through the surplus. I am going to kind of explain the various sections and then let you know kind of how it is set up for allocations. There is a section that is based on your bylaws so I will go through that and then also what is exactly available for additional projects if you want to move forward projects and some other ways that you can utilize the surplus funds as well. We will also talk a little bit of restricted surplus so there's going to be a lot we are going to chat about tonight. First, we can choose if we want to vote this week or we can also do that next week and our items wouldn't necessarily change so the restricted surplus and if you want to follow your bylaws without changing those. But I'll go through all of that. I just wanted to give you a brief overview prior to diving in because I know the document can look a little complicated. We are going to walk through really slowly and please ask questions and I'll be happy to answer them. So every year, our accounting team works really really hard with collecting all of the receipts of your payments for all the programming and events throughout our student government. This also includes all of the funds that are allocated to delegated funds across campus and then also for student organizations. So we work very closely with some various student organizations that have accounts throughout student government accounting. At the beginning of our 2021 year, our revenue was a little under 11 million which is our revenues brought in from the 2021 year for all referendums. This also includes restricted money, money that has been received from donations or projects. Then we also subtract out all of the total expense. The first section I want to talk to you about a little bit is restricted surplus and kind of what that means and then how we then carry over these funds. So this would be something that we usually would vote on first because we want our student organizations and also our different USAC councils to be able to activate and utilize this funding. For example, BOD has some funding that they'll be able to then tap into so the earlier we are able to vote on this. So sometimes when we're doing our surplus projects it can kind of take a couple of weeks to get all those votes in and last year it kind of slowed down some of our funding bodies because we weren't able to activate their funds so this would be this and what restricted surplus is. So what that means is carry over from the previous year that goes back to the purpose of those funds originally. So for example, BOD carryover, that's the board of directors, is the funding received from ASUCLA services and enterprises to help give funding to USAC Programming, BOD Programming, instead of the funding going to surplus. It has been mandated that the funding remains into the fund if that makes sense. Other income and donations, so this would be income that comes into SGA that is not part of the referendum. So let's say a student group does or uses that group for a movie night and they charge for tickets or they have a concert. This can also be for donations for a community service project that receives donations to do a program so that we would want to make sure continues on and carries into those student orgs and into those pockets. There's a couple of things here that we have line items for but as you can see they're zero out so event registration income, special event income. So that's kind of similar if they are selling tickets at a particular event and then that kind of all lumps into this prior year other income so other income sources donations, subscriptions, sponsorship events, registration. So this is little pots of money that gets spread out. We have like over a thousand student orgs accounts that are receiving a little bit of this surplus.
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- Promise moves to approve the restricted surplus of \$1,008,635.82, Hailey seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the restricted surplus amount is approved.

Commuter Student Compensation

Pungchai/Velazquez

- Impact of Covid-19 Policy Change:
 - With the move to remote learning, we are worried that commuter students will be among the most impacted populations. Students have been notified that they will not be compensated for the two weeks that they will be off-campus and not using their commuter pass.
- Projecting Student Impact:

- As of 2018, **23.2%** of students are commuter students. That makes a total of approximately **7263** students.
- Allocation:
 - We are asking for **\$5,000 to supply 100 50 dollar scholarships**. The work to disburse these scholarships would be divided between the Office of the President and the Office of the General Representative 2. If the scholarship is a popular initiative, we would apply for further funding.
- Tayloneei moves to approve the Commuter Student Scholarship, Herman seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and the Commuter Student Scholarship is approved.

Winter COVID Protocol

Valles

We, as a collective of student leaders across campus, are writing to express our deep concern regarding the current protocol the university has decided to move forward with based on the guidance from the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force. With a 7-day daily average testing positivity rate of 14.90% amongst the 7-day daily average of 91,705 folks tested as of January 3rd, 2022 in Los Angeles county¹³, it is clear that COVID-19 will continue to threaten both the physical and mental health of our campus community. This high positive testing rate is especially threatening the very livelihoods of immunocompromised individuals on-campus as has been expressed by advocates within the [Disabled Student Union](#).¹⁴

With in-person classes anticipated to resume January 18th, [students across campus](#) have communicated great hesitancy and fear of returning to classrooms full of hundreds of students, considering the nature of the Omicron variant being 2.8 times as infectious as the Delta variant and about 10 times as infectious as the original virus; furthermore, studies have provided that the vaccine-escape capability of the Omicron variant is double that of the Delta variant.¹⁵ Efforts to create a safer transition in-person through vaccination mandates and weekly testing are not enough. For the students who will be inevitably infected with COVID-19 as a direct result of forcible compliance to attend in-person classes with no online alternative, some will experience the virus in a way that permanently damages their vital organs including their lungs, heart, and brain.¹⁶ It is also worth noting that infected commuter students risk the possibility of transmitting the virus to their family members who may be categorized as high-risk. Furthermore, parenting students, with children under the age of 5 who cannot yet get a COVID-19 vaccination, risk an even greater risk of exposure from their children who may contract the virus at school. While children over the age of 5 are eligible for vaccination, only about 23% of children aged 5-11 are vaccinated, and child hospitalizations in the U.S. have risen to 30% in the past week as Omicron continues to spread.¹⁷ Attending in-person courses will greatly exacerbate the extensive challenges that students with dependents have already faced in pursuing their education while balancing childcare, being that extended care has been widely unavailable in California in light of the pandemic.¹⁸

While the university can regulate the transmission of student residents on the Hill by limiting gatherings and programming, there is no way to regulate activities of off-campus residents living in non university-owned housing. Students abiding by CDC recommendations to prevent the spread of the virus to their peers and loved ones should not bear the burden of facing the consequence of possibly contracting the virus from a student who attended class after being exposed to the virus at a large gathering off-campus. Impacted student workers also risk a loss of income used to purchase basic needs, pay for housing, and support their families from their time in quarantine which may last as long as symptoms are substantial.

Quite frankly, this is an issue of life or death for immunocompromised students on-campus and an issue of potential permanent damage for the entire campus community. Administration has failed to uphold the best interest of the health and safety of its thousands of students who directly fund the university's operations and give the university the world renowned prestige it has

¹³ <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/data/#>

¹⁴ [https://www.instagram.com/p/CXzPmTsPC48/?utm_medium=copy link](https://www.instagram.com/p/CXzPmTsPC48/?utm_medium=copy_link),
https://docs.google.com/document/d/13F8OK2-h-9H-CJOW8Wqf6mCBmlAcr_zYMIb5tC-eKr0/edit?usp=sharing

¹⁵ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8647651/>

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<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/coronavirus-information/about-the-virus/will-there-be-permanent-damage-to-my-lungs-or-other-organs-if-im-infected-with-the-covid-19-virus>

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<https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2021-12-28/as-omicron-spreads-child-hospitalizations-climb-30-in-past-week>

¹⁸ <https://calmatters.org/children-and-youth/2021/03/child-care-centers-close/>

claimed. In response to the fear ourselves and our peers have expressed with regards to the current campus protocol, we demand the following actions be taken to protect students' very livelihoods and individual choice to prioritize their safety and wellbeing:

1. Offer at the very minimum the option for students to opt for online and recorded instruction for all classes offered in person with no penalty, especially if the circumstance is that the university cannot directly provide medically recommended N95 masks for all students to ensure optimal protection.
2. Not mandating in-person attendance for students, professors, and teaching assistants.
3. Offer residents on the Hill the option to receive a full refund for their decision to cancel/defer their winter quarter housing.
4. Offer commuter students the option to receive a full refund on their parking permit should they choose to pursue fully-remote instruction.
5. Follow the lead of other universities such as Caltech¹⁹ and USC²⁰ by providing free N95 masks for all members of the campus community, including students, staff, and faculty.

In Solidarity,

Hailey Valles, *General Representative 1*

Tayloneei Jackson, *Student Wellness Commissioner*

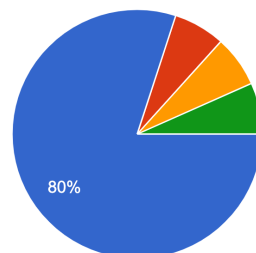
Emily Yu, *Financial Supports Commissioner*

[Job loss Scholarship](#)

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Will you be experiencing job loss the first two weeks of school because of remote learning?

15 responses



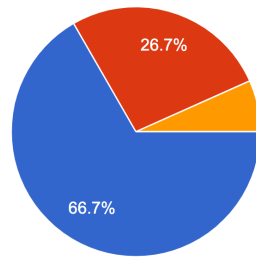
- Yes
- No
- I work for the library and they have said we will continue to work our scheduled hours "for now"
- Work is optional. However, due to testing requirements and the fact that results take a few days, we will not be able to work until our UCLA saliva test comes back negative, which takes aw...

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<https://www.caltech.edu/campus-life-events/campus-announcements/caltech-store-offers-students-and-employees-free-n95-masks>

²⁰ <https://dailytrojan.com/2022/01/04/usc-to-require-surgical-or-n95-masks-for-spring-semester/>

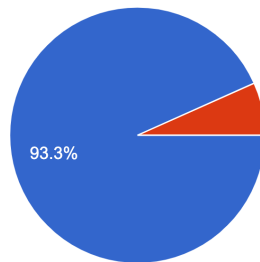
Are you a low-income student?
15 responses



● Yes
● No
● I depend on this income for day-to-day living expenses

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Are you a student that relies on your job to make ends meet?
15 responses



● Yes
● No

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XI. Adjournment*

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- Breeze adjourns the meeting at 8:54pm.

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* Indicates Action Item
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