



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
January 25, 2022
7 PM PST
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

I. Call to Order

Velazquez

- Breeze calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via google docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Gatica

- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike TGIF
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike Travel Mini Grant Allocations
- Strike Occuspace Surplus Proposal
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Add Capital Contingency Computers Proposal
- Add BBRC Presentation
- Add TSC Presentation
- Add Basic Needs Subsidy: Care Packages Proposal
- Tayloneei moves to approve the agenda as amended, Jane seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda from 1/25/22 is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Gatica

- Herman moves to approve the minutes from 1/18/22, Emily seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 1/18/22 are approved.

IV. Public Comment

Velazquez

- Radha Patel: "Hi everyone, it's Radha the CALPIRG chapter chair, hope you are not having too stressful of a midterm season right now. I just wanted to give my quick CALPIRG update. So last week we had our kickoff meeting where we launched all of our campaigns and reached our goal of 100 people and got 128 students there. It is super exciting to see all of the excitement for student activism on our campus. It really is what makes a grassroots organization like ours really successful. This week we started our funding drive. We are funded by students who pledged to add the 10\$ per term fee and we are currently 35,000 members strong across the state. Every year we need to sign up 10% of the student body per our contract with the university. We are pledging on our campaign to get the state to ban single use plastics following in the UC steps to protect our environment and our health. Our goal for this quarter is to sign up 1000 new members and so far we are on track to hitting that. Thank you."
- Abeeha Hussain: "Hello, My name is Abeeha. I use she/her pronouns. And today I just wanted to hop on and share the importance of the Transfer Student Center. It is located in Kerckhoff 128 and is across the hall from the BBRC which I also think is a topic of discussion today. I am a staff member there so I have been working there in person since Spetemebr or so and I have been able to meet 100's of transfer students and help them with simple questions, complex questions and been able to point them in the direction of to get answers to questions we may not be able to answer. We have helped students with studying. We have an entire room where we play lofi music and it is a amazing place to join and we have events nearly every single week. And I think this shows the importance of the Transfer Student Center for the transfer student community specifically. As Herman always talks about, the transfer community is very intersectional. We have commuter students, parenting students, people who are part of the diasbaled community and

things like that. So all of these people come together into this very intersectional space called the Transfer Student Center. Advocating for permanent funding will just further help us that this space will stay available for students in the future. It will help make sure that the assistant director has a job next year and our other staff members at the TSC will be able to greet you all with smiles if anyone decides to drop by. Thank you.”

- Zulieka Bravo: “Hi everyone. I am so happy to be here and share space with you all. I am here to talk about the EARN Referendum. I just want to express my gratitude for this referendum. It is something that is such an important issue and as a former transfer and a former coauthor of the TSC, an issue that we have been fighting for awhile is permanent funding. Lack of funding does not allow us to properly support our community. And I am pretty sure that the same case goes for the BBRC. These communities have been underrepresented, underfunded for far too long and I am in full support of this referendum. I just want you all to keep in mind, learning from the CUB Referendum as a former coauthor of the CUB referendum. I think one of the things we fell short on was working in community. I want to emphasize to try to work in community as much as possible. Make sure that the communities represented by this referendum are also a part of the process and a part of the campaign. So yeah, I just wanted to emphasize that and show my support and I am really excited about this. It is something that needs to be done. So thank you for bringing this forth and I am looking forward to this hopefully being passed. Thank you.”
- Justin Rodriguez: “Hello, my name is Justin Rodriguez and I am the internal chair for the mother org MECHA. I am here in strong support for the BBRC surplus proposal and the EARN Referendum which will bring funding to the BBRC and TSC. I want to say and bring this issue up. Both of these communities face retention and graduation issues still in 2022 despite all of the resources that UCLA has at its disposal. Black students especially have a long history on this campus for advocating for SPACE and for services to make sure black students can be retained and the BBRC was one of their victories after years of organizing. It is important that these spaces are funded and that they are governed by students both from black and transfer communities. As we move back to campus it will be more important than ever for students to have resources like these on campus. A space to be with others, community, regular programming, counseling services are vital for retention and survival of communities on this campus. Again I am in strong support of the EARN Referendum and the surplus proposal. Thank you.”
- Sachi Cooper: “Hi everyone, happy Tuesday. I am just here with two separate but important updates. One from CS Mini Fund. Those applications are due this Friday, Jan 28. Hearings will be Week 5. I have a little Instagram graphic so if any of your offices want to post that that would be greatly appreciated. We are trying to get as many people as possible to apply. So please apply and if you have any questions you can hit me up and I will help you with any questions you may have. The LA Metro scoping period for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project is ending on Feb 11th. I believe that is in 16 days. So time is really ticking to submit public comment. I was able to give public comment and mention that USAC headvoted in favor of a resolution. GSA just voted unanimously in favor of a similar resolution. But I think it is really important for Metro to hear from you as Council members and from people in your offices. Hearing that kind of unique perspective from a variety of reasons why a UCLA metro stop would be important will be helpful in their process so I will drop the link to the SSCC for all website which has an abundance of information and how to submit public comment. But it is super critical, you can just use the template if you don't want to craft your own. But please do so. Thank you.”
- Public Comment concluded at 7:17pm.

V. Funding

Capital Contingency*

J. Wang

Contingency Programming*

J. Wang

- Total Allocated: \$9,399.76 to 12 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity
- Sarah moves to allocate \$9,399.76 to 12 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity, Emily seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and \$9,399.76 is allocated to 12 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity

SFS Allocations#

Subhan

- Total Allocated: \$2,715.63 to 2 non CSC organizations

- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Jackson

- Total Allocated: \$1,015 to 4 non USAC entities and \$530 to 1 USAC entity
- 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

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VI. Special Presentations

BBRC Presentation

Anderson

- Simone Anderson: "Hey you guys. Today I am here to talk to you about the BBRC. I know I came to a couple other meetings last quarter and it is still the same old story. Black students are still lacking resources. The black community is severely underfunded. Like we talked about earlier how vital reenteion and access roesurces are. Currently we are being told as ASU by Vice Chancellor Gordon and the Chancellor that there is not enough space in the BBRC for our projects to operate as well as because of the student initiated task force that mother orgs are currently protesting because there is no student representation and there is no ability for students to make decisions for our projects. It is keeping our projects retention and access resources from going in there. SHAPE was not able to conduct a single site that is our access project and for the first time it did not operate for a whole quarter for the first time in 26 years because of what's going on, because of what the Chancellor has allowed to go on with black students, staff and the CPO. Black students aren't safe and they haven't been safe for a long time and now it is affecting our community. It is affecting ASP's ability to counsel. That is our retention project. It meant that when ASP was in counseling until week 6 of the fall quarter meant that Black students were going without academic supports. Students that were dismissed were not being let back into the university. Students that were AA and on the verge of dismissal and were unfortunately dismissed. We are losing black students because we are not given the money or the environment that we need to be successful and that we need to administer these resources to black students. I don't know how many students out there because SHAPE couldnt give a site unfortunately werent even able to apply to UCLA because we werent able to help them with their college applications. That's how important that these resources are. AEP, our community service project didnt get to have a site this year. We usually wok with kids in Compton and host Saturday school for them. WE help them with school, with everything and just being there that mentorship especially with covid right now I dont knwo what is happening with thse families. A whole community that we are disconnected from. These resources are important and right now I need you guys to see the value in them because unfortunately administration doesn't. They dont see the value of student initiated and student run projects resoureces organizations like mother orgs like CRC and SIOC projects like access and retention projects. So I am here today asking for our surplus proposal of \$230,00 dollars for the BBRC. It is lacking space. We can only have programs that fit up to 45 students right now in the BBRC and we have over 1500 students in the black community right no in our general body. We are at 4%. We can't fit more than 45 people in there. Thre are no resources in there. Right now it is like a lounge. People just come in and sit there studying. It is just another hub for students to sit there and do work but there is no resources for them to use, no food for them to eat. Theres no jobs, no tutoring, nothing and Vice Chancellor Gordon and Gene Block are just sitting there doing articles and talking about how well-funded the BBRC is and it has created an illusion that black studnets are adequately supported and we are not. We are not. I need you guys to come together and support these black studnets on your campus. Last year everybody was talking about Black Lives matter and rising to the chanllagne. The chancellor has failed to rise to the challenge. The politics have been performative. He hasn't even rescheduled his meetings with Black Alliance. He hasn't even met with me yet as ASU chair. All the things going on with CPO, he hasn't talked to me since September. Black students have continued to be harmed by the CPO and now the space that the black resource center that was created to hosue them is being told that they cant go to because it is just not enough space. Monroe told them they can work in the corner. Any instructvie student workers professional staff in the BRRC to not help these projects to not help black students. Aint that something. So more than ever black student on this campus need your support. We need more space. Students need scholarships and students need to be able to get these services to black students on this campus and to the community of Los Angeles. There are other community service initiatives. All sorts of programs that

sit with them, so it is not ASU staff that is being hurt, it is our general body, all these black students on campus that are being hurt. The Harambe Council is home to 28 student initiated and student run organizations run by black students and they are supposed to have access to the BBRC. They are supposed to be able to program, they need funding for programming. They have resources that they provide. ASU is a very collaborative and communal space. Staff, faculty what about all of our stakeholders. What about our annual events? What about our beloved community initiative? What about things like that that ASU supports that promotes community for all students of color. This is a threat to student initiated and student run. It is a threat to student empowerment. It is a threat to all students. And look how it is harming black students because we haven't had the decision making ability to provide resources for ourselves or make decision or choose where this money goes or what's being spent where. Right now more than ever, black students really need support and not just this one time allocation but obviously continual support as we continue to grow and the black student population at UCLA continues to grow, as students are doing access retention services and we continue to grow the Black Bruin Community. The BBRC will constantly need money. It will need consistent economic support. And that is why we are here to talk to you today about the EARN Referendum which we will talk about later. How do we not just right now in the moment, but how do we continue to support black students on this campus because there hasn't been enough support for black students on this campus. Thank you."

TSC Presentation

Chavez

- What is the TSC?
 - Housed on the first floor of Kerckhoff between Student Media and the Veteran Center and across from the Black Bruin Resource Center, the Transfer Student Center is under Student Affairs and serves the needs of the transfer community.
 - The TSC offers operations, programming, and services to enhance the experience of UCLA transfers.
- What does the TSC do?
 - Provides resources for transfer students, including parking permits, food vouchers, & more
 - Provides a Mentorship program and a Volunteering program for transfers
 - Manages official social media presence for UCLA transfers, including around admissions
 - Hosts CAPS twice a week in the TSC to provide easier access to the transfer community
 - Programs National Transfer Student Week, Bruin Transfer Pride Week, & Transfer Graduation
 - And, vitally, **provides a safe physical space for transfer students to study, receive support, and come into community with other transfers.**
- A Brief History of TSC:
 - **The TSC is still fairly new in UCLA's history and is the product of student organizing.**
 - Transfer Student Program, the first UCLA program for transfers, was established in **2009** under the Bruin Resource Center
 - Transfer Leadership Coalition and Transfer Student Representative organized for the TSC to become a center, and it was finally given a physical space in Kerckhoff in **2017**
- Why Transfers Need Support:
 - Retention Concerns
 - 2-year transfer graduation rate: 70.9 vs. 4-year freshman graduation rate: 82.3%
- Overcoming Community College Stigma
 - 24%-30% of the undergraduate population
 - 93% come from 101 CA CCs
- Intersectional Identities
 - Parenting Students
 - Veterans
 - System Impacted/Formerly Incarcerated
 - First Gen, and More
 - Lack a sense of belonging and that they matter to the University
 - I.e., "the Housing Crisis"
 - Adjusting to the quarter system

- Work loads, connecting with professors, & large class size
 - Finding/Using campus resources
 - Resources and opportunities weren't created with transfers in mind
 - Balancing Responsibilities
 - Financial issues
 - Covid-19
- Why does the TSC Need Funding?:
 - The Transfer Student Center has no permanent funding.
 - All funding at this time are temporary funds from Student Affairs, SFAC, or Development. The amounts change year per year.
 - Out of its nine student staff, one assistant director, and one director, only the director job has guaranteed funding. All other positions in the TSC can be removed and unfunded at any time.
 - The TSC is still being required to pay off its rent for our space in Kerckhoff. That means that even with the temporary funds, not all of it can go to transfer services because a portion is forcibly allocated to paying off the rent that UCLA itself provides.
- **Without permanent funding, the Transfer Student Center is in danger of its staff, services, and even space being cut at the whims of the temporary funds.**
- The TSC needs stronger financial independence in order to ensure that it can serve UCLA's large transfer community of over 7,000 students.
- The full and immediate independence of the Transfer Student Center of all future monthly rent payments, which costs roughly \$70,000 dollars a year. Once this rent is accounted for, the Transfer Student Center can reallocate this money that would have otherwise been used for rent to pay for new programming and support for transfer students and commuters.
- Providing Resources for Transfer Students:
 - With this funding, the Transfer Student Center can rely on permanent funds to ensure that it will always operate to serve the transfer community.
 - Independence from rent would allow the TSC to focus on its service to transfers
 - After the rent is paid off, the funds would allow the TSC to increase its services to support more transfer students, including transfer organizations

VII. Appointments

SACBOG: Katrina Herrera#

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- No opposition, Katrina Herera is appointed to SACBOG as a consent item.

SACBOG: Anise Tyehimba#

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- No opposition, Anise Tyehimba is appointed to SACBOG as a consent item.

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Velazquez

- An epidemiologist came on campus this past week for a meeting with administration. Admin tried to push having students on campus despite the epidemiologist's concerns about expected student mortality.
- Administration said that their choice to go back to campus was affected by Stanford and Claremont Mckenna's choices to go back in person, however it is important to note that both of these schools are about 1/3 of the size of UCLA and do not face the same risks that UCLA does.
- Had a meeting with the Council of Presidents and what each university is doing to provide hybrid options for students. After hearing everyone's responses, I believe that UCLA is doing the least.

- At this point in time, I really need us as a council to come together and activate on pushing for hybrid options for the student body.
- DSU and my office are planning a strike that will most likely happen on Monday. Hopefully we can get students involved to show administration and professors how important this issue is.
- Principals and Response meeting, there should be an email going out to student body about next steps and how students can advocate to chancellor
- Movement from MO students about CPO, there will be MO town hall this Friday from 5-6:30pm, please show up we want to pay attention to all the stuff that administration has been putting under the rug

B. Internal Vice President

Gatica

- True Bruin Raise Scholarship application is still out and extended until Feb 4th, please share because we have few applications and we want to recognize our students
- Student worker guide finalizations (amid pandemic)
- Trying to establish USAC live newsletter and I am going to start reaching out to offices
- Friday of week 5 housing fair
- Campus safety alliance is having town hall this Friday 4-5 about return to campus, important that everyone at council is there

C. External Vice President

Wang

- Encourage you all to join me for Students of Color Conference this Saturday, important speakers will be there and networking opportunities, so if you want to come let me know
- Working on title IX
- Working with CARE for advocacy on SCSH
- Local relations doing awesome work and ASUCLA services have been super helpful to us,
- The CD5 mayoral event is being confirmed for Week 8 or 9 of this quarter
- University relations team is working on UC regents week with Herman's office, if you are interested look on insta
- CALFRESH EBT is being tested across ASUCLA restaurants, should be available to students soon which is very exciting
- Doing an advocacy spotlight series, please feel free to nominate people or yourself !

D. General Representative 1 Written

Valles

E. General Representative 2 Written

Pungchai

- COVID-19 Advocacy
 - Completed 2 rounds of mask distribution (collaboration with FSC). Approximately 170 students received N95 masks.
 - Pressed Housing about quarantine conditions, notably lack of food options for those with restrictions.
- COVID-19 and Out of State Students
 - Received survey responses from OSSA
 - Met with Emily (FSC) and OSSA EVP and president to discuss concerns
 - Met with Fernando, Emily and Patty to discuss collaboration with ECRT
 - Looped Herman in on this
- Open Source Initiative
 - Ayesha (ASR director) met with KUDU CEO Warren Essey and co-founder Prof. Alexander Kusenko to discuss using the platform. They showed interest in compensating faculty members for using it. Benefits include replacing iClickers, homework software, and textbook software completely; would cost \$100 per undergrad student for 4 years. Going to meet with ASUCLA textbook heads to discuss.
- Accessibility
 - Received confirmation from Vice Chancellor of Facilities Kelly Schmader that braille signs have been installed in general use classrooms in Boelter.



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- Other
 - Attended USAC retreat with other council members. It was fun.
- MHP Stuff
 - Received updates from Tayloneei, eager to collaborate on a menstrual hygiene fair.

F. General Representative 3 Written

King

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

- Attended LMS meeting last week to discuss progress for the transition to campus, shared issues that disabled students have been facing, no closed captioning on recorded lectures, working on this
- Attended a UGC meeting and unanimously voted to reverse priority enrollment cap that was made in June 2020,
- This was a huge win because we have been advocating for this for a very long time and shows admin that DSU is powerful and their voices should be heard,
- Sent out a letter to professors and TA telling them they have choice to make hybrid or fully in person, mandated everyone to come back to in person, discrepancy between all of these decisions, stated that spring quarter will most likely to be in person
- Center for advancement on teaching to coordinate our event during week 6 to encourage professors to offer hybrid classes and to make professors aware of their options
- Office has been providing email templates for students to be able to send to professors
- Onboarded our winter interns and reviewing books for bruins applications
- Hosting CALFRESH event with MECHA

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Sanghavi

- Finishing up hiring.
- Virtual event with Ari Aster happening right now.

I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Subhan

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

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EXTERNAL

TGIF

- Holding hearings for main fund applicants
- Reading through support fund applications

Office of Sustainability

- Met with Chief and Deputy Chief of Sustainability this week
- Students are encouraged to read through the Master Sustainability Plan and give comments here: <https://www.sustain.ucla.edu/plan/>
- Cool Campus Challenge will be occurring this week

Center for Accessible Education

- Met with the Director of the CAE recently
- Students with disabilities who need remote accommodations are encouraged to reach out to their disability specialists
- Students without registered disabilities with the CAE who may need remote accommodations should contact the Dean of Students, Jasmine Rush

INTERNAL

FAC Internal Departments

- **Fellowship:** Second fellowship meeting this week with project director presentations

FAC External Departments

- No updates this week

PROJECTS

Sustainagoals

- Solidified date for Water Resiliency in UCLA Seminar Series
- Developing plan for intersectional sustainability training and green spaces/transportation resource
- Hosted meeting with Sara Stockford and Bonny Bentzin to discuss the continuation of the Reusable Dining Ware Project
- Upcoming meeting for Kerckhoff Coffee House Reusable Mug Program
- Created outline for Zero Waste training and guest speaker event on the Hill with OCHC Director of Sustainability

Environmental Justice Now

- Discussed passion projects and goals of each member of the team
- Decided to focus our efforts on working with ASUCLA Licensing and implementing environmental sustainability into their Code of Conduct for this quarter
- Reached out to Liz Kennedy, from ASUCLA Licensing, and meeting with her this week to discuss steps forward

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Yu

For the past 2 weeks, FSC has been working on the following initiatives:

- Purchased 200 N95 masks for student workers. FSC and GR2 distributed them Wednesday Jan 12 and Friday Jan 14 on Bruinwalk.
- Met with GR2 and Out of State Student Association (OSSA) to discuss ways in which USAC can try to help non-California resident students with fees (travel related) incurred due to changes in the return to campus procedures for winter quarter. Met with Fernando and Patricia (USAC Admin) to discuss possibilities for how to use surplus funds to support non-resident students. GR2 and I will be meeting with the Economic Crisis Response Team (ECRT) director Serifa de la Cruz next week to discuss the possibility of working with ECRT to help address these issues.
- Reminder to all that the UCLA store is running the Blue Books and Scantron Sheets program that FSC helped coordinate, in which 6 of those materials each will be made available to any student who asks at the UCLA Store counter.
- FSC Academic Materials Rental Program (lab coats, goggles, iClickers) will begin January 31st, with a new accountability system. The bitly link will be up soon, but for now this is the link to fill out our form:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1roFDp5Xhbfid6zOjb9psnMg8Y4rY27Aw3QcLX3lZD7E/edit?usp=sharing>

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 tinivurl.com/joinshn2122.

N. Transfer Student Representative Written

Chavez

- **Transfer Pride Week** was a success! Thank you to everyone who helped collaborate on events and attended activities. **Power to the Transfer!**
- Last Friday 1/21, Chancellor Gene Block had a **Fireside Chat with transfer students including the Transfer Student Representative** to discuss issues that transfer students are facing at UCLA.
 - Topics that were discussed concerned securing permanent funding for the Transfer Student Center (TSC), the housing priority issue for transfers, hybrid accessibility, prerequisite coursework requirements, orientation accommodations, building the UCLA experience for transfer students and academic restrictions.
- **APPLICATIONS EXTENDED: The Office of the TSR is recruiting Staff!** Work amongst students who are passionate about student government, advocacy and educational opportunities for the transfer community! **Deadline to apply is 11:59pm on January 28th, 2022.**
 - Please apply using this link: <http://bit.ly/TSRWinterApp22>
- **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>

O. International Student Representative Written

Garcia

O. Administrative Representatives

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

- Josh: "Just a reminder about the referendums, we need to have by the end of this week. So please please make sure that you send me the final draft of whatever you would like to get on the ballot by this Friday at noon. Thanks everyone."
- Fernando: "Some of your computers are really old and no longer supported by the operating systems that they have, so if you are still using the computer in the office, let me know but most of them will be recycled."

IX. Old Business


USAC Surplus Discussion*

Velazquez

X. New Business

USAC Elections Calendar*

Palmer

-  Election Calendar Slides for Council 1/25
- Tabled, can not vote until Palmer speaks with MyUCLA and confirms dates, but council agrees with the amended dates discussed.

Foster Youth Emergency Scholarship

Valles

- Foster Youth Disparities:
 - With the multiple transitions from in-person to online, former foster youth at UCLA have faced additional challenges. Only 3-5% of foster youth as a whole earn a Bachelor's Degree. In comparison to a **91% graduation rate at UCLA, only 60% of former foster youth entering UCLA as freshman graduate within 4 years; and 77% graduating within 6 years.** As the UCLA Newsroom puts it, "Foster students face additional challenges to learning — needing to work more hours than other students in order to cover tuition costs, for example, or having to find housing during school holidays. The COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated those hardships." In addition, **22% of CA foster youth had experienced homelessness due to the COVID-19 pandemic**, while 68% said the pandemic impacted their housing situation.*
- Self- Defined Emergency Needs:
 - We hope this fund will cover a variety of self-defined emergency needs including:
 - Housing security
 - Loan repayments
 - Food security
 - Access to technology, school, and lab supplies for school
 - Access to medical services
 - Unemployment
 - Access to transportation

- And more
- How many students are former foster youth at UCLA?
 - Roughly **300 students** at UCLA identify as former foster youth out of UCLA's 44,589 undergraduate and graduate students, making up **less than 1% of the student population**. These students come from a wide variety of backgrounds, examples including: **kinship care, group homes, unaccompanied minors, guardianship care, etc...** Despite making up such a small percentage of the UCLA population, foster youth students are **2.5-3x as likely to not graduate** and have significantly less access to resources that will improve their academic performance.
- Distribution Funds:
 - After conversations with Paolo Velasco, Director of the Bruin Resource Center, the Bruin Resource Center will receive the sum of funding allocated, follow our established guidelines and method of payment, and allocate the funding accordingly to Bruin Guardian Scholars Program members after reviewing each request.
- How Students Can Request Funds:
 - Bruin Guardian Scholars are currently able to apply for emergency scholarships using a Google Form accessible through the website. The form asks for:
 - Name/UID/Email
 - Amount requested
 - Reason for request
 - Whether or not the student has already utilized the scholarship
 - Other resources the student has accessed to meet their need
- Allocation Ask:
 - With an estimated maximum 75* students who may apply to this scholarship out of the 300 Bruin Guardian Scholars, we are asking that each of these 75 students can have access to funds which will of course vary based on the circumstance of their emergency.
 - With an allocation of \$40,000, this will allow each individual to receive \$533.33 of the anticipated maximum of 75 applicants; however, we acknowledge that the allocation quantity may vary depending on how many applicants we receive and what their need is which may be lower or more than the \$533.33 amount.
 - *Note: The anticipated 75 maximum applicants is based on the number of 31 applicants thus far for BGS's emergency scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year.

Student Union Event Fund

King

- Background: What is the Student Union Event Fund?
 - The Student Union Event Fund was established in the 1973-74 fiscal year by the ASUCLA Board of Directors. Student Union Event Fund (hereafter referred to as SUE FUND) was designed as a funding source to encourage student programming within the Student Union. This fund allows student organizations to request money for their events that are taking place in UCLA facilities.
- Who Qualifies for SUE Fund?
 - Any student organization registered with UCLA's Student Organizations, Leadership and Engagement office qualifies for SUE Fund. The event must be initiated, planned, and produced by the sponsoring student organization; SUE Fund will not fund events for university departments, off-campus organizations, or non-student university organizations registered with the Center for Student Programming.
- Which Events Qualify for SUE Fund?
 - Events taking place in ASUCLA event venues and meeting the minimum attendance requirement are eligible to apply for the SUE Fund to cover the cost of a "Basic House Package " is defined as the set up staff, house staff, and technical staff to execute a standard event. The number of staff varies depending on the requirements of the venue. Ackerman Grand Ballroom is eligible for an additional \$500 in funding applicable for facility changes such as equipment rentals, security staff, ticket charges, and additional labor charges. Bruin plaza is not an ASUCLA event venue. However, all sound equipment rentals are eligible for the SUE Fund.
- How SUE Fund Receives Funding:
 - The SUE Fund receives funding through student purchases of on campus goods
 - The idea is that students receive something back from their purchases on campus.
 - This year because of campus interruptions, the SUE fund is currently underfunded and will be underfunded during the Spring quarter as students prepare to return to campus and host in person events.
 - Spring quarter is also a quarter that typically has the most events as student organizations wrap up their year.

- Organizations that have Applied for the SUE Fund in last year:
 - Over 1k+ organizations have applied for the SUE Fund this year. Some have been denied because of a lack of funds or administration problems with paperwork.
 - Groups that have applied this year: (Liberty in North Korea, Campus Events Commission, Vietnamese Student Association)
- SUE Fund Deficient:
 - A further look into the remainder of the current year's budget for SUE Fund in comparison to the budget from the last full year of activity (Academic year 18-19) for the same timeframe.
- Funding Request:
 - The SUE Fund is typically able to budget and give out approximately 149k dollars per academic year to student organizations on campus.
 - This year the funding from SUE Fund is currently sitting around 89k. Which means that the SUE Fund is short approximately 60k due to the pandemic affecting on campus purchases. This has resulted in some student organizations being denied.
 - The office of the GR3 is asking for 48k for the SUE Fund so that students may continue to request and receive funding for upcoming events this upcoming quarter.
- Final Ask: \$48,000

BBRC Surplus Proposal

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- Background:
 - The Black Bruin Resource Center is the culmination of efforts of Black students on UCLA's campus for decades. Students involved with the Afrikan Black Coalition, a coalition of Black Student Unions across the UC and CSU systems, began calling for Black resource centers at all of their schools in 2015. UCLA first put funding in renovating the Black Forum space in Haines Hall
 - A collaboration with the Bunche Center. In 2018, Student Affairs then created the Black Community Center in Rieber Hall that was used as a programming and study space. After further advocacy for a space more central in location on campus by organizations like the Afrikan Student Union and Black Graduate Students Association at UCLA, the Black Bruin Resource Center was established as a part of his Rising to the Challenge statement in June of 2020.
- Mission of the BBRC:
 - The BBRC is the root of the Black connection and collective effort at UCLA & essential branch of support available to Black UCLA students, staff, and faculty at a departmental and institutional level
 - Provides direct access to resources housed within the space and in different locations on campus
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- Need for Increased Space:
 - Black students do not have an adequate or comprehensive space to house academic and counseling resources, community events and forums
 - The current Center within Kerkhoff does not allow for adequate space to host sites and is not sufficient as an overall safe space for Black Bruins to study, congregate, and exist
 - The current space is 1500 square feet (cost \$100k) but has not been sufficient in housing the many programs and resources for Black Bruins and the broader Black community
 - Doubling the square footage to 3000 sq ft (\$200k) would allow Black Bruins adequate space to carry out these programs and initiatives, as well as serve as a space that is large enough for all Black Bruins—both current & prospective students, alumni, and faculty—to call home

- Mental Health Resourcing Need:
 - The BBRC aims to support students in response toward the multiple racially motivated crimes that have occurred within UCLA (i.e, police brutality/profiling, discrimination, etc.)
 - The space aims to operate as a meeting location where students who face similar injustices across the UCLA community can coexist in healing and solidarity
 - Given the lack of racially and ethnically diverse CAPS therapists, and due to the criminalization of mental health crises between CAPS and UCPD, it is pertinent that the BBRC be accompanied with adequate mental health resources
- Programming Needs:
 - The BBRC functions as a location for events that serve the broader Black community, including current & potential students, alumni, organizations, etc.
 - Annual events include a welcome event, an open house and end of year event, a Black Mental Health series, Networking in the Black Community series—among a host of other academic programming
 - Other events include ASU general body meetings, Harambee Council meetings, Umbrella organization meetings & events, retention programming, Black programming, Afrograd, events for celebrated holidays (MLK Day and Black History Month)
 - Programming is aimed at centering the needs of Black Bruins.
 - Increased funding for programming would help the BBRC be better equipped to handle issues pertaining to the Black community as they arise.
- Funding Asks:
 - \$230,000
 - After discussing with ASU chairperson and staff members, an estimate of \$230,000 from the USAC surplus would help fund the BBRC in supporting Black Bruins' retention and academic success.

Books for Bruins Surplus Proposal

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Books for Bruins Surplus Funding Proposal

Books for Bruins is a quarterly textbook subsidy program run by the Academic Affairs Commission that is meant to alleviate the financial burden of purchasing increasingly expensive textbooks and materials for classes. Our office understands that rising textbook and academic material costs continue to be a problem for students, especially amid an ongoing pandemic--during which many students have been laid off or are having to work extra jobs to financially support themselves and their families for rent, food, medical expenses, etc. As the scholarship responses and the lived realities of thousands of students reveal, these financial burdens disproportionately affect low-income, non-traditional, and other historically underrepresented communities. Many of the students who applied last quarter and during Winter 2022 have cited their challenging financial situations. However, it is imperative to highlight that even within the discussion of rising costs of academic materials, this issue is divided along the lines of North and South Campus. STEM students are not only purchasing overpriced STEM textbooks, but also clickers, lab coats, goggles, and access codes and subscriptions in order to do their homework. Because of this, AAC has continued to expand the scholarship to cover access codes and other course materials. AAC is asking council members to support an increasingly pertinent initiative that will directly help alleviate *some* of the burden UCLA students face financially.

Spring Quarter 2021:

- AAC received 107 applications. We distributed UCLA Store Gift Cards in the following way: 5 \$25, 24 \$50, 19 \$75, 16 \$100, 26 \$125, 17 \$150 for a total of \$10,150.

Fall Quarter 2021:

- AAC received 167 applicants. Awards were distributed via paper checks instead of UCLA gift cards, and funds were awarded to meet need.
- A total of \$17,925 was awarded on Books for Bruins that quarter. AAC was granted \$18,825 from surplus for Books for Bruins.

Winter Quarter 2022:

- AAC received 150 applications. We will be distributing awards via check and UCLA gift cards.
- We estimate using approximately \$16,600 this quarter, including the leftover amount from Fall 2021.

Spring Quarter 2022:

- It is estimated that AAC will receive about 155 applications.
- We estimate using approximately \$17,000 this quarter.

With these numbers, we are requesting **\$33,600** in order to help cover the expected costs.

Oceuspace Surplus Proposal

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Basic Needs Care Packages

- In 2020, **USAC Student Wellness Commissioner Mihika** established a quarterly Basic Needs Subsidy to meet the basic essentials of students during the onset of COVID-19. Before the Basic Needs Subsidy, SWC would **occasionally** offer packages/kits as a programmatic activity.
- Currently, Students apply to a fairly lengthy application with three short-answer questions! After applying, they'll have to go buy the products themselves and then get reimbursed. Entails keeping their receipt and doing a requisition form. And then wait weeks to get their money refunded. Due to this process, only **159 out of 250** actually completed the Subsidy process. Our Basic Needs Subsidy Team (a team of 5) had to process 250 applications during midterms-finals week (also excessive labor for SGA). As recognition of the Subsidy grows, we need a more effective, less time-intensive way to meet the health & wellness needs of students. Compared to the Spring 21 Subsidy, we received 100 more applicants in Fall 2021.
- The Student Wellness Commission wants to continue reimagining ways that we could help students meet their basic needs -- especially since the Basic Needs Subsidy is a fairly popular and well-known resource.
 - The former model worked for our 100% virtual format, but the reimbursement process is too laborious on the student body, SWC Basic Needs Subsidy team, and SGA.
- This new model will provide students with an easily accessible/overall easier method to access their basic needs/essentials.
- Unlike previous, historical iterations of the Subsidy, this model still maintains personalization/tailored resources (found in the Subsidy) while eliminating the labor (ie. reimbursement aspect of the Subsidy) on students
- SWC will alleviate the burden from students by overseeing all shipping/handling/inventory count/**bulk ordering** of all basic needs essentials. Students can then pick up the items directly from the SWC office and possibly connect with the plethora of SWC/campus resources.
- Our Plan:
- SWC Basic Needs Subsidy Committee will now be nested under Bruin Necessities for stability and continuity. Thus, our current vision is to expand access to basic needs resources through this committee, which will be responsible for the assembly and distribution of basic needs care packages.
- Bruin Necessities has a track record of meeting basic needs of students (including the leading the fight for the institutionalization of menstrual hygiene products - a project that has been completed; providing free oral health screenings, free menstrual hygiene products on the Hill)
- This committee of Bruin Necessities will be distributing a Google form to students in which they can request up to 7 full-size basic needs products, including cleaning products and hygiene products (for menstrual hygiene products, students can receive up to 10 basic needs products).
- The Basic Needs Committee would package the kits and store them at the Student Wellness Commission office, a central location on campus for students to easily access these essential products.
- This updated means of distributing basic needs would **save students from having to purchase products with their own money** and waiting for reimbursement checks, it would also allow them much **quicker access** to basic needs products, which are **essential to student success**.
- Total Cost and Requested Amount:
 - **In Fall 2021, \$15,631.15 was spent on basic needs for 159 students.** Most of our money for basic needs is *depleted* because of the office budget cuts, the unexpected large number of Basic Needs Subsidy applicants, and the hundreds of projects executed by the 11 committees of SWC.
 - Due to the ever-evolving nature of surplus, we do not want to rely on surplus for this project long-term. **However, we need Surplus this year to continue meeting the basic needs of students through this new model.**
 - **Since the following years will have this new model, we can allocate our Student Wellness Commission + Bruin Necessities fees to tailor to this new model in the beginning of the next academic year.**

- By funding this project, you'll be helping us provide an avenue for students to access basic needs without institutional barriers.
- ***We are requesting \$20,000 based on the amount we spent on the F21 Basic Needs Subsidy (\$15,631.15) and the predicted amount that will need to be spent for students that need their products shipped to them.***

Capital Contingency Computers

- Kerckhoff Hall Computers:

There are apparently 6 computers in Kerckhoff Hall that are outdated and need to be removed. Some:

- Do not turn on
- Have outdated processing systems
- Are a security risk as they no longer receive consistent updates from Apple

The computer in the Finance Committee/BOD office is one such example. Although it still turns on and functions properly, it is a 2014 model and the tech team has deemed it a potential security risk to UCLA's systems. Therefore, it will be taken away soon :'(

- Therefore, Capital Contingency needs to be prepared to help fund the office's new computers, especially as student groups return to Kerckhoff Hall after nearly two years of online instruction and begin to clean out their office.
 - Costs:
 - The cheapest iMac on the market right now is \$1878.15 (as shown on the right). There are also options to get a Mac Mini and hook it up with any monitor, but that is also around \$1000.
 - Student groups are also more than welcome to buy non-Apple computers, such as HP which is more affordable (as shown above), but historically, Apple computers have been the most popular.
- Final Ask: \$12,000 for 6+ computers

EARN Referendum*

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EARN- Education, Access, and Retention NOW!

Shall the Undergraduate Students Association address the space, resource, and programming needs of undergraduate students from historically underrepresented and marginalized communities by implementing a fee of \$5.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$3.00 per UC undergraduate student enrolled at UCLA in summer session), beginning in Fall 2022.

Approval of the EARN Referendum would provide the following:

- The EARN fee shall be used for operational and programmatic initiatives of the Black Bruin Resource Center, and to support the operational costs of undergraduate students from historically underrepresented communities.
- The EARN fee shall be used to cover the operational and programmatic costs of the Transfer Student Center, including but not limited to space, staffing, and services.
- The Undergraduate Student Association Council Cultural Affairs Commission, will have oversight over all allocation of funds from this referendum, consistent with the above, and will present reports twice annually to the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) on the usage, programming, and maintenance.

This fee will be adjusted annually by the Los Angeles County Consumer Price Index in order to address changes due to inflation and rising cost of living, beginning in Fall 2022.

Consistent with UC policy, 25% of the amount collected will be returned to Undergraduate Financial Aid.

_____ YES _____ NO

Add To By Laws

- a. The Cultural Affairs Commission shall:
 - i. Twice yearly, take into consideration the recommendations of the USAC and the Afrikan Student Union and the Transfer Leadership Coalition on the usage of the fees and strive to reach consensus among the two entities. Furthermore, in collaboration with the Mother Organizations (MO) Coalition and the Transfer Leadership Coalition (TLC), the MO Chair(s) and TLC Chair(s), or their designated proxies shall be invited to this meeting.
 - ii. The Cultural Affairs Commission and Undergraduate Student Association Council shall take into consideration the recommendations of the MO Coalition, the TLC, and the other various communities outlined on the usage of the fees and strive to reach consensus.
- Promise moves to put the EARN Referendum on the 2022 USAC Election Ballot pending approval, Tayloneei seconds.
 - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and EARN Referendum is on the 2022 USAC Election Ballot pending approval.

XI. Adjournment*

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- Breeze adjourns the meeting at 10:15pm.

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