



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
January 11, 2022  
7 PM PST  
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

## **I. Call to Order**

Velazquez

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

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

- Signed via google docs

## **II. Approval of Agenda\***

Gatica

- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike SIOC and CRC Funding Proposal
- Add Special Presentation by UCSA President
- Add UC Wide Petition: Covid Protocols
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Herman moves to approve the agenda for 1/11/22 as amended, Sarah seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda for 1/11/22 is approved as amended.

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

Gatica

- Hailey moves to approve the minutes from 1/4/22, Tayloneei seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 1/4/22 are approved.

## **IV. Public Comment**

Velazquez

- Radha Patel: "Hi everyone, It's Radha the chapter chair for CALPIRG at UCLA. It's great to see you all again. I just wanted to give a quick update for you all. As a student-run non-profit, we know we need a big team of students joining us in all of our campaigns to go up against some of the biggest special interests like the oil and gas industries. So to do that, we spent the first two weeks of the quarter recruiting new students to join and we are into our second week of our recruitment drive looking for students who want to be involved with us. So far, we actually made over 50 announcements and classes and have over 500 interest cards from students who want to get involved with us. We've also collected over 600 petitions for all of our campaigns and it's super exciting to really see that students are still excited about getting involved in making a change. Even though we are virtual right now, this will all accumulate in our kickoff meeting happening Wednesday of Week 3 where we have the goal of getting 100 students to join. Thank you all!"
- Public comment is concluded at 7:10pm.

## **V. Funding**

### **Capital Contingency\***

J. Wang

Total Allocated: \$5,760.00

- Herman moves to allocate \$5,760 to 4 USAC and 2 non-USAC offices, Hailey seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and \$5,760 is allocated to 4 USAC and 2 non-USAC entities.

### **Contingency Programming\***

J.

Wang

Total Allocated: \$4,946.92 to 8 non-USAC entities

- Sarah Moves to allocated \$4,946.92 to 8 non-USAC entities, Maya seconds
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and \$4,946.92 is allocated to 8 non-USAC entities.

#### SFS Allocations#

Subhan

Total Allocated: \$3,909.79 to 3 non-CSC orgs

- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

#### SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Jackson

#### Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

Wang

#### ASRF Allocations#

Quint

Total Allocated: \$2,000 to 1 non-USAC entity

- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

#### AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Quint

Total Allocated: \$2,600 to 2 non-USAC entities

- \$1,100 to saving hears, \$1500 to ASU
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

#### ARC Allocations#

Ogunleye

#### TGIF

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- Main and mini fund applications are due this Friday.

## VI. Special Presentations

UCSA President- Esmeralda Quintero-Cubillan:

UCSA Turning 50:

- Beginning in the fall of 1964, students demanded a significant role in higher education policy-making in conversations with the UC Berkeley Free Speech movement and national movements for civil rights and against the U.S. war in Vietnam.

UCSA Mission:

- The University of California Student Association is the official voice of students from across the UC's system of campuses. It is our mission to advocate on behalf of current and future students for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California system."

Board of Directors:

- ASUCSB, ASUCR, ASUCI, ASUCD, SUA UCSC, ASUC, ASUCSD, ASUCM, USAC UCLA (10 appointed officers)

Executive Committee:

- President, Chair, Campaign Action Chair, Government Relations Chair, University Affairs Chair, Vice Chair, CFD, Campaigns Chair

USAC Tactics Committee:

1. Governmental Relations: Lobbies on behalf of the entire UC Student Association and advocates for legislative change. Composed of Legislative Directors and some Appointed Officers.
2. University Affairs: Works with university administration to tackle UC policy. Composed of External VP's and some Appointed Officers
3. Campus Action: Connects with our campus community to mobilize students for rallies, protest, public comment, and etc. Composed of Organizing Directors and some Appointed Officers.

Recent Victories:

- Protected basic needs and summer aid funding in the state budget, and secured \$15M in state aid for undocumented students

- Successfully advocated for SAT/ACT phase out, compensation for the Student Regent, and reform of the Regents policy on misconduct
- Froze the hiring of UCPD officers
- Passage of AB 928 and AB 327
- A more extensive history of our victories can be found on our website ([www.ucsas.org](http://www.ucsas.org))

Campaign Goals: Our four student elected campaigns:

1. ACQUIRE: Holistic and centered on student success and wellbeing
  - Menstrual Equity: Because no student should suffer at the hands of gender inequity
  - In collaboration with organizations such as Free the Period California on providing menstrual hygiene products in bathrooms, across the UC and all public education sectors.
  - UCSA successfully lobbied for AB367 and the bill was signed into law on Oct. 6th.
  - UCSA adopted a budget of \$1.5M to provide hygiene products and fund the Implementation of menstrual equity staffers.
  - This is a critical part of our advocacy that students can be directly involved in.
2. FundTheUC: Tackling affordability with the UC
  - Tackling affordability of higher education through doubling the pell grant.
  - Currently, we are working on increasing the Pell Grant through budget reconciliation.
  - Budget Reconciliation: a special parliamentary procedure of the United States Congress set up to expedite the passage of certain budgetary legislation in the United States Senate.
  - We've partnered with the UC-FGR team and reached out to other student associations to maximize our efforts.
3. UCweVOTE: Expanding access to the polls
  - Pushing to expand access to the polls via ensuring students do not need to pick between attending class and voting.
  - UCSA is working to develop cost-analysis surveys to better account for the costs and impacts on our non-student partners.
  - Engaging in multi-pronged strategies such as legislative and university affairs to ensure students, staff, and faculty always have access to their civil liberties.
4. Racial Justice Now!: Fighting for racial justice and equity within the UC
  - Reinvesting in our communities through siphoning funds from policing and funneling these funds into campus-based resources.
  - Coordinating efforts across the 9 undergraduate campuses to pressure the UC into redistributing funds.
  - Enforcing oversight over the UC and UCPD through appointing student observers to various UCOP and UC Board of Regent committees.

Operations and Expansion:

- Thanks to the continued support of our sister campuses, UCSA will benefit from an increase in revenue. Allowing for the expansion of operations such as the bringing on of an additional staff member to focus on federal governmental relations, subsidize the cost of attendance for conferences and board meetings.

## **VII. Appointments**

## **VIII. Officer Reports**

### **A. President**

Velazquez

- Covid Recovery Response Task Force discussed how rates are going and how there are 6% of people that tested positive on campus.
- Discussed their concern over the high number of cases among faculty.
- Discussed sports games, new rules are that no food or drink allowed in pauley, no presale tickets, and mask enforcement during the games. Players on sideline will have to wear masks as well (8,000 instead of 13,000 allowed to attend games)
- Discussion about how the administration will be buying surgical masks and will be providing them for students.
- Attended case management meeting and discussed what it will look like for a hybrid or complete remote instruction model.
- Administration is saying they will be paying close attention to cases on campus to make plans for next steps moving forward.

- At council of president, had discussion about how other UC's are handling the covid situation (Davis is providing N-95 masks for students and faculty)
- Met with DSU and discussed ways USAC could help with the petition.
- Met with Josh and Patty in terms of funding surplus and how we want to allocate that, will go more into depth later.

#### B. Internal Vice President Written

Gatica

- ❖ Had the IVP x FICOM USAC Funding Panel for students to learn more about USAC funding apps
- ❖ USAC Internal Vice President winter quarter internship applications will be out shortly
- ❖ Working on True Bruin R.A.I.S.E. with the Case Management Services and Dean of Students
  - Nominate students until January 18, 2022 (application has been extended)
   
<https://studentincrisis.ucla.edu/truebruinsrecognition>
- ❖ Planning the Off-Campus Housing Fair for this quarter: trying to prioritize accessible housing options as it hasn't been promoted as much in Westwood
- ❖ Checking in with IVP Office directors to finalize plans for the rest of the quarter, somethings in mind:
  - Reintroducing Campus Safety Alliance and the No UCPD Coalition
  - Meeting with student organizations for collaborations and/or support
  - Establishing the Housing Relief Award for students facing housing insecurities
- ❖ Winter Quarter IVP Office Hours start tomorrow (Wednesdays from 1-2pm)

#### C. External Vice President

Wang

- Updates from UCSA board meeting: in process of potentially creating a 5th campaign which would focus on environmental justice
- Passes a gurantee STAR seat for undocumented students
- Working on logistics for February board meeting which will be hosted here at UCLA, first in person board meeting in over 2 years
- Working on CALFRESH and excited to hear that it was approved at UCLA.
- Planning a UC wide Regents Q/A coming soon for Civic Engagement related things, debates, voter guide
- Working for new voters guide with CALPIRG
- The Student of Color Conference is still open for registration, please just let me know and I will help you get registered.

#### D. General Representative 1 Written

Valles

#### E. General Representative 2 Written

Pungchai

- Academic Success and Retention will send out recruitment for open source textbook initiative
- Following up with Kudu CEO Warren Essey to discuss campus kudu access and alternatives
- FSC and GR2 will distribute N95 masks on campus tomorrow and possibly, Friday.
- Working on advocating for better conditions for students living in quarantine
- Collaborating with the Out of State Student Association to circulate survey about experiences of out of state students and COVID-19; office is considering a surplus initiative to reimburse students for change of plans

#### F. General Representative 3 Written

King

1. Sent out emails for meeting with Administrators regarding Covid protocols.
2. Meeting with directors planning out the year.
3. Created student survey to gauge student interest in creating a minor/major
4. Partnered with Student Wellness Commission to kick off "You Belong" Campaign

#### G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

- Had meeting with UGC and discussed recommendations for winter quarter, advocated for hybrid learning

- Asked to communicate plans for winter quarter as soon as possible so students can prepare, will be voting at next meeting in two weeks
- In process of drafting letter to UGC about why hybrid is so important and the benefits for students
- Had meeting with Advancement for Teaching and talked about expanding course accessibility
- Working on workshop for faculty about making their courses more accessible for students, providing incentives for faculty
- Disability and Justice Education are working on resource guide for disabled students and how to navigate campus
- Campus for Care Committee working on SMART campaign which will work on creating empathy and encouraging students to self-advocate for themselves.
- Attended meeting with USAC offices to talk about this more
- Meeting with Herman to discuss TSR implicit bias training and the next steps for this.

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Sanghavi

I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Subhan

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

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L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Yu

For the past 1 week, FSC has been working on the following initiatives:

- Got the green light from Student Government Accounting to use FSC funds to purchase 200 N95 masks for student workers. FSC and GR2 are distributing them tomorrow (Wednesday Jan 12) on Bruinwalk as a test run!
- Met with new FSC staffer who will be iterating on the existing USAC Expenditure Viewer to decide what direction to take it. This year's finances will be added, the demo video will be updated, colors in graphics will be made more distinct for easier viewing, and we will focus on revamping the textual aspects of the site to be fully compatible with voiceover and other text-to-speech accessibility software.
- UCLA Store successfully launched the Blue Books and Scantron Sheets program that FSC coordinated, in which 6 of those materials each will be made available to any student who asks at the UCLA Store counter.
- Delayed start of FSC Academic Materials Rental Program (lab coats, goggles, iClickers) to when the remote instruction period is lifted, which is currently slated to be January 31st.

Over the past holiday, FSC was working on the following initiatives:

- Coordinating handoff of 2000 Blue Books and 2000 Scantron Sheets to the Student Retention Center— anticipate this happening Week 1 or 2.
- UCLA Store told me over the break that they were ready to go with distributing Blue Books and Scantron Sheets to students for free beginning Winter Quarter, but I am waiting for an update on this due to the switch to remote learning that occurred later in the break.
- Arduino Kit Donation Drive: collecting any new or gently used Arduino kits used in engineering classes to expand our academic materials loaner program to lend out to students.
- Purchase order of new lab coats for the FSC Academic Materials Rental Program went through, awaiting the delivery amid slow supply chain.
- Delayed start of FSC Academic Materials Rental Program (lab coats, goggles, iClickers) to when the remote instruction period is lifted, which is currently slated to be Tuesday of Week 3.
- Revamping the FSC Academic Materials Rental Program application to include a new accountability form for students who borrow to sign, and attempting to make it such that the form will close when the number of signups equals the number of available materials to mitigate shortage in demand.

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Jackson

- Commissioner Updates
  - Planned meetings with Claris Health Mobile Clinic and Harm Reduction LA to cultivate new community partnerships.
  - Planned the You Belong Here Campaign that will launch Winter Quarter!
  - Hosted a Wellness Our Way with Westside Impact Project and the ResLife Makerspace on December 2, 2021, from 5-7 PM.
- SWC Updates

- SWC Programming Fund: Allocated \$1,155.96 to three non-USAC entities. Allocated \$93 to Craft Away Your Stress hosted by IGNITE at UCLA on 11/30/21 at De Neve Sycamore Room. Allocated \$500 to Women's Health and Mental Health by The Beautiful Mind Project on 12/02/2021. Allocated \$565.00 to QWER Hacks by Society of Women Engineers on 1/21/2021.
- Join the Student Health Network -- a coalition of health organizations on campus ran through the Student Wellness Commission! Apply at [tinyurl.com/joinshn2122](https://tinyurl.com/joinshn2122).

#### N. Transfer Student Representative Written

Chavez

- **Our Winter Internship Application is now live!** We're looking for any and all students interested in learning more about advocating for the transfer community. Apply here: <https://bit.ly/USACInternship>. Apps are due January 16th at midnight!
- Herman and TSR Student Activities met with the Director and Assistant Directors of New Student Academic Programs to discuss changes to training for New Student Advisors to be more transfer inclusive and to share transfer community concerns around the length of orientation and the transfer orientation experience.
- 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](mailto: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>

#### O. International Student Representative Written

Garcia

#### Q. Administrative Representatives

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

- Josh: "Just want to make sure all of the appointments have been made at this point. I know we had a shack member resign so we will probably need to elect a new shack member. Also, I just want to remind folks that changes to the agenda need to be made by Friday when it is sent out. It should be finalized to minimize any additions when we get here, particularly anything that we are going to vote on so that it is open to the public. So I am going to hold strong to that. It needs to be out to the public prior to when Cass makes the agenda public."
- Patty: "Just a reminder if you are bringing and we can chat more in the next session but I just want to send a reminder as Fernando and I had mentioned, we are happy to meet with everyone if you have any surplus projects, just to kind of brainstorm and go through some best practices prior to bringing them to council so just let us know. I believe Fernando may have reached out to a meeting so look forward to meeting with you all soon to hear about these amazing projects. Perfect, thank you."

### **IX. Old Business**

#### USAC Surplus Discussion\*

Velazquez

Breeze: "I guess following you know last week's discussions, what Patty, Josh and I were talking about was kind of easing I guess the workload on like not only the student directors that we have in our offices but also using the work of Patty and the team that they have in ASUCLA about those checks that they have to send and instead of having it be like a program that UCLA runs itself, not necessarily UCLA but us setting the guidelines and something that we could also make sure that we still have control over. SO for example, for the proposal that passes I brought forward, if we were to want to like instead meeting with the transportation team and having it be a scholarship or like a refund that could be provided by the office when we give this fund away to them and having us posted and have it be promoted and linked in maybe the bio of like a USAC instagram so that students can directly head to that site and get like I guess return for example if they were to submit their receipts. The same thing goes for the job loss, especially right now that a lot of students may have rights and if we wanted to bring forth giving like those funds having to be through like ECRT and also posting about it and promoting it. That way folks also know its a council wide thing and they know that we're properly using our surplus funds to distribute to students and also having it be over an administrative head rather than having it be directed through multiple different avenues and not having to have students apply for like fifty dollars here, a hundred dollars here, twenty dollars here. Yeah, I just wanted to know folks' thoughts on that especially as we bring forth other proposals. I know we didn't talk much about the job loss one, but I did want to revamp it and like if folks were open to that like maybe looking into giving funds to the ECRT and making guidelines such that we might want ECRT to look over. In order to make sure that you know those funds are properly being used. Do folks have any questions and like Patty and Josh please jump in if I mistook anything or misspoke."

Josh: “No you were right on. The conversation that Breeze and Patty and I really were focusing on is how do you have a larger impact. So one of the examples that we did provide that Breeze was just touching upon is you know let’s say we wanted to give ten thousand dollars to commuters and instead of giving fifty dollar you know individual checks you donate that full ten thousand to transportation and then you say you tell the transportation office that the first 100 transfer students that come in and buy a parking permit, they get 25% off their price just to have that larger impact. So that was kind of the idea that we were kind of going with. That would also really help ASUCLA because now as you all heard in the last meeting, there’s a departure of their staff member so they have less folks and still a lot more work to do so we want to find that equal balance that really supports everybody.”

Patty: “Oh no, perfect thank you so much. No, I thought it was really beautifully placed and the only other thing I wanted to mention was just also the streamlined access and less work on the students as well. So that’s one of the goals we had is you know it’s a lot of work on all the students involved. If there has to be an application to fill out and then a committee created guidelines submitted, approved by council, then those allocations made receipts, collected, returned then checks cut so we’re trying to get the funding to students in as expedited a way of matter possible. Sometimes it is more efficient working with programs that already exist so that’s another reason we’re trying to think outside the box about how we can support the most students with these projects without putting too big of a burden on your offices themselves to allocate new projects and funding solutions. Yeah, so that’s just something I want to bring up to folks.”

Promise: “Thank you guys so much for doing this. Just like talking through everything, I guess my main concern more so comes from the fact that I like doing things like ensuring that students are actually going to be able to get these funds and have access to these funds right away. I think also with ECRT, I am just weary of like a student being offered a loan instead. So we can put guidelines and like those guidelines would have to be added to. I guess we will still have oversight over it if that makes sense. So for example, if we want to say like they will not be loans like that is something I want to make sure is outlined right. I guess my next question is because I know it’s a financial aid thing, but I am also kind of trying to understand why it would affect students’ financial aid considering students are the ones who are paying into it in the first place. So if we give the funds to specific departments, how is that going to translate like as a student who has maxed out their amount of financial aid already. Unable to apply for extra funds and like to receive them, they can be offered like a loan. So I guess that’s kind of like where I am at with that because then that defeats the purpose of a relief like overall relief fund.

UC Wide Covid Protocols:

## **X. New Business**

### DDC Proposal for USAC

- The Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center Stipend Proposal:
  - In our society, disability is seldom seen as an identity akin to gender/race/sexuality, etc. Because of this, many disabled people are not exposed to disability justice, culture, and community. A Disability Cultural Center on UCLA’s campus will aid in creating a community that has historically been ignored by the institution while raising awareness for disability on a broader scale
- Lily Shaw and her Legacy:
  - The founding of the **Disabled Student Union** at UCLA
  - Creating further activism, sustaining the DSU
  - UC-Wide Student Activism
  - “Students with Disabilities” Item at November 2020 Regents Meeting
  - Accessibility Regulations in Student Government & Elections
  - COVID-19 Activism
  - Digital accessibility trainings, advocacy for hybrid classes
- Why a DCC?
  - Disability Culture and Community at UCLA is bigger than ever
  - Currently, there is no established space for disabled individuals
  - Accessible space on campus is extremely limited
  - As a marginalized identity, disabled students deserve a safe space to find solidarity within each others’ experiences
- Why a Stipend?

- Long-term project with many institutional barriers but no monetary support from UCLA
- Importance of paying students for their labor
- Difficulty of completing a project as an extracurricular
- No campus jobs earmarked for disabled students in general, especially for engaging in necessary activism
- Long-term project impact requires immense labor
- What the Stipend Would Be:
  - Two **\$1,500** stipends and one **\$2,000** stipend for students spearheading the DCC Project and bringing it to its completion
    - One stipend to support the work of the current activist on the project this year
    - Two stipends to support the work of future activists for the 2022 - 2023 school year
  - Stipends will be dispersed equally amongst 3 quarters
  - Stipends will allow students to dedicate labor to the project, ultimately allowing it to come to completion
- Actions and Plans:
  - **2020-21 Actions**
    - Drafted Proposal
    - Connected with EDI, Disability Studies Minor, UCOD, ASUCLA, LGBT Center, Jim LeBrecht (Crip Camp), UC-wide activists
  - **2021-2022 Actions**
    - Connected with ASUCLA representatives and identified a space
    - Presented GSA with a Proposal and created a relationship with them
    - Solidify a space agreement in Kerckhoff
  - **Plans for 2022-2023 Stipended Students**
    - Lead the design plans and proposed renovations
    - See through the physical renovation and prepare opening programming
- Summary:
  - **\$5,000**
  - **\$3,000 for two future stipends**
  - **\$2,000 for one current stipend**
  - Stipends allow marginalized students to be paid for their labor and ultimately will allow the project to be successful.
  - Disabled students deserve space on campus.

~~SIOC & CRC Funding Proposal~~

~~Valles~~

## **XI. Adjournment\***

Velazquez

- Breese adjourns the meeting at 8:30pm.

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