



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
March 1, 2022
7 PM PST
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

I. Call to Order

Velazquez

- Breeze calls the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via google docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Gatica

- Strike SAJE Module Presentation
- Strike Resolution Honoring LGBTQ+ Community at UCLA*
- Add Resolution in Support of the Plaintiffs in Payan v. Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike SFS Allocations
- Changing IVP Report to written
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike SWC Programming Fund Allocations
- Strike TGIF

- Promise moves to approve the agenda as amended, Herman seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda for 3/1/22 is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Gatica

- Cassandra moves to approve the minutes for 2/22/22, Hailey seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 2/22/22 are passed.

IV. Public Comment

Velazquez

- Radha Patel: "Hi everyone, it is great to see you all again and I hope week 9 is going well for you. My name is Radha, the chapter chair of CALPIRG, the student-run organization that works to protect the environment, college affordability, and promote civic engagement. I just wanted to give a brief update on our annual lobby day that we had this week. We attended 60 lobby meetings with our state legislators where we delivered 10,000 petition signatures to ban single-use plastics in California and discuss saving the bees and making textbooks affordable. Some of the legislators that we were able to meet included UCLA representatives Isaac Bryan and Ben Allen to discuss these bills and at a wrap up for the day rejoined assembly member Laura Friedman who is a champion of AB2026 to ban single-use plastics and e-commerce packaging to save our oceans. It is so great to see students all over our state joining together to talk to their elected officials in order to make our world a better place to be and we are also working to help pass an LA County Ordinance that would phase out single-use plastics and want to work to pass a USAC Resolution and support to show a broad base of support for the issue and we emailed all of you this morning to discuss so look out for an email from Stephen Ruiz. Thank you all."
- Kayla Lam: "Hi everyone, I hope you all are doing well. I am Kayla and I wanted to ask for you all to support the resolution that is going to be presented later on which is the resolution in support of the plaintiffs in Cayenne vs. LA Community College District. This case, you will get a rundown later but this case essentially deals with two college students who are both blind and they attend a LA Community College and they were falling behind in classes because the school that they attended didn't offer audio versions of their textbooks so obviously they couldn't access to class material and this is both a transfer issue as it deals with LA Community College District but also a disability justice

issue because essentially these students weren't given access to materials that they needed to succeed in higher education and both of these communities already faced systemic and institutional barriers as students were not given the chance to succeed at the same rate as their classmates because they literally couldn't access their textbooks and this is also an equity issue too and I hope that you all can support this resolution in any way that you can and show solidarity with the disabled students and also transfer students in their journey towards higher education and access to education. Thank you all."

V. Funding

Capital Contingency* J. Wang

Contingency Programming* J. Wang

- Allocation \$8,750.89 to 10 non USAC entities
- Sarah moves to approve \$8,750.89 to 10 non-USAC entities, Herman seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and \$8,750 is approved to 10 non-USAC entities.

SFS Allocations# Subham

SWC Programming Fund Allocations# Jackson

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations# Wang

ASRF Allocations# Quint

- Allocations: \$8,238.51 to 10 non-USAC entities and 1 USAC entity
- No opposition passes as a consent item.

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations# Quint

- Allocations: \$5,645 to 7 non- USAC entities
- No opposition passes as a consent item.

ARC Allocations# Ogunleye

TGIF Ni

VI. Special Presentations

VII. Appointments

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President Velazquez

- For my office, I have been in attendance with the resuming Covid Response And Recovery Task Force Meetings. We are discussing what it is going to look like next quarter. There was discussion around having students wear masks next quarter. The DSU brought forth a letter to the task force informing them that by not mandating masks it would only further isolate the populations that continue to wear masks for their safety. The task force also said that there were students on the other side saying that they were tired of wearing masks. I have communicated with the DSU so we will keep you posted on what continues to happen.
- In the Gender Recognition Task Force, which is something we initiated last week, we discussed putting forth different funding proposals for the work that we are going to be working on related to gender inclusivity on campus. There will be pretty frequent meetings so I will keep you posted on that.

B. Internal Vice President Gatica

C. External Vice President Wang

- This past weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, we had the immense privilege of hosting the first UCSA Board meeting in person for the first time in two years and that was really great to see all the other EVP's and their delegations. During the meeting, we received a presentation from UCOP on the state budget and the main takeaway that applies to it is that the composition of the US revenue has changed a lot and it has become a lot more reliant on student fees in particular. Non-resident tuition which is kind of counter-intuitive because the UC is aiming to cut non-resident tuition and it would not be supplemented enough by the increase in state support so that is one of the resolutions that we passed is

like a resolution against cutting non-resident enrollment numbers. Some other resolutions that we passed that you might see adopted that I will be presenting in the next few weeks is a Resolution in Support of Cash Protections, something passed by Berkeley. A Resolution in Support of Reparations and then finally a resolution that was not passed but something I think is important to bring up is a resolution in support of the UC Berkeley Appeal to the California Supreme Court. If anyone has been following that lawsuit, Berkeley is in the middle of a lawsuit that involves sequa and an enrollment freeze. So this is really a timely issue because admissions are coming up soon in a couple months I believe and they still have that freeze on them. So that is an issue to be watched closely as we see whether or not the injunction is granted.

- Aside from that, my office hosted the LA City District 5 Debate yesterday that was really exciting. We had 104 people come and some really great conversations with the candidates. Thank you to those who came and supported me!
- We also sent a couple delegates to the UC Berkeley Policy summit. I mentioned this a little while back but the EVP's usually have a quarterly meeting with UC President Drake but he tries to combine our meeting with the UC Graduate Council and this is not something that we want because we want to maximize our one-on-one facetime with President Drake so instead we chose to boycott it and have this policy summit instead. It went well and we got to work in a lot of working groups.
- I also want to drop a quick ask for public comment regarding LACCD vs Pion and the Americans with Disabilities Act. So if you all wanted to sign the petition, we will get into it a little more later.

D. General Representative 1 Written

Valles

E. General Representative 2 Written

Pungchai

F. General Representative 3 Written

King

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

- The academic senate responded to the DSU about their demands on remote learning modalities. I received a letter over the weekend from Shane White and Jessica who is the vice chair and they basically just detailed the specific academic freedom like policy and they explained a lot of philosophy on academic freedom and how it is a nationwide thing that is implemented within universities across the nation and just basically called for universal access at the end of the letter. However, this is not the letter that they sent out to students. This was just sent within the committee, on the executive board committee. In the letter that they sent to DSU, they never actually addressed why mandating dual modality is against academic freedom and they basically just committed to meeting more regularly with the DSU so it was a pretty big response. My office and DSU are working on a response currently.
- My office is working on a social justice mentorship program. We reviewed all the applications and we will be supporting and funding about five social justice projects in collaboration with USC and their academic affairs office.
- I also had a meeting with the UC wide academic affairs council and we talked about UC wide issues regarding remote access and accessibility and accommodations for parenting students. Some other folks in my office and I also had a meeting with the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations within the Academic Senate along with a few members from the TSR office discuss adding an extra student representative on the committee for a transfer student and we learned more about the process of changing the bylaws of that so we will be beginning that process of that it can go into effect next year.
- We are also looking into having student reps on academic senate serve two-year terms to ensure just continuity within the committees.

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

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M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Jackson

N. Transfer Student Representative Written

Chavez

- We want to hear about your New Student Orientation experience! Please take this survey to tell us about your experience and what you think could be improved on!
 - Survey link: <http://bit.ly/TSROrientationSurvey>
- The first UCSA Board Meeting in-person was at UCLA this past weekend!
 - Herman spoke at public comment in support of the Transfer Advisory Council's resolution and bylaw change

- The [UCSA Transfer Student Advisory Council worked on a Resolution in Support of the Plaintiffs in *Payan v. Los Angeles Community College District \(LACCD\)*](#)
 - The resolution was in response to the appeal to the Supreme Court that LACCD filed to change the precedent under which Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act is currently in.
 - This poses a threat to disability justice in the transfer pathway and in the long term, is a threat to disability rights nationwide.
 - TSR came to support this resolution at Public Comment
 - [Resolution language can be found here.](#)
- TSR assisted with Transfer Leadership Coalition (TLC) Co-Chair interviews this past week!

Committee Updates:

- Diversity and Intersectionality
 - Worked on the underserved community colleges presentation to be presented at the Committee for Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools (CUARS)
- Internal Relations
 - The New Student Academic Programs Survey is out now! [Please take it using this link!](#)
- External Relations
 - Applications for the Student Regents are now open, please apply if you intend on being at UCLA for two more academic years.
- Media and Marketing
 - Overall exhibiting an increase in insights, especially when the new TSR video comes out on uclatsr.com
- Scholarships and Alumni Affairs
 - Designed and released Transfer Alumni Spotlight Week graphics that share advice and contact information of transfer alumni. Check them out at @uclatsr !
- Summer Bridge Program
 - Threw a Navigating Imposter Syndrome Event in collaboration with UCLA Housing
 - Invited and are onboarding new co-director Qianyi Loo!
- Finance
 - Getting active updates on the requisition forms for office furniture!
- Events
 - Currently planning de-stressing events and study halls for Week 9 and Week 10

O. International Student Representative Written

Garcia

Q. Administrative Representatives

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

- George: "Hi everyone, there is a lot of stuff happening on the alumni side. Most importantly we have our upcoming Alumni Association Board meeting this Saturday morning. I will be there in person to provide my updates on the work that you all have been doing the last couple months which was a lot. Also wanted to remind you all that there is a Changemaker Summit so if you are interested in Equity, Diversity, Inclusion type of work especially, that is something you might want to do, so check it out. There are a bunch of other events but there's too much to list through so I am going to try to send it over Slack. I also want to open up an invitation again to have a chat with my Alumni Association Rep on USAC since you know I am here as a support and as a resource for you as a collective and as individuals as well. So if you are free and you are interested, definitely hit me up and we will find time to talk."
- Josh: "Hi friends, Happy Tuesday! Just a friendly reminder that each week quorum keeps getting harder and harder. I just want to remind you all to make sure that you are showing up on time. For our colleagues that are not present at this meeting so far, let's remind them as well and also just remember to submit your weekly reports. For the past couple of weeks, it has been pretty light. Not everyone has to do verbal reports but we do want to make sure that we are updating the public on what is happening. So just a reminder to make sure that you all are submitting your weekly reports and showing up to the meeting on time. Thanks."
- Orlando: "SOLE will be hosting its second workshop this Thursday. It will focus on event planning and best practices workshops. The panelists will be talking about a range of topics such as recruitment, member engagement, success programming, and successful collaborations with on and off campus entities, so if you are available or if you would like

to just pass this information along, I dropped it in the chat. It will be on Thursday 4-4:45. There is a RSVP link so I hope to see some of you there. Thank you.”

- Fernando: “Hi everyone, big update today is that surplus just got done being processed so either I am or you can reach out to us about accessing those funds and activating and using them either later this week or the following week. That’s it.”

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Resolution Honoring LGBTQ+ Community at UCLA* Valles

SAJE Module Presentation Valles

A Resolution Calling on UCLA to Support Students Impacted by the Recent Invasion of Ukraine Quint

- Calling on the administration to acknowledge what is happening overseas. Read out loud to the council.
 - **A Resolution Calling for Academic Leniency for Students Impacted by the Invasion of Ukraine**

- **Sponsored by:**

- Angelina Quint, Academic Affairs Commissioner

- **Co-Sponsored by:**

- Jane Ni, Facilities Commissioner
- Hailey Valles, General Representative 1

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- **WHEREAS**, Russian military forces invaded Ukraine on Thursday, February 24, 2022, attacking Kyiv, the capital Ukraine, after the nation’s failure to surrender their country to Russia’s control,¹
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- **WHEREAS**, informants from the Pentagon have reported over a hundred missiles launched into Ukraine,²
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- **WHEREAS**, Putin’s decision to advance Russian forces wields the potential to cause mass displacement of civilians in Ukraine and destroy the livelihoods of thousands,³
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- **WHEREAS**, the security of Ukrainians have been compromised by occupational advances from the north, east and south, attacking the grounds by air, sea and the land, which has led to a growing number of civilians at Poland’s border fleeing the violence,⁴
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- **WHEREAS**, on Thursday February 24th, 2022, the Ukrainian president announced that 137 Ukrainian civilians and soldiers have been killed in addition to 316 wounded as a result of Russian invasion,⁵
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- **WHEREAS**, Russia’s use of tactics of misinformation to the global community with regards to the trajectory of its advances in the name of “demilitarization and denazification” negatively impact local and global communication networks’ ability to inform the public,⁶
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- **WHEREAS**, amidst unsettling uncertainty students are transitioning into the last few weeks of Winter quarter which is when course loads are typically heaviest with assignments and finals,
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- **WHEREAS**, students have families and relationships to those communities in Ukraine facing displacement, heavy military presence, and the mental and physical consequences of the invasion,

¹ <https://www.cbsnews.com/live-updates/russia-ukraine-invasion-donbas-troops-today/>

² <https://www.vox.com/2022/2/23/22948534/russia-ukraine-war-putin-explosions-invasion-explained>

³ <https://www.vox.com/2022/2/23/22948534/russia-ukraine-war-putin-explosions-invasion-explained>

⁴ <https://www.vox.com/2022/2/23/22948534/russia-ukraine-war-putin-explosions-invasion-explained>

⁵ <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/ukraine-news-russia-war-deaths-b2022806.html>

⁶ <https://www.vox.com/2022/2/23/22948534/russia-ukraine-war-putin-explosions-invasion-explained>

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- **WHEREAS**, students directly and indirectly impacted are unfairly expected to perform and prioritize schooling while under the immense stress of navigating how to support their loved ones impacted by the invasion,
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- **THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council urges the Academic Senate to encourage departments and instructors to provide academic leniency to students who need accommodations with regards to assignment submissions, flexible due dates, and other self-defined academic support,
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- **LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Academic Senate encourages instructors to disseminate resources to students in light of the uncertainty and impending implications of the invasion,
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- **LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that administration provides counseling and wellness resources to students, staff, and faculty to process the events unfolding,
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- **LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED**, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council commits to continue their advocacy efforts for and with students impacted by the invasion.
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- Promise motions to approve A Resolution Calling on UCLA to Support Students Impacted by the Recent Invasion of Ukraine, Natalia seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the A Resolution Calling on UCLA to Support Students Impacted by the Recent Invasion of Ukraine is approved.

Resolution in Support of the Plaintiffs in *Payan v. Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)*

A Resolution in Support of the Plaintiffs in *Payan v. Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)*

Sponsored by:

Herman Luis Chavez, *Transfer Student Representative*

Co-Sponsored by:

Sarah Wang, *External Vice President*

Carl King Jr., *General Representative 3*

Supporting Organizations:

Tariq Azim, *UCSA Transfer Student Affairs Officer*

University of California Students Association Transfer Advisory Council

RADAR (Rheumatic Awareness, Disability Advocacy and Reform) at UCLA

Transfer Leadership Coalition

WHEREAS, the plaintiffs in *Payan v. Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)*, brought their concerns regarding course material accessibility to their federal district court in hopes of taking legal measures to ensure an equitable and educational experience for disabled students⁷; and

WHEREAS, the two LACCD student experiences directly represented in the case, Roy Payan and Portia Mason, fell behind in their coursework due to the inaccessibility of web programs like MyMathLab, library resources, textbooks, and more^[1]; and

WHEREAS, the plaintiffs proved twice to the federal district court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals that LACCD was required by §Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to accommodate the specified complaints brought

⁷ Ninth District Court of Appeals. *Payan v. Los Angeles Community College District Opinions*.
<https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2021/08/24/19-56111.pdf>

forward by *Payan*; and

WHEREAS, this came with the statement that “§Section 504 and the ADA were specifically intended to address both intentional discrimination and discrimination caused by ‘thoughtless indifference’ or ‘benign neglect,’ such as physical barriers to access public facilities,”⁸ meaning that LACCD is working against the interests of the disabled community by appealing to the Supreme Court of the United States to reverse the precedent of §Section 504; and

WHEREAS, these barriers to systemic accessibility are barriers that not only affect Payan and Mason but blind students as a part of the larger disabled community who seek an equitable education in LACCD institutions⁹; and

WHEREAS, the Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at LACCD¹⁰ claims to be working towards “supporting an environment that reflects, complements and meets the needs of the diverse student population,”¹¹ yet actively works towards uprooting the precedent set for §Section 504, effectively creating grounds for disabled students to be victims of unintentional discrimination and not have the legislative support to fight it; and

WHEREAS, the Alternate Media Protection Policy at LACCD already “requires that instructional materials purchased from third parties, such as textbooks, be made accessible to students with disabilities, that the college must proactively evaluate the accessibility of its instructional materials, and it establishes a process by which students with disabilities may request inaccessible materials be reproduced to them in an accessible format,”¹² and thus the LACCD is violating its own policy to make course materials accessible; and

WHEREAS, students of LACCD constituted nearly three thousand transfer applications to UCLA in Fall 2021¹³, representing a significant amount of transfer students seeking admissions to our university; and

WHEREAS, LACCD is located in the greater Los Angeles area, meaning that UCLA is the most geographically accessible University of California campus—in the aggregate, UCLA would lose the eminent voices of disabled transfer students from LACCD because of the reversal of the cases’ current status; and

WHEREAS, the disabled students in institutions under LACCD would continue to be disserved for years to come by being given less resources to complete their education in community college and transfer to a four year university; and

WHEREAS, upholding of the lawsuit would allow the LACCD to actively disregard a student's approved accommodations even after their efforts to go through the proper channels to request and get their reasonable accommodations; and

⁸ *Id.* at 17.

⁹ *Id.* at 17.

¹⁰ Statement of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion of LACCD:

<https://www.laccd.edu/Departments/DistrictResources/OfficeOfDiversity/Pages/default.aspx>

¹¹ Statement of Purpose: Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion for Los Angeles Community College District.

<https://www.laccd.edu/Departments/DistrictResources/OfficeOfDiversity/Pages/default.aspx>.

¹² Ninth District Court of Appeals. *Payan v. Los Angeles Community College District* Opinions.

<https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2021/08/24/19-56111.pdf>

¹³ Transfer Profile by California Community College:

<https://admission.ucla.edu/apply/transfer/transfer-profile/community-college>

WHEREAS, the change in precedent of §Section 504 in the ADA could give way for institutions, including the University of California system, to deny accommodations to the disabled community under similar reasons to LACCD; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association (UCSA) at their February Board Meeting both condemned the LACCD's plan to file a petition with the Supreme Court of the United States in *Payan v. LACCD* and reaffirmed their support of the disabled community in the California public education system through a Resolution sponsored by the UCSA Transfer Affairs Officer and UCSA Transfer Student Advisory Council ¹⁴;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) condemns LACCD's plan to file a petition with the Supreme Court of the United States in *Payan v. LACCD*; and

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the USAC acknowledges the intersection of disability justice and transfer justice in this critical court case, and the significant impact that disabled students would be actively denied an equitable access to the transfer pathway and a four-year degree; and

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the USAC reaffirms its commitment to advocating for the needs of disabled students by publicly supporting the plaintiffs in *Payan v. LACCD* through various advocacy efforts, including addressing its concerns at the March 2nd, 2022 LACCD Board of Trustees meeting.

- Herman moves to approve the resolution, Natalia seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the Resolution in Support of the Plaintiffs in *Payan v. Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)* is passed.

XI. Adjournment*

Velazquez

- Breeze adjourns the meeting at 7:49 pm.

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* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item

¹⁴ UCSA Resolution in Support of the Plaintiffs in *Payan v. Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)*: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WA-RgT-wAv2DK7ovps8OKz6PAifCA1PhWUznqOPy6gY/mobilebasic>