



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
March 8, 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

- Add Discussion Item about Mask Mandate Removal
- Add USAC Guideline Change
- Strike SWC Programming Fund Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations
- Strike California Freedom Summer at UCLA
- Strike TGIF
- Strike SAJE Module Presentation
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike A Resolution Honoring LGBTQ+ Community at UCLA*
- Add Discussion Item on SAE
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike Contingency Programming

- Emily moves to approve the agenda as amended, Hailey seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda for 3/8/22 is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Gatica

- Jane moves to approve the minutes from 3/1/22, Maya seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 3/1/22 are approved.

IV. Public Comment

Velazquez

- Radha Patel: "Hi everyone, I hope week 10 is going solid for you all with finals coming around. This is Radha the chapter chair of CALPIRG, the student group that works to advocate for the public interest on environmental affordability and civic issues and we are entering into our last week of the quarter where we will be focusing a lot on our affordable textbooks campaign for international week and as I am sure you know textbooks are really expensive. So expensive, students are left to decide between their personal well-being and succeeding in their education and no student should have to face this burden so we are working to make textbooks free and cheaper on campus with open textbooks. Along with that we will be finishing off our campaigns for the quarter and will carry the same momentum going into the spring working on banning single use plastics, making textbooks affordable, gearing up for the spring elections and getting cleaner transportation in LA and we are still working to pass a resolution for the single use plastics campaign. I also wanted to thank those who met with us just today. We look forward to meeting with many of you this week."

- Public comment is concluded at 7:11pm.

V. Funding

~~Capital Contingency*~~

J. Wang

Contingency Programming*

J. Wang

- Allocation: \$17,283.97 to 21 non USAC entities
- Emily moves to approve \$17,283.97 to 21 non USAC entities, Sarah seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Contingency Programming is approved for this week.

SFS Allocations#

Subhan

- Allocations: \$2,500 to 1 CSC and 1 non CSC org
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Jackson

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

Wang

ASRF Allocations#

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AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Quint

ARC Allocations#

Ogunleye

TGIF

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BOD Allocations

Rafanan

- Sent out the final allocation sheet for the spring body this morning.
- We held our hearings on February 24th and 25th where we had budget review committee members from the USA council and members from the finance committee. Thank you to everyone that was able to come out and sit at our hearings, it was a pleasure to work with you.
- For the spring funding cycle, we approved a total of 61 programs across 43 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity
- Allocations: \$163,435.11 for 43 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

VI. Special Presentations

FY 22-23 Parking Fee Consultation

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- Presented by David Wiedeman:
- Transportation Program Update and FY 22-23 Fee Consultation
 - Daily Transportation Demand:
 - 85,000 daily campus population (Pre-Covid)- faculty, staff, students, patients, conferences, event attendees, distinguished guests, athletic event attendees.
 - How Does UCLA Transportation Facilitate Access?
 - Campus traffic systems
 - Parking Management, including discounted daily parking for qualified staff/student sustainable transportation users
 - Public transit advocacy and subsidization of fares
 - Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
 - BruinBus
 - Education and incentive program
 - Transportation Planning and Advocacy
 - Benefits: Ensures local agency leaders plan with UCLA needs in mind; Facilitates sustainable transportation programs
 - Recent projects: Sepulveda Corridor, Torrance Transit route to UCLA in the future
 - Purple Line, station planning, last mile planning
 - UCLA Mobility Paradigm
 - Infrastructure: bike lanes, traffic calming, scooter parking/deployment areas, shared-use pathways, LPR technology
 - Policy: GHG reduction Goals, prioritize active mobility, caps on vehicle trips and parking, limit intercampus vehicle trips, encourage daily mode choice, advocacy with public agencies.
 - Programs: Extensive TSM suite, discounted daily commuter parking, telecommuting resources
 - New Mobility Planning Efforts:

- Lyft e-bikes have joined the Wheels bikes on campus as a “Mobility as a Service” offering, with Lyft scattering 250 e-bikes across campus for rental use
- Metro Bike Share program launches with four local bike stations (two on campus so far- Luskin Conference Center and behind Perloff Hall- and two in the Village)
- Metro Micro, a new microtransit service, starts its Westwood/UCLA service on December 21 and provides app-based demand response rides in a three-mile area around the UCLA campus each weekday.
- Another bike lane will be added to campus this spring; this one will be installed on CEY Dr. South between the Reagan Hospital and Facilities Building.
- UCLA Safe Ride
 - SFAC Funds Allowed UCLA Transportation and UCPD to expand a pilot test of a ride request app for 2018-2019.
 - Worked with USAC to review the effectiveness of the new app and make necessary changes to improve reliability
 - Rebranded CSO Evening VAn as UCLA Safe Ride and created a smartphone app
 - Shifted operations to UCLA Transportation to better align with Bruin Bus
- Bruin Access:
 - Previous CAE accessible van service was limited to transport to and from class and class-based activities. Students with disabilities may use Bruin Access to engage in the club, athletic, social, and other activities.
 - Over 2000 students have been approved for CAE services, these students are permitted to use Bruin Access.
 - Employees may use Bruin Access with approval from IRM.
 - UCLA Transportation offers demand-responsive services via Bruin Access or UCLA Safe Ride with at least two vans from 7 am-midnight Monday-Thursday and through 7 pm on Friday.
- Overview of Parking System:
 - 22,000 spaces in 27 structures and 21 lots
 - 8.3% dedicated patient stalls
 - 7.7% marked pay station stalls
 - 84% mixed-use stalls- permit, daily, event sales and pay station, about 5% used for visitor sales on an average day
 - 21% of space used for daily visitors
 - 79% of space used for permit holders
 - 49% of budgeted revenue from daily visitors
 - 51% of budgeted revenue from permit sales
- Managing Revenues/Expenditures to Maintain Financial Health
 - Manage Financials over a 10-year horizon
 - Maintain sufficient reserves to weather unexpected financial pressures, major maintenance for parking structures, and avoid large fluctuations in permit fees.
 - Structure student/staff permit fee increases in small, annual increments
 - Continually evaluate operations/programs for cost effectiveness
 - Understand the comparable market, particularly medical daily parking

California Freedom Summer at UCLA

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VII. Appointments

Student Risk Education Committee: Juan Flores#

Subhan

- No opposition, Juan Flores is appointed to the Student Risk Education Committee

SAC BOG: Jeffry Umana#

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- No opposition, Jeffery Umana is appointed to SAC BOG.

SAC BOG: Bea Sardillo#

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- No opposition, Bea Sardillo is appointed to SAC BOG.

- No opposition, Phoebe Chiu is appointed to JOG.

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Velazquez

- This past week there have been several meetings with administrators discussing when the mask mandate will be lifted. I want to thank Tay for being a part of those meetings with me. Administration at this point is trying to remove the mask mandate on April 11th and they are also not going to be requiring students to test regularly, only recommending it. Testing will only be required for students that are traveling up until week 3 and then there will be no mandatory testing if you are fully vaccinated. I found a lot of issues with that because of the fact that DSU fought so hard and removing the mask mandate goes against all that they have been working for. I brought up in the meeting that LA county guidelines are still recommending people use their masks, but administration brought up that Berkeley did not do that. This ignores the fact that LA has been the epicenter for a lot of covid cases. I am at a loss of what to do at this point and that's why I wanted to bring it up as a discussion item. I also brought up the fact that many students might not feel comfortable going to class and all they had to say was that they could wear kn95 masks.

B. Internal Vice President

Gatica

C. External Vice President

Wang

- My office has been working on civic engagement events which was what the focus was in the last quarter because most of the work that I do is removed from campus so we want to be on the bruinwalk and hosting events. In previous years, there was a Rock The Boat Concert, so there is some exciting brainstorming going on.
- Today I met with CALPIRG about the single-use plastics resolution that Radha mentioned in public comment earlier and we will be excited to present that next quarter.

D. General Representative 1 Written

Valles

External Updates:

- I. Bridging the Gap
 - A. Secured opportunity to present STREAM initiative at academic senate in May
- II. Decoding Academia
 - A. Working with You Belong Here campaign with SWCC
- III. Foster Youth Advocacy
 - A. Finalizing guide for foster youth advocacy
- IV. Seat in the Classroom
 - A. Recruited 2 new directors!

Internal Updates:

- I. REGROW
 - A. N/A
- II. Social Media
 - A. Posting advertisements for office events!
- III. Community Over Competition
 - A. Preparing for Holistic Wellness Coalition meeting
 - B. Hosted healing space!
- IV. Finances:
 - A. N/A
- V. Chief of Staff + GR1:
 - A. Working on resolution and presentation on project collaboration with AAC
 - B. Co-sponsored Resolution to support academic leniency for students in Ukraine
 - C. Actively working on holistic wellness coalition

E. General Representative 2 Written

Pungchai

- FSC met with ECRT to discuss allocation for Nonresident students. FSC and GR2 must write up guidelines.

F. General Representative 3 Written

King

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

- Last week I had a board meeting for the Academic Senate and during that meeting we discussed the responses that the new interim chair of the academic senate had sent out to DSU last week. They answered some clarifying questions that the DSU and I had. Their response made it clear that they felt concerned and frustrated in the discrepancy between what senior administration had promised to students versus what they said to the academic senate. The senate feels like senior administration has been using the academic senate as a buffer between themselves and students and placing the blame of not having remove options on the academic senate when the senate feels like it is more in the hands of administration. There just seems to be a lot of finger pointing. I brought up the possibility of having the academic senate address senior administration publicly and they said that is for a future conversation.
- I had a UGC meeting on Friday and during that meeting we had a discussion on offering online undergraduate degree programs in the future where students could have the option of doing their entire degree online. The main reasoning of support for online degree programs is for accessibility purposes and that is mainly what the student representatives were advocating for. Main concerns about this was that it would decrease the quality of UCLA's education and it was thought to be deliberated in the future.
- I had a meeting with DSU yesterday. They are in the process of coordinating a meeting with the academic sentes, USAC, DSU.
- My campus care team and I sent out emails to professors and departments for the open access syllabi initiative which is the syllabi shopping experience and trying to get their syllabi on Bruin learn before enrollment.
- My access and equity team set a date for a financial workshop in our food and security workshop in collaboration with CalFresh and they are working with DSU on creating note-taking guides to give to volunteer scribes note-takers for students in their classes.
- My appointment to the SIOC is providing us with a list of school sites that have access projects so we can outreach to them for support on their issues or on their initiatives.
- The holistic wellness coalition had a healing space event last week for the events of this past quarter.

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Sanghavi

- Events with Alok and Victoria Garrick the past couple weeks.
- Planning for spring quarter.

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

Key Notes:

- The Office of the Transfer Student Representative passed the UCLA Resolution in Support of the Plaintiffs in *Payan v. Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)* this past week at USA Council!
 - USAC fully condemned LACCD's plan to file a petition against the Supreme Court!
 - The letter was sent to the LACCD Board of Trustees for their March 2nd Board meeting, which TSR attended.
 - We are celebrating this win as LACCD has decided to **not** file a petition to the Supreme Court of the United States to repeal Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Change is rooted in student advocacy! Read their announcement [here](#).
 - Resolution language can be found [here](#), with last month's UCSA Transfer Advisory Council sponsored Resolution language [here](#).
- Met with Director of Admissions Gary Clark to discuss ASSIST and Transferology
- Met with the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to talk about the creation of a Transfer Toolkit in partnership with their Student Advisory Board
- **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>

Committee Updates:

- Transfer Historian
 - If you are interested in assisting with our Transfer History project, please fill out the following form: <https://forms.gle/W1gExgz5F92wW8S37>
- Diversity and Intersectionality
 - Welcoming and onboarding our new director, Stella Oganessian!
 - 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!](#)
 - Student Activities
 - Gave a Transfer Awareness Training to USA Elections Board
 - Met with CARS alongside Executive Office Assistant Abeeha Hussain to discuss the transfer pathway and the importance for a third seat, specifically a transfer one, to be added to the Committee.
 - Met with Gary Clark, the Director of Undergraduate Admission, on Wednesday March 2nd with Herman to talk about transfer pathways and how UCLA can make it clearer for incoming transfers.
 - Administrative Affairs
 - Met with Anna Bulis, Transfer Representative on the On Campus Housing Committee (OCHC)
- External Relations
 - SLC (Student Leadership Conference) is soon going to open up and accept applications.
 - Applications for the Student Regents are now open, please apply if you intend on being at UCLA for two more academic years.
- Internship
 - Interns presented their findings regarding their research on transfer exclusion in student organizations at UCLA this past Thursday at the All-staff meeting.
- Media and Marketing
 - TSR Website video is complete and up on the uclatsr.com website! Watch it here: [▶ USAC Transfer Student Representative Office – Welcome](#)
 - Overall exhibiting an increase in insights, especially when the new TSR video comes out on uclatsr.com
- Scholarships and Alumni Affairs
 - Threw an Alumni Game Night last Tuesday!
- Summer Bridge Program
 - Prioritizing transitional documents and preparation for next year's Summer Bridge Program Committee!
 - Working on a tips and tricks sheet as a part of a "What We Wish We Knew" project.
- Finance
 - Getting active updates on the requisition forms for office furniture!
- Events
 - Hosted a Finals Study Hall event week 9 and are looking forward to hosting another one Week 10.

O. International Student Representative Written

Garcia

Q. Administrative Representatives

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

- Jessica: "Hello, it has been a minute since I've seen you all so it is good to see you. I will be around the office on Mondays and Fridays so if anyone is on campus and needs to stop by A level and chat, I will be there. I don't really have any updates but i just wanted to let you all know that since I am back hopefully I will be able to set up one-to-one meetings with each of you sometimes early next quarter just to kind of see how things are going to make sure you all are comfortable with preparing to transition out of office given that elections are around the corner. Also, just to check in with those of you that requested and were funded surplus funds, to make sure that you have everything set to enact those funds and see if there is anything any additional support that you need from our end. So look out for an email for me and I will try to give as much availability as possible just to fit with yalls schedules because I know you all are

really busy especially this time of year as we creep into spring quarter. But good to be back and hopefully I will see you all soon.”

- George: “Hi folks, good evening. Some updates, we had our alumni association board meeting this past Saturday. It was almost a five-hour meeting so just be glad that you were not at a five-hour meeting on a Saturday morning but I provided updates based on the amazing work and crazy struggle you all have been having this past quarter with so many different things. I just wanted to report back to you that you do have allies within the alumni association board. We had a really short but very deep conversation after I provided the updates to all of them regarding the work that you all did during winter quarter. I think we should be more communicative towards the alumni association when it comes to addressing issues that are impacting students throughout UCLA so I wanted to make a mini announcement in a sense. We did have an interesting presentation or updates by Chancellor Block and I think he actually mentioned a couple of things that I was going to mention during our updates but of course there was a much more positive optimistic spin from those updates regarding covid, the sit in and the threats of violence that happened all in the last three months. So very interesting but I also wanted to provide you all this information. He is beginning this interesting process of zeroing in on what his legacy is about and what will be the long-lasting changes that he wants to see UCLA really embark in. So I am telling you all this not because it is set-in-stone but this is where the chancellor is right now when it comes to setting the stage for long-term vision. He asked the alumni association to provide feedback but I think it is important to say that students have a say on what the vision for the campus is. There is a sense that he wants to continue some sort of development of leadership. He wants to grow not just the size but also the diversity of faculty and staff within UCLA. Interesting because we did talk a bit about the academic senate, his third team was more about how do we begin to solidify more of the shared governance model that UCLA [practices and he definitely threw that in at the academic senate. I think that conversation in itself sparked some strong feedback from the alumni association board on how to really strengthen the alumni student relationships when it comes to focusing on that leadership development stuff.”
- Josh: “Hi friends, so just a reminder, well good luck with finals obviously we are approaching finals week and spring break coming. We will not be meeting next week nor will we be meeting during spring break but we will return week one. That’s it but please take care of ourselves during finals and be safe.”
- Patricia: “Hi everyone, welcome back Jessica, so great to have you back and hope everyone is doing well. I did want to mention that you may have seen that I forwarded out an invitation. We are really excited during week one of spring quarter we will be having the unveiling of the Judy Baca mural. That was one of the major projects of the centennial campaign and it is pretty amazing. I hope you all can come out and it is going to be on April 1st at 7:00 pm on the Wescom student terrace so if you have any questions feel free to send me a message and also feel free to invite others so I'm really excited. Have a good night !”

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Resolution Honoring LGBTQ+ Community at UCLA* _____ Valles

SAJE Module presentation _____ Valles

USAC Guideline Change

- Tayloneei presenting: “Currently the SWC Programming Fund does not fund food and we honestly can fund food. We have enough money in the programming fund to fund food and I think food is a course of celebration and there are a lot of great ways to promote mindful eating so I think we were kind of missing that component by not funding food and also just like providing another programming source where students can apply and have their food funded for so basically the language as it states is items you may not purchase with this fund; food, trophies, charms, cameras, flowers, plants, candles, decorations, t-shirts, picture frames, personal gifts, compact discs including DVD’s, sports fees, plaques and engraving, parking citations, personal reimbursements, honorarium payments made to an individual. The guideline changes are striking food so that is pretty much it.”
- No opposition, passes as a consent item. \

Mask Mandate Removal

- Breeze: "I think that with this mask mandate removal I am a little bit scared of how it will affect students, particularly disabled students and students that don't feel comfortable being next to students that don't have masks on. I know that I specifically asked if there is any way that we can have some sort of way to space out students in the classroom. For example, if I as a student don't feel comfortable sitting right next to someone that is not masked how would that work and you know they don't necessarily believe in having students sit separately which I like I even said myself like but I am just scared because it is not even strongly being recommended and if LA county is recommending why aren't they doing that. I am just very confused and honestly shocked."
- Promise: "I am just annoyed by if for various reasons like there is another sub-variant that is currently going around and it is 30 times more contagious than the original and it is going around New York right now and with the way it has been throughout the entire pandemic, once it hits new york it is just a plane ride away at this point before it hits LA. It is just irresponsible and studies have shown that masking is a deterrent and it helps not spread so if we are still going to be in person, they should at least recommend that mandate of like when people are in classrooms like that is a small period of time if they are not going to mandate if for people being on campus they are going to have people be in classroom and close quarters with each other and they need to have that there and that is something they can mandate as a university. It doesn't make any sense because they are putting people at such a risk for outbreaks especially. They are just asking for a super spreader event."
- Tayloneei: "Just to echo that and to also offer some other commentary that they said regarding not requiring or even recommending, they said that if students are concerned about their health they can just choose to wear a mask but they are not another you know driving force for them is that you know when students are going out into LA country leaving not UCLA but UCLA bubble quote unquote it is like a stark contrast. So like LA county masks are not being worn as much because it is not mandated but then they are kind of forced when they come back into the UCLA bubble to wear a mask again and so that is like the primary driving force which is very dumb in my opinion. This is something I expressed last week but yeah that while driving force it doesn't make sense but also like the fact that like first of all Cantalia, which is the ASHE director. She has been a really really amazing public health perspective at the table and I don't really feel like she has been listened to anyway, not to get into the weeds of it but just wanted to kind of offer that perspective."
- Jane: "I was just going to echo everything that tayloneei and Promise said and then the other thing that I wanted to bring up is like I feel like this is something where we, I don't know what your thoughts on this are Breeze, on doing a resolution or a statement like if they are not going to require masks then students who are uncomfortable should have remote options. So it's like how are you not going to do any of the above when it comes to things like masking, testing or options. I don't know if everyone on council would be down to do a resolution or a letter of something."
- Haley: "Yes, I am also down to do a resolution jane. I just had a question for the people that were in that meeting, sorry if you already mentioned this but did they address the sub-variant in the meeting that is going around and starting to spread in New York?"
- Breeze: "They literally did not and that is what I brought up. I was like, I am sorry but I am trying to graduate in person, like I really really want an in-person graduation as I am sure a lot of seniors here do and quite frankly like you all doing this is going to spread and it is going to affect us and that is what got me really upset is that they are not even going to require testing and they are also having discussions already about completely removing the symptom monitoring check which is like yeah Passa, I want to graduate in person as well so it is like I don't really know and I was just baffled like over the fact that you know they are having these conversations right now and there is this variant going around and I think that it just shows how little they care about students. We were really cooped up in Murphy halls for 16 days for them to literally say this two weeks later and I am just at a loss of words. But I think that having us all pushed together would be helpful because like anything like I said it's been difficult to have a voice for a lot of these things in meetings. So I think like some of the letters that we can come up with, I'll go ahead and send out a google doc and hopefully we can start working on something together and get it sent out. I know it is week 10 but maybe set a deadline to finish it by Friday because the university moves really fast and I think we should get out some sort of formal statement of where we stand and also inform the student body as it is something that you should know moving forward. So yeah awesome thank you guys for the support."

SAE

- Promise: "I would really love for everyone to be engaged in this discussion. I don't know if everyone has seen the post that has been going around on various social medias regarding a banner that was put outside SAE during the UCLA/USC Basketball game and I am not necessarily going to say what was on the sign but I know that various frats have this tradition when there is a sporting event go put some sort of derogatory sign up on the front of their building for all to see as people are driving through westwood. This isn't an issue specific to this one frat, I think it is indicative of the issue that is broader than that and that's why I wanted to bring it forth and I know that other council members have expressed concern but like the larger student populace is expressing a lot of concern about it because I think just in wake of a lot of the stuff that has been going on just in our communities regarding sexual assault, sexual violence and just like women and not kust women but just like people feeling safe in our various communities like it is just not funny. I and along with a lot of people feel as though greek life has continuously fone unchecked and like continues with the misogyny, racism and the constant perpetuation of sexual assualt and sexual violence of rape culture. So I think that this is something that we as council, as representatives of the entire student body should discuss and see what we can do to express our support for students and just kind of take a stance on this as well. So I just wanted to start out and would love to hear from forks if anyone else would like to jump in."
- Tayloneei: "I can jump in and I am probably going to have a lot to say in this discussion too but okay so I know that a coalition has been meeting or has been trying to meet. They have been able to meet with two sororities but as far as i know and as far as I can remember, they have reached out to all of the panhellenic, the main fraternity, sorority system on campus and like a lot of them were not responsive to the Brain Consent Coalitions trainings which obviously consent trainings are a very vital part especially with that greek life needs to be exposed to. So I think that is an issue in itself that there has been intervention in those spaces yet they haven't been responsive or receptive to what we are trying to educate them on so that is a big issue that I wanted to draw attention to."
- Haley: "I was just going to respond to a point real quickly that you mentioned with regards to outreach to people on Panhellenic regarding leadership there. If you need support in reaching out to leadership, I used to be in one of the sororities but I did drop because I expressed discomfort in the space because of all the problems that it had and so I do have those contacts if you all need support in reaching out to leadership. Please let me know and I am more than willing to directly connect you to their phone numbers and such."
- Breeze: "I think I could go ahead and like touch base on this a bit. I know that I am a part of a Latinx sorority and like I will say, even without our latinx greek life we definitely have problems which is also a reason why I have had to step away from the space. I don't know what we as USAC can do or say but I do think that you know there needs to be accountability of all ends with Greek life in general. There are just a lot of problems with all of it and you know I say this as someone in a sorority as well that thinks that there needs to be a removal of like greek life in general so I don't know. Admin is also very much in a lot of discussions even like when I bring up the mask mandata they will point out and reference like and I think Tay and Prom can attest to the fact that like we often get like the whole like oh well these people are saying that we don't need to enforce masks and it is always implied by them that it is like people that are greek life affiliate as well so it is like a really weird position to like I don't know what we can do or say."
- Tayloneei: "I was thinking that it would be really constructive if we did another resolution or maybe a statement and I would love to get Bruin Coalition on the table with that. I think they would have a lot of fruitful helpful things to contribute to any form of action that we end up doing but yeah, those are just kind of like my ideas for potential intervention as well."
- Passa: "I was just wondering if anyone here can enlighten me or any other council members on life policies regarding investigations of greek life because for my shorthand knowledge, I am not involved in greek life at all. I spent most of my time here at UCLA ignoring them. When a frat or a sorority or whoever is under investigation they are supposed to be on probation correct? and not like throwing parties but I am not sure what the exact rules are."
- Jane: "I don't know what the rules are either but I would say it goes back to like before doing things like explicitly wrong or having title IX cases filed against them. For example, in this situation with SAE there is a poster hund outside that was really like borderline threatening I would say would be like the vibe and like just misogynistic and I feel like

for that there are a lot of times there isn't a way for like one certain person to file a certain title IX case because it is not certainly targeted towards anyone. It is just a general perpetuation of rape culture and misogyny on campus. I don't know if other people know more."

- Emily: "I think that when a chapter is on probation there are rules that the office of fraternity and sorority life puts on them including definitely not holding events but I am not sure of the exact rules in terms of things that we could do as a council. I feel like writing a letter and then addressing it to the office of fraternity and sorority life as like one of the entities that it is addressed to could be helpful since they are like an administrative body. I think it is up to that office to enforce those types of punishments. But yeah, like adding on for like my personal stuff. I am still a member of a greek life organization not very involved because of like all of those issues that have been mentioned and it is just so discouraging because for me personally like my earliest involvement in USAC was actually due to a member of that sorority who has since graduated but she is very passionate about reproductive justice and like she ran on a campaign a bunch of years ago to try to provide more sexual assault resources to survivors and it is just so discouraging to see all of this still happening."
- Breeze: "Yeah. I agree with that point Emily because I think that has definitely been my issue with being part of the space. I am also still affiliated but I think that it was too much for me to break down because I think we already have so much to do as USAC so it is also hard to break it down internally as well."
- Promise: "I just wanted to speak about who to send it to. I find from my understanding that it is under student affairs as well and I think Mike Deluce might oversee it but I might be wrong. But that is my current understanding so those are folks who we can also kind of address the letter to if we were to write a resolution which I am also very in favor of."
- Maya: "I was just going to ask if this was something we could even write a resolution about and wanted to express that I would be interested in working on that."
- Breeze: "Yeah, I think so. I don't know when we would pass this resolution. I am also confused about if it should be some sort of letter that we address to the student body as well and like make it a public letter because I also think that if we do a resolution we wouldn't be able to vote on it until next quarter and I think it is a pressing issue. I know personally that on our own UCLA president's page, we have been getting a lot of engagement on there but people have been adding it like I think wanting us to say something and they have been saying Breeze, I don't know if you have seen this but this is circling, so I am not sure if it is something that we wanted to address sooner because we are not having a council meeting next week."
- Herman: "I feel like a letter would be a good way to engage with this more quickly. I would say that it would be very important to ensure that relevant student organizations and other folks are included in that writing process and like definitely a resolution would take more time for that to come through but if that letter is the route that folks decide to go, I think just making sure that everyone who needs to be informed about the writing process is involved just so that we do get the relevant feedback from the students who have been working on these concerns or issues, I mean I think it is important too that a lot of folks have mentioned you know now having a relationship to fraternity and sorority life. For example, I don't have one and so I think it would be really important to get the perspective from folks who can also speak to this having been a part of that space who have been like working on making these issues that are experiences as part of fraternity life a little more salient to those of us on council who may need to hear those experiences or have those as a part of the letter writing process. So yeah, I would just say that if we go that way I think it is important that those student leaders and those student organizations are a part of it as well."
- Hailey: "I just have a question. Would it be helpful to directly email the director of the office of fraternity and sorority life to ask what steps they are currently taking to address the incident at SAE, because I could do that."
- Breeze: "Yeah, that could be helpful Hailey."
- Hailey: "Ok I could do that and then like share the email with you all to review before and then send it afterwards just so that we are doing something actionable right now."

- Josh: "Haley, I do want to point out that the director is on maternity leave right now so Emily Oswald is the interim director while she is out."
- Jane: "I also wanted to make sure that we are on the same page for this for like all of council make sure that like, I think this would obviously be strongest if this was something we all supported that this would be a letter not just condemning this one incident but condemning Greek life as an institution and encouraging the institution like UCLA to move away from greek life and would want to make sure that people were okay with that because we start working on something that we would all be signing on to."
- Breeze: "I did want to ask about that because you know for those of us that are still a part of greek like you know like me personally, I found that there are a lot of problems with it but you know as a first-generation latina woman, it has also served this purpose and like for some ways for me as well to have like a cultural sorority so I am like wondering like are we condemning like all of greek like or like the actions of greek life."
- Hailey: "I know that like the latinx frat life has also been historically problematic and has like a history of sexual violence and so yeah just wanted to bring that up as well."
- Breeze: "Yeah, no I definitely agree with that but I know like my sorority for example like we are not having any events and that's like something I did before I went inactive like push that we do not have any events with any of the latinx fraternities because of their problematic history so I don't know."
- Hailey: "Yeah, as Jane said earlier in the chat, maybe just addressing frats but honestly like if we are talking about the problems with greek life as a whole and like addressing its problematic history beyond just sexual violence. I think that is also important because in the space that I was a part of, there were a lot of issues regarding race. It wasn't a safe space for people of color, non-binary folks, and like queer folk in that space so yeah I would aim to address the issue with greek life as a whole."
- Promise: "I think where I stand is very much so like and important to address and condemn the culture around it and not just like it is super rampant in fraternities and sororities. I think also just like at the end of the day greek life cannot continue to exist if it is going to continue to perpetuate this culture. At the end of the day, if Greek life needs to be abolished because it cannot adhere to not perpetuating this culture then so be it because we can not allow that violence to continue, period. I think that is a stance that is fair to take regardless of whether you are in a sorority or like greek life or not because that is just taking a stance against violence in general."
- Angelina: "Yeah I just want to plus one everything that Promise has been saying but I also think it is important to address as well how some professional frats can perpetuate harm to students who are seeking opportunities and resources that these frats promise to students but sort of like get kept in a sense that these students go through. All these different things like elitism. They have students go to all of these events and kind of tell students that they can't apply to other clubs or organizations and can only rush that particular frat and it can be very damaging. I am an RA and a lot of my residents have expressed a lot of like mental health related challenges that have come with that and just feeling like they are not good enough for those frats and considering dropping out which poses a retention issue. It very much contributes to imposter syndrome so I think I would also really like to address that portion as well because it is very harmful to a lot of folks, especially first-generation students who have come into UCLA really wanting to find community and then being met with all of these harmful processes that keep a lot of opportunities and resources from them."
- Passa: "Hi I just want to first preface by saying that I probably know less about Greek life than a lot of the people on council but with that in mind, I think that you know, I will second what Angie says about professional frats. It is really concerning how it seems that a lot of them do perpetuate harm to students and I think are actually more unregulated than the fraternities and sororities that we usually think of which is pretty surprising and it is pretty bad. I also think that you know if there is a statement to be made in a letter or a resolution, whatever that may be, there has to be some acknowledgement of the history of some of these fraternities and sororities. There is a lot more history that unfortunately points to why we are here in the way that we are today with UCLA greek life and that acknowledgement

is super important and I think that there has to be a call out to administration for not enforcing the rules in the way that they should be doing with these organizations.”

- Jane: “Yeah, I was just going to say that I agree with what Promise and Angie about, like also the professional frats having a lot of history too but I also like to see where we are not made. I don’t know if the office of fraternity and sorority life manages those frats. I am not sure if anybody does know so maybe we would need to do like multiple things addressing multiple different people. I know we are having a continuing discussion. I know there are people from the council who aren't here and I would want to make sure that we got all of the council support and also the people who haven't spoken yet. I would love to make sure to hear your opinion on it because I think this is something where we would really need the full weight of council behind it because Greek life is something that is so deeply ingrained in a lot of very problematic and violent ideals.”
- Herman: “I have spoken already but I do want to jump in again. I definitely think that a lot of the focus is on panhellenic. I think especially at least my awareness of frats as well includes like the queer community as well who have been victims of fraternity violence but I do think that a lot of that has been centered around panhellenic and I think we can tell already based on how this conversation has gone and like by the chat as well that there are still delineations that have to be made about the types of fraternities and sororities and how that language is intentional and so I think it is important for us to move together collectively as a council throughout the letter writing process to be very intentional about exactly who and how we are addressing these issues and being very conscious of the forms of fraternity and sorority life that you know do provide community for students and that do provide professional development for students and there is just so much minutiae there that I think it is important that when we are writing and this is something that I am happy to contribute to as well as we like think about that writing process and begin it in that the language is just very clear.”
- Promise: “Yeah, I think moving forward we are getting started on that letter and also probably like the resolution and like folks who want to work on that, we could probably coordinate in the slack with everyone but thank you all for engaging in this conversation. We will probably continue to have conversations. Any final thoughts?”
- Passa: “I know that historically members of USAC have been in greek life before and I think that greek life has been entangled in student government on this campus and many others. I think that if we are going to be writing something, we also need to be transparent about the fact that I am not affiliated. I don’t know who is affiliated, but we just have to be honest with our constituents.”
- George: “Can I just say that this is an issue that just came up right now, when I was a student on USAC 10 years ago, you know this was still an issue right and I can point you to all various different daily bruin articles and whatnot that showcases some of the historical racism, sexism, violence that you know. It looks like it is still persisting within greek life so I think there are times that a council in the past have addressed that too right so not to put more work right but I think that there is a need to maybe do some further research to really see how far this goes and I am sure that there are some folks who have kind of done that already as well just like learning where to look for it but I know that you can quick search daily bruin articles. They can garner a lot of results on answering some of these questions.”
- Promise: “I do want to encourage folks to engage in this conversation in the coming weeks because I genuinely think this is an issue that has been bubbling for years and like people aren’t happy with it and a lot of people are understanding like how much harm greek life has caused to various communities in various ways. So I think it is super imperative that we as council members address this and make a stance on this. So I look forward to working on it with you all and presenting it to the rest of the student body.”
- End of Discussion

XI. Adjournment*

Velazquez

- Breeze adjourns the meeting at 8:55pm.

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