



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
February 08, 2022  
7 PM PST  
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

## **I. Call to Order**

Velazquez

- Cassandra calls the meeting to order at 7:04.

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

- Signed via google docs

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

Gatica

- Strike TGIF
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike Travel Mini-Grant Allocations
- Add Non-Profit Networking Night Special Presentation
- Add SFS New Guidelines
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency
  
- Promise moves to approve the agenda as amended, Maya seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

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

Gatica

- Jane moves to approve the minutes from 2/1/22, Angelina seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 2/1/22 are approved.

## **IV. Public Comment**

Velazquez

- Public comment closed at 7:07pm.

## **V. Funding**

### **Capital Contingency\***

J. Wang

### **Contingency Programming\***

J. Wang

Total Allocation: \$12,354.51 to 18 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity

- Maya moves to allocate \$12,354.51, Hailey seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and \$12,354.51 to 18 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity.

### **SFS Allocations#**

Subhan

Total Allocation: \$2,422 to 1 CSC org and 1 non CSC org

- No opposition, passes as consent item.

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

Jackson

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

Wang

Total Allocation: \$10,289.41 to 7 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity

- No opposition, passes as consent item.

### **ASRF Allocations#**

Quint

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

Quint

### **ARC Allocations#**

Ogunleye

## VI. Special Presentations

- [Non-profit networking night](#):
- Introducing CSC:
  - UCLA'S Community Service Commission (CSC) is a branch of USAC acting as a center for service efforts both on and off campus. CSC prioritizes advocacy and hands-on involvement to support students and give back to the surrounding Los Angeles community. Each of our projects focuses on a particular issue in areas ranging from poverty & houselessness, to education, to health, and beyond.
- Meet IP (Internal Programming):
  - The Internal Programming Committee (IP) works to execute large-scale service events that take place on UCLA's campus. By hosting one large scale service event per quarter, we aim to introduce students to the possibilities of community service and what CSC has to offer.
  - The aim of this quarter is to host Nonprofit Networking Night, a chance for students to meet with industry professionals and grow their pool of connections.
- Networking Tips Workshop;
  - Thursday, **February 17th from 6-7pm**
  - Presentation on how to market one's self and connect with different organizations
  - **Agenda:** icebreaker, overview of NNN, speaker + Q&A, professional development activities
  - Speaker from the career center will talk about their experiences with networking
  - **Practice marketing** yourself to nonprofit representatives!
- How Non-Profit Networking will work:
  - Wednesday, **Feb. 23rd from 6-8pm**
  - Event will be on **Zoom**
  - **25** organizations
  - Nonprofit representatives will be in their own breakout rooms
  - We'll have 2 groups of CSC staff members, 1 for each hour & they'll sit in the room with the nonprofit representatives during that time
  - Chance to **win Six Flags Tickets** for attending and filling out a feedback form!
- How its beneficial:
  - Students are able to find volunteer, full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities
  - Participants will learn about the variety of roles and types of organizations that exist within the nonprofit sector
  - Students can learn about how they can engage in social impact in ways that align with their personal and professional goals

## VII. Appointments

## VIII. Officer Reports

### A. President

Velazquez

- We are still continuing the strike in Murphy Hall until are demands or met or until further notice. We are all still out there.
- In Office of the President, we are continuitn to plan our Future Student Leaders of Color Conference. Our interns were presented this week and programming and workshops are happening this week.
- Outreach is going well for the Student Leaders of Tomorrow Fellowship that we are working on. We are also working on funding applications and have constructed a curriculum for the fellowship.
- We are just working on following up with presenters for the workshops.
- For our online mental health platform that we recently made, we launched an instagrm and we already have posts up for anyone that is interested. We have connected with two campus mental health organizations to co-program events for the rest of the year.
- We are also working on a new section called By Students For Students. This is basically for resources and they are going to be holding a meeting with staff to arrange all of this.

#### B. Internal Vice President

Gatica

- The Strength and Student Wellbeing Committee attended the mental health colation meeting last night and they were able to present some research that they have done around student's mental health.
- The Empower Resilient Community directors and I are in communication with CARE again so that we can talk about the next steps to establish a toolkit for student awards.
- Last Friday, we had the annual off-campus living fair and we had a good attendance of like over 100 students online.
- We are also planning on releasing a digital brochure for students who weren't able to attend, so the students have resources in terms of finding off campus housing.
- We are working on increasing engagement in the Student Work Leadership Lobby. We are promoting that even more to share as many resources as possible.
- The IVP Winter Internship's first class was two weeks ago.
- Lastly, Campus Safety Alliance and I are in the process of writing a letter to share concerns from students on how the threat made last week was handled. As you know, administration failed to notify students in a timely manner.

#### C. External Vice President

Wang

- The main thing that I want to share tonight is that we have a Q/A with congressman Adam Schiff. He represents the 28th district which is like San Gabriel Valley/East LA. It is really exciting that we get to host such a high profile speaker and he is also chairman of the house Intelligence Committee and has a ton of experience.
- I would really appreciate if you all could tell your offices to come and ask some questions and support. Just to make sure that UCLA represents in this event.
- Another congressional candidate we got to work with in partnership with Armand's office in Breeze's office was Maude Rezzy. He is a Connecticut candidate but he was in LA for the week and it is really cool to see a progressive Muslim candidate talk to UCLA students. I think he stopped by the strike as well so that was super cool.
- The state relations team is like super close with SCA 5 which is the second student vote bill and also AB524 which is transparency for fraternities and sororities on college campuses.
- Our federal relations team is going to be hosting a Title IX panel. It is not like the training that we go through but it is like more policy oriented. If you are interested in where that is in Congress right now.
- We are also still planning that local relations CD5 town hall and the Mayoral town hall which ASUCLA has been super helpful with that so that will be really cool in Ackerman Grand Ballroom.
- Our university relations has done a lot of great work with CALFRESH and it is now going to be accepted at all the ASUCLA registers. Pro tip that I learned is that if there is a Starbucks inside the grocery store that you use CALFRESH at, it will also be accepted, so go get your Starbucks drinks with that EBT.

#### D. General Representative 1 Written

Valles

#### E. General Representative 2 Written

Pungchai

#### F. General Representative 3 Written

King

#### G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

- I had a meeting last week where we discussed some internal staffing issues that we have been having which has resulted in a delay of communication to students who are teaching IU courses this coming spring. But we have been working together to make sure that students are feeling supported in this process and just getting more information and communication out there.
- We will keep everyone posted on that. We are planning on releasing a graphic soon with more information.
- We also released a letter on Covid -19 housing protocols. A lot of students and RA's have just been expressing a lot of concerns about the lack of set Covid protocols on the hill and the extra labor that RA's and front desk workers have had to take on amid transitioning back to campus and in-person learning which has also led to an extra level of stress that really does affect academics and retention to hoping to work together with RES Life and Housing to address these concerns that so many students are facing.
- I have also been in weekly meetings with the USC Student Government Academic Affairs office to launch our Joint-Social Justice Mentorship Program. We have completed our curriculum and are currently looking for facilitators who would be interested in mentoring youth who are taking on their own social justice projects.
- The deadline for that will be this upcoming Monday, Feb 14th.
- If you are interested please feel free to reach out to me.
- We also have an interest form on our instagram which folks can fill out

- My study space team is working with Click at the UCLA Library to implement a pilot program of an app that shows the capacity of click student space and after a month of piloting we will be transitioning to implementing this for the entire Powell library and hopefully in future years it will be expanded to the other libraries.
- We had a meeting with the Center for Advancement on teaching today. We launched the website that is resources for professors to implement recorded and hybrid options.
- We are currently in the process of recording a video with student testimonies on how hybrid learning has helped them in the past and will continue to help them and which learning modalities have worked so far for professors who have implemented them.
- We are also planning to host a healing space event in collaboration with some different USAC offices and with the holistic wellness coalition amid the recent events that have happened around campus.
- We also released a running document with professors that have been accommodating just to help students navigate enrollment.
- I am also working with the LMS team on the learning management systems team to help them with getting closed captions on lectures that are being uploaded to Bruin Learn since I know folks have been having trouble with that so they are working on resetting the features to make sure that all lectures are being uploaded will be done through Cultura which is a closed captioning service so that all lectures will have that option.

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

N. Transfer Student Representative Written

Chavez

- The Office of the TSR took a break during Week 5 to give our office time to destress and prepare for midterms! Good luck everyone!
- TSR Herman Luis Chavez attended the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS) national conference this past week in St. Louis, MO! He presented with the UCLA Transfer Student Center, shared his experience as a transfer as a National Transfer Student Ambassador, and connected with transfer professionals across the country.
  - See below to find all the different events the TSR participated in! A full report is being drafted and will be published soon.
- **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 this Friday 11:59pm on February 11th, 2022.** You can apply here: <http://bit.ly/TSRWinterApp22>
- Stay tuned into our Instagram (@uclatsr) for takeovers done by TSR Directors and Management!

O. International Student Representative Written

Garcia

O. Administrative Representatives

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

- George: "Hey everyone, good to see everyone. Hope everyone's doing okay. So I don't know if you all heard from last year but the Alumni Association created their first ever changemaker summit. It is a summit for alumni to learn more about diversity, equity, and inclusion. So we are having it again on March 19th and 11th. Although it is strictly for alumni I am sure they are open for students but I will double check with them to see. So if you are interested in like diversity, equity, inclusion conversations getting more information and what that looks like you can definitely check it out. Secondly, I think you all heard about this one, but dinner for 12 Strangers is happening this year and it looks like we are going for in-person events today so if you haven't heard about Dinner for 12 Strangers, it is basically a time for students and alumni to come together and have dinner. It is a pretty cool tradition. I have done it one time with alumni and it was cool, but weird at the same time. It is really a toss up in the type of thing that you are going to get with that. But from what I have usually heard, it is pretty awesome because the alumni and students get to know each other better as well as just to provide a dinner for the students. So definitely check that out if you are interested. Lastly, although not strictly from the Alumni Association, I am a part of the UCLA advocacy group which also connects alumni to big advocacy goals that the UC regents implement on a yearly basis. There is this cool tool that showcases the new legislative boundaries that were implemented recently. Additionally it seems like the UC's are going all in to really

ensure and advocate for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. So if you are interested in that I can borrow it to you via Slack but other than that, that's it on my end."

- Orlando: "Hello everyone, I hope you all are doing well. I just want to give you an update. SOLE will be hosting a series of workshops in the next few weeks. Groups have been requesting, there's been a little confusion on what they can and can't do on and off campus as far as you know catering, social events, conferences. So we are going to be hosting a series. The first one that is coming up is next Thursday at 4pm. I will have more information but it will be on funding and we have actually reached out to FICOM and the program activities board to send representatives in addition to SOLE advisors to kind of talk to student groups about what's been funded, what hasn't been funded, tips and strategies and so we will be hosting that next Thursday. Then there will be some follow-up workshops afterwards that I will have more information at our next meeting. But that's all I have."
- Patricia: "Hi everyone, good evening, just a couple of updates. We are really excited to be partnering with the Dashe Center for this Sunday. We are going to be having a Super Bowl Watch Party in our Ackerman Grand Ballroom. So if you want to come out and have fun watching with your classmates come on out. It will be a really nice time and then secondly we are collaborating with CEC coming up next week for our outdoor movie night in the WESCOM Student Terrace so we are really excited for that. Looking forward to some really fun and collaborative big events coming up in the spring quarter so I will keep you posted. Thank you."

## **IX. Old Business**

## **X. New Business**

[A Resolution in Support of the Buy Your Values UCLA Campaign\\*](#)

Ni

### **A Resolution in Support of the Buy Your Values UCLA Campaign to Push UCLA to Carry Worker-Friendly and Environmentally Sustainable Apparel**

#### ***Sponsored by:***

Jane Ni, Facilities Commissioner

Angelina Quint, Academic Affairs Commissioner

Hailey Valles, General Representative One

**WHEREAS**, Buy Your Values UCLA is a student-run campaign to bring worker empowerment, worker democracy, and environmental justice to UCLA's licensed apparel retail and to educate the student body on the importance of pushing for a more ethical future;

**WHEREAS**, the global garment industry is heavily reliant on a mass workforce, in some countries making up a majority of the workforce both in factories as well as in home-work;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the industry has purposefully outsourced production away from countries with higher minimum wage floors, stronger collective bargaining laws, and more stringent worker protection rights, which has led to particularly awful violations of workers' health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the effect of the global garment industry, specifically the onset of fast fashion, has led to an industry which contributes 20% of the world's wastewater during the toxic dyeing process, plastic microfiber pollution of our oceans, and excessive consumption of clothing (much of which ends up in landfills);<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.wiego.org/garment-workers>

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<https://www.wiego.org/blog/worlds-most-vulnerable-garment-workers-arent-factories-and-global-brands-need-step-protect>

<sup>3</sup> <https://psci.princeton.edu/tips/2020/7/20/the-impact-of-fast-fashion-on-the-environment>

**WHEREAS**, UCLA Trademarks & Licensing’s purpose is to “Promote, protect, and enhance the UCLA brand’s reputation by thoughtfully managing and controlling the use of the UCLA® brand name on consumer products and ensuring that “UCLA” appears only on quality products that are produced under fair, safe, and humane working conditions”;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, 1998, the University of California, like many other universities in the late 90s, adopted a Code of Conduct to address supply chain transparency and minimum standards for workplace safety, after the organizing of United Students Against Sweatshops, US college students organizing in solidarity with garment workers;<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the Code enforces standards regarding: wages and benefits, child labor, forced labor, health & safety, nondiscrimination, women’s rights, harassment and abuse, and freedom of association and collective bargaining, through monitoring organizations such as the Worker Rights Consortium and Fair Labor Association;

**WHEREAS**, the Code acts as leverage to hold companies accountable for meeting these standards, but many of our licensees do not meet these standards throughout the supply chain, and while some companies make genuine efforts, others are not willing to further investigate their suppliers;

**WHEREAS**, there exist companies which meet higher environmental standards through small-batch production and recycling/upcycling measures and higher worker empowerment standards through clear collective bargaining agreements and cooperative worker-ownership;

**WHEREAS**, one of the few licensees to live up to the Code was Alta Gracia, a living-wage, unionized garment factory in the Dominican Republic, which had to close its shutters during the pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the Code currently states no benchmarks specifically regarding environmental rights or protections, as researched by the Sustainability Action Research UCLA Licensing Team last year;<sup>6</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, UCOP created the UC Sustainable Practices Policy,<sup>7</sup> which was said to govern UC-wide procurement and operations sustainability standards, but had little to say about textile, garment, and apparel procurement;

**WHEREAS**, the Buy Your Values campaign, housed in the USAC Facilities Commission, has put on several panels & workshops over the past two years, featuring partners from Alta Gracia, Carolina Textile District, UCLA Trademarks & Licensing, Ethix Merch, Garment Worker Center, Refine LA, Labor 411, and the Student Labor Advocacy Project;

**WHEREAS**, in February 2021 we released a student-directed survey with 150+ responses, with notable findings being that cost, aesthetics, and ethical production constitute top factors when purchasing, and that clearer identification and greater availability/variety would make students more open to purchasing ethical products;<sup>8</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in March 2021, we began discussions with UCLA Trademarks & Licensing and the UCLA Store on our current demands, which included the development of a small pilot program to order increasingly greater quantities of products meeting certain labor and environmental standards;

**WHEREAS**, beginning in May 2021, we began organizing in solidarity with the Garment Worker Center’s campaign to pass SB 62, also known as the Garment Worker Protection Act, which sought to close piece-rate wage loopholes and strengthen enforcement of labor laws;

**WHEREAS**, in December 2021, we refined our campaign goals around a selected few companies to pitch to the UCLA Store and Campus Store, which meet higher standards of worker democracy, worker empowerment, and environmental justice, and to amend the Code of Conduct to include environmental provisions;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the USAC affirms its support for the efforts of the Buy Your Values UCLA campaign to bring ethical and sustainable options to UCLA retail, and to amend the current Code of Conduct;

**FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the USAC affirms to sign onto the letter of support to be delivered to the UCLA Store and Campus Store as a measure of campus-wide support for this effort.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://asucla.ucla.edu/licensing/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://asucla.ucla.edu/licensing/social-responsibility-and-engagement/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ioes.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/ASUCLA-Final-Report.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/3100155/SustainablePractices>

<sup>8</sup>  ASUCLA-ServicesCommitteePresentation

- Angelina moves to approve A Resolution in Support of the Buy Your Values UCLA Campaign to Push UCLA to Carry Worker-Friendly and Environmentally Sustainable Apparel, Sarah seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the Resolution in Support of the Buy Your Values UCLA Campaign to Push UCLA to Carry Worker-Friendly and Environmentally Sustainable Apparel is approved.

#### Sepulveda Transit Corridor Letter

Ni/Cooper

To the Los Angeles Metro Board of Directors,

My name is ----- and I am the --[position]--- on the UCLA Undergraduate Students Associated Council (USAC). USAC represents over 30,000 undergraduate students at UCLA. Last year, our council unanimously passed “A Resolution For A Direct UCLA/ Westwood Purple Line Stop on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor,” which is attached to this comment letter. We want to emphasize that undergraduate students are stakeholders in the LA Metro scoping process and affirm the importance of including student input equally as stakeholders in any scoping processes.

A Sepulveda Transit Corridor without a direct, underground Metro station on the UCLA campus and a direct, underground connection to the Purple/D Line does a grave disservice to the students of the number 1 public university in the nation, the number 1 hospital in the state, and an immensely important institution in the Los Angeles Region.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:

<https://usac.ucla.edu/docs/resolution.2022.Resolution%20Calling%20For%20A%20Direct%20UCLA%20Westwood%20Purple%20Line%20Stop%20on%20the%20Sepulveda%20Transit%20Corridor.pdf>

Submission Form: <https://metro.commentinput.com/?id=UKJgt>

#### Westwood Village Specific Plan Letter

Ni/Cooper

- <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/support-amending-the-wvsp-2022>
- Los Angeles City Planning has released an updated draft ordinance to amend the Westwood Village Specific Plan. This draft will be reviewed by the City Planning Commission (CPC) on **Thursday, February 10, 2022**.
- These amendments are desperately needed. The Specific Plan has not kept up with the rapidly evolving retail landscape and changing consumer preferences and the result is a crippling Q4 2021 vacancy rate in Westwood Village of 39.4%. The amendments will support local businesses by simplifying regulations for food uses, parking, and signage requirements.
- **How Can You Help?**
- ***Please submit a letter of support to the LA City Planning Commission.*** Enter your name, email, and zip code in the box provided, and then click **Start Writing** to be directed to your pre-written draft support letter (which can also be edited if you choose). Copies of this letter will also be sent to Councilmember Paul Koretz, Council District 5, and the WVIA.
- The WVIA will keep you up to date on the public process to amend the Plan.
- For more details on LA City Planning’s recommendations, please see the **City’s Recommendation Report, FAQ, and the draft ordinance.**
- Thank you for your support!

#### SFS New Guidelines#

- No opposition, passes as consent item.

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

Velazquez

- Cassandra adjourns the meeting at 7:47pm.

Good and Welfare;

\* Indicates Action Item

# Indicates Consent Item  
@Indicates Executive Session Item