



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
January 18, 2022  
7 PM PST  
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

## **I. Call to Order**

Velazquez

- Breeze calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

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

- Signed via google docs

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

Gatica

- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike AAC Travel Mini Grant Fund Allocations
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency Allocations
- Strike You Belong Here Campaign Special Presentation
- Strike TGIF
  
- Cassandra moves to approve the agenda for 1/18/22 as amended, Hailey seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda for 1/18/22 is approved.

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

Gatica

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

## **IV. Public Comment**

Velazquez

- Radha Patel: "Hi everyone, Happy Week 3. This is Radha, the CALPIRG chapter chair. I just wanted to come on here and give an update on what we have been doing. So tomorrow, we are having a big campaign kickoff meeting. We spent the last two days calling through a list of 900 names of folks who want to get involved with us. As of right now we have 250 people who have said yes to coming which is really awesome. We are starting to call as we speak and after this week we will be transitioning to our funding drive. We are funded by students who pledge to add the \$10 CALPIRG activities fee to their tuition. This is what gives us the political power, resources and training to work on all of our activities and win. Our goal will be to sign up 1,000 new members to be on track to have 10% of the undergrad population be pledging members. The threshold that we have to hit per our contract with the university. I am very excited to get more students involved and make a change and make a difference on fighting climate change, college affordability, and public health. Thank you all."
- Public comment concluded at 7:09pm.
- Public comment reopened at 7:10pm.
  
- Alexia Andrikopolus: "Hello, I also just want to say that as an out-of-state student I have had to change my flight and in doing that it incurred a monetary cost that I normally would have had and also in that time zone I had to make sure the flights went around my classes. So that was just another challenge I encountered as an out of state student. Anyway, thank you."
- Public comment concluded at 7:11pm.

## **V. Funding**

### **Capital Contingency\***

**J. Wang**

### **Contingency Programming\***

J. Wang

- Total Allocated: \$7,204.40 to 11 non USAC entities
- Herman moves to allocate \$7,204.40 to 11 non USAC entities, Angelina seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and \$7,204.40 is allocated to Contingency Programming.

### **SFS Allocations#**

Subhan

- Total Allocated: \$2,180.58 to 3 non CSC entities and 1 CSC entity
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

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

Jackson

- Total Allocated: \$750 to Undergraduate Psychology
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

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

**Wang**

### **ASRF Allocations#**

**Quint**

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

**Quint**

### **ARC Allocations#**

**Ogunleye**

**TGIF**

**Ni**

## **VI. Special Presentations**

### **Impact of COVID-19 Policies on Out of State Students**

Mulji

- External Vice President: Zoya Mulgi
- President: Sakshi Joglekar
- Two Surveys with Out of State Students:
  1. Have you had to reschedule your flight/travel plans due to the online transition?
    - 89.3% responded yes, 11.7% responded no
  2. Did you have to pay a fee to reschedule?
    - 64.8% responded yes, 35.2% responded no
- Major Issues Determined by Respondents/OS Students:
  1. Move-in Process For On Campus Housing (+isolation)
    - Flight times did not sufficiently coincide with move-in times for on campus housing and little flexibility meant students had to get tested 2-3 times before even moving in to fit into the time frame + some had to change flights or book hotel rooms to accommodate.
    - Ex. "My move in appointment was completely booked, but I couldn't afford to spend the night in a hotel."
  2. Timeline For Transition Back To Campus
    - Back and forth on guidelines means students came to campus before 1/9 like suggested, went back home when guidelines changed again till 1/28, have to return again because some class began in person instruction.
  3. Requirements To Return To Westwood
    - Students don't/did not have equal access to testing materials at home (required to spend upwards of \$100 for testing procedures before coming to UCLA.
- "It's really difficult for students in some states to have adequate access to testing or vaccination. It can put a lot of pressure for students who are away from the resources of urban centers to access these requirements sometimes, and that's something the university should take into consideration."
- Additional Concerns/ Solutions Proposed by Students:

- Housing policies should NEVER change with less than 3 weeks in advance, even in dire emergencies. Housing is a basic human right, not a product to be manipulated at the wishes of the administrators.
- I would prefer to stay online throughout the quarter. It allows both disabled students and students who are high risk to thoroughly prepare and reduce the risk of needing to travel. The risk of infection goes up as the date for coming back to campus keeps being changed at the last minute. It only hurts students more to wain back and forth. Online learning allows for safe accessibility that cannot exist during COVID on campus.
- Enforced and mandatory vaccination for all students.
- Refunds for on campus facilities fee.

#### You Belong Here Campaign

Jackson

### **VII. Appointments**

Elections Board Vice Chair: Anna Bulis\*

Palmer

- No opposition, Anna Bulis is appointed to Election Board Vice Chair as consent item.

Director of External Relations: Seher Alvi\*

Palmer

- No opposition, Seher Alvi is appointed to the Director of External Relations as consent item.

Director of Marketing: Megha Gupta\*

Palmer

- No opposition, Megha Gupta is appointed Director of Marketing as consent item.

Director of Endorsements: Joann Shin\*.

Palmer

- No opposition, Joann Shin is appointed Director of Endorsements as consent item.

Director of Finance: Tushar Roy\*.

Palmer

- No opposition, Tushar Roy is appointed Director of Finance as consent item.

Director of Investigation: Martin Makaryan\*

Palmer

- No opposition, Martin Makaryan is appointed Director of Investigation as a consent item.

### **VIII. Officer Reports**

#### A. President

Velazquez

- In a Naming Advisory meeting, we discussed movement regarding students' needs and renaming. Finally the committee is at a point where they will be ready to present to the chancellor in the coming quarter (spring quarter).
- Onboarded winter interns today and we onboarded interns from the fall to the staff of office of president
- Met with Josh and Patty regarding referendums
- Next week we might be presenting because any referendum that goes through has to be vetted by the OVP by Week 4.
- I had a meeting with transportation regarding Lyft. We talked about extending services and we want to meet with Lyft again if there is a possibility for collaboration
- The Student Advocate Board had a second round of interviews.
- Second CAE meeting of the quarter and have been discussing hybrid models with different student leaders
- Originally there was discussion about staying remote throughout the whole quarter, but in the last meeting we had follow up that we might be going back to person because Stanford went back to in-person today.
- The Academic Senate is pushing professors to choose whether they will be online or remote, Megan is following up to see what else can be done to push professors to provide hybrid options.
- Also we will be having a Covid town hall this coming Thursday, Q/A that is three pages, will be sending to administration in the morning
- Within that I am also hoping we will get a straight answer, told administration they should tell students by Thursday on their decision for in person or remote, but they said they most likely won't have an answer by that date
- I will keep pushing this issue but frustrating about the lack of transparency from administration.

- Working to build a branch within UCLA, pushing administration about the Olympics and how it will affect housing in the future, building models for the future, want to make sure students can hold administration accountable especially because of the housing crisis that might arise as we approach the Olympics.
- CSC meetings, discussion about not having any formal programming until the 18th, Bruin Welcome day may be held hybrid, discussion on that to come.

#### B. Internal Vice President.

Gatica

- The True Bruin Raise Scholarship Application is still out, the deadline is being pushed until February because there are so many things going on and we have only had a couple applications.
- Please share the graphic from UCLA IVP instagram to share information about this scholarship.
- Meeting with CARE to further discuss Student Leader toolkit and partner with SOLE on the toolkit
- IVP internship application is out now and it is due on the 21st, great way to learn about IVP and USAC as a whole, help share information
- Planning off campus housing fair, reaching out to landlords this weekend
- Hoping to highlight more accessible off campus housing options
- Offering digital brochures for students who may not be able to get to it in person.
- Reaching out to bruin shelter for housing resource site
- The retreat will be this weekend, as seen in slack, I will be sending one last message to vote on solid times.
- I also will be messaging folks on what they want to present during the retreat so please get back to me on that.

#### C. External Vice President

Wang

- Office finished recruiting for winter fellowship, excited to get them onboarded
- Local relations team in middle of planning CD 5 candidate town hall, most likely being moved online for accessibility reason, in process of contacting candidates, reaching for diversity among candidates to speak
- Looking for non-partisan students to ask the questions, let me know if you know anyone or want to do it.
- Bruin Advocacy Grant is open this quarter, if your organization wants funding for weeks 5-10, please apply.
- Each org can receive up to \$2,000 per quarter, guidelines have been expanded, feel free to reach out if you have questions.

#### D. General Representative 1 Written

Valles

#### E. General Representative 2 Written

Pungchai

#### F. General Representative 3 Written

King

- Met with Vice Chancellor Monroe Gorden and expressed concern about Administrations lack of transparency with students
- Met with Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Adriana Galván to discuss future initiatives of possibly creating major/minor and getting free Uber for students.
- Conducted Manage Stress/Preventative Measures for burnout workshop
- Attended meeting with SWC regarding current "You Belong Campaign"
- Meet with Fernando (USAC Admin) about funding student organization movements.
- Met with Zach Taylor (founder of Refund Movement) to discuss movement and get feedback.
- Released survey to attain information on what major/minor UCLA lacks and students would like to see.

#### G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

- Went to Student Welfare Committee
- Invited disabled students to share their experiences for a priority enrollment cap of 15 units, advocating for accessibility regarding allowing students to access their degree on time.
- Got them to move forward on reversal on this decision after a year of advocating, vote on this Friday.
- Meeting with Herman and some parenting students to institutionalize policies through UCOP, reaching out to them to work with them on this policy change
- Releasing surveys on courses and classes that have been accommodating and what learning methods they have been using so students can look at this information when choosing classes.

- Had meeting with advancement on teaching to discuss joint panel event from various student committees and groups who want to share their experiences and why hybrid options are important for them now and in the future
- This is to push professors to practice empathy with their teaching.
- Academic Senate will be telling professors to choose whether they will be holding their classes in person or online, however proposal language is confusing, so I am sending letter to ask to make language more clear and transparent, will be voting on this this Friday
- Last week I attended an interview for a new CSC candidate.
- Access and Equity team collaborating with MECHA about CalFresh and food insecurity, working with Disability and Justices Education Committee for resource guide for disabled students.

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Sanghavi

I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Subhan

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Ni

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Yu

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 the 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 run through the Student Wellness Commission! Apply at [tinyurl.com/joinshn2122](https://tinyurl.com/joinshn2122).

N. Transfer Student Representative Written

Chavez

- **This week is Bruin Transfer Pride Week!** Throughout the week, we'll be hosting events alongside the Transfer Student Center and other UCLA orgs and departments to share the transfer experience.
  - Bruin Transfer Pride Week Events: <https://community.ucla.edu/program/transfers>
  - Bruin Transfer Pride Week Newsletter: [https://www.canva.com/design/DAE10hpUzgI/vpkeUN98LcS82\\_qJy1YNnw/view?website#4](https://www.canva.com/design/DAE10hpUzgI/vpkeUN98LcS82_qJy1YNnw/view?website#4)
- **TSR Staff Applications are open!** Any students looking for advocacy experience for UCLA's transfer community are welcome to apply! Applications are due at **midnight on January 21st** and can be found here: <http://bit.ly/TSRWinterApp22> We are currently recruiting students to join the Office of the Transfer Student Representative's following committees:
  - Diversity & Intersectionality
  - Internal Relations
  - External Relations
  - Media & Marketing
  - Transfer Summer Bridge
- **Our Fall 2021 Transparency Report is now live!** You can read it here and find out about our office's progress last quarter: <https://bit.ly/FTransparencyReport>

- **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

#### O. Administrative Representatives

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

- Josh: "Hey team, so the only thing that I have is please just remember, and I think Breeze already said this, to get a referendum on the ballot we do need everything by next Friday which is Friday of Week 4. So, if anyone is thinking about running referendums, please make sure to talk to myself, Patty, Breeze so we can make sure that gets onto the ballot. If after Week 4, we can not guarantee, we can almost guarantee that it will not go on the ballot for this year. So please please please if you are thinking about it, this is your time. Next week we should be presenting a final referendum writeup by Friday so we can have that for chancellor approval and then up to UCOP. So if you have any questions please reach out."
- Patty: "Hi everyone, just echoing Fernando. It has been a pleasure speaking with you all in the past week. I look forward to hearing from a couple more and we are here to answer any questions you may have. Thank you."

### **IX. Old Business**

#### USAC Surplus Discussion\*

Velazquez

- No discussion.

### **X. New Business**

### **XI. Adjournment\***

Velazquez

- Breeze adjourns the meeting at 8:26pm.

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