



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
May 10, 2022  
7 PM PST  
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

## **I. Call to Order**

Velazquez

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

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

- Signed via google docs

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

Gatica

- Strike Resolution to Restructure USAC
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Add USAC Bylaw Changes
- Strike SAJE Module Bylaw
- Add Transfer Capital Contingency to Contingency Programming
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations
  
- Promise moves to add USAC Bylaw Changes to the agenda, Cassandra seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and USAC Bylaw Changes are added to the agenda.
  
- Promise moves to approve the agenda for 5/10/22 as amended, Cassandra seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda for 5/10/22 is approved.

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

Gatica

- Mominah moves to approve the minutes from 5/3/22, Emily seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda for 5/3/22 is approved.

## **IV. Public Comment**

Velazquez

- Clara Castronova: "Hello everyone, my name is Clara. I am the CALPIRG Chapter Chair at UCLA and I wanted to give you our recent update on our organization. For those of you who might not know, CALPIRG Students is a student-run, student-funded, non-profit organization that works to protect the environment, improve college affordability and promote civic engagement. Over the years, we have accomplished a lot like we committed the UC's to 100% clean electricity and we recently phased out single-use plastics in unincorporated areas of LA county. So for some brief updates. The past two weeks we have been meeting with the staff offices of LA city council members to plan to phase out single-use plastics in all sectors of LA. We are also working on a state-wide bill that will phase out single-use plastics in packaging of online shipping, such as unnecessary bubble wrap. We are trying to have a statewide event to have all the students from the UC's ask their legislators to vote yes on phasing these plastics out. That will help us create a cleaner and safer environment. Also for our Affordable Textbooks Campaign, our UC regents are holding a board conference here on campus next week. We know that over the past four decades, the price of textbooks has risen a lot and especially with inflation and housing costs, students shouldn't have to feel like they have to sacrifice their well being to pay for materials for their classes. CALPIRG found that 55% of students during the pandemic skipped out on buying a textbook because they needed to use that money for other things. Our goal is to have open textbooks where students can access them and save their money. We are going to share public comment as well as written comment with the UC regents this week. That's just a little bit of what we have been working on recently, thank you so much!"

- Quinn O'Connor: "Hello, I just wanted to stop in and say hello. This will probably be the last you ever hear from me. Congratulations but today I just want to hop in and say congratulations to Eliana for being elected Gen Rep 3 for next year. I am so so proud of you and I am very excited to see the disabled community at UCLA thrive and persevere despite everything that has been handed to the disabled community especially in the past two years because of the pandemic. I would also like to reiterate that the disabled community at UCLA is here to stay and people like Eliana are and I am very proud. I wanted to make a point to the administration that disabled students are here to stay and disabled students are proud to be here and we are willing to fight for our rights. Disabled students are graduating this year despite administration, despite administration, not because of them. Thank you and congratulations Eliana."
- Public comment closes at 7:

## **V. Funding**

### **Capital Contingency\***

J. Wang

- Allocations: \$2,000 to 1 USAC entity
- Promise moves to approve \$2,000 to 1 USAC entity, Emily seconds.
- By vote of 10-1-0, the motion passes and Capital Contingency is approved.

### **Contingency Programming\***

J. Wang

- Allocations: \$15,196.59 to 44 non USAC entity and 1 USAC entity
- Promise moves to approve \$15,196.59 to 44 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity, Sarah seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and Contingency Programming is approved.

### **SFS Allocations#**

Subhan

- Allocations: \$5,778.05 to 6 non CSC org and 1 CSC org
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

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

Jackson

- Allocations: \$2,165 to 6 non USAC entities
- No opposition, passes as a consent item.

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

Wang

### **ASRF Allocations#**

Quint

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

Quint

### **ARC Allocations#**

Ogunleye

## **VI. Special Presentations**

## **VII. Appointments**

## **VIII. Officer Reports**

### **A. President**

Velazquez

- Had a meeting with Bob Micheal, a former USAC President and started the discussion around the President's Retreat that will be happening in October.
- We will be transitioning the office more in the following week, passing off passwords and such.

### **B. Internal Vice President**

Gatica

- My office is already wrapped up but there are still some things that we are trying to get the ECRT done.
- We are trying to help them with outreach for the Housing Relief Award.
- I am still working on transition binders but I am almost done.

### **C. External Vice President**

Wang

- Just working on transition and getting at the REQ forms in
- There are a couple voter registration drives we are hosting with CALPIRG that are still coming up but that is it.

D. General Representative 1 Written

Valles

E. General Representative 2 Written

Pungchai

- This week we finally rolled out an unexpected travel expenses grant fund for Winter 2022. Which is exciting for out of state students that had to deal with changing flight tickets.
- I would like the council's help in sending out and sharing this last grant.
- Working on transition documents.

F. General Representative 3 Written

King

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Quint

- My office has been working on getting transition packets finished up for our different committees.
- We have executive meetings this week and we are advocating to move pass/no pass deadlines to the end of week 9 for the future quarters moving forward.
- We are discussing student workers who are requiring hybrid options open as covid cases are still rising.

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

O. International Student Representative Written

Garcia

Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Chacon, O'Connor, Luna, Solomon

- Jessica: "Hello, everyone. First I want to say congratulations on a great year. I will miss working with all of yall. I just want to remind you all to share your transition documents with SGS. I dropped it in the chat and went ahead and sent it to the email so we can save it as a backup. I also wanted to remind you that as you transition out there are still REQ forms that you will need to form. Make sure we have your email. Make sure to gather your personal belongings out of your office. We are giving a two week window before the new council is going to move in. In two weeks, your door access will be shut off. The new officers will be giving access to that as well. Update , on cords. We have turned in the order but they are out of the colors that we requested so we are waiting on them to come in. I also wanted to let the council know that we are going to move ahead and have the USAC Installation online this year. Because winter quarter was shut down, a lot of organizations moved their events to this quarter and everything is fully booked, so we don't have an event space to host it. So it is going to be online this year and look out for an email with more information about it."
- George: "Hi everyone, Happy Tuesday. No big updates from me. I just wanted today a hearty congratulations for another year especially within USAC and it being all virtual. I am very proud of the work you have all done. I am not sure if I am going back or not because I am not sure what the Alumni Association wants to do with this position but I will keep you updated. Congrats and good luck on your future endeavors."
- Josh: "Well congratulations, What a year, we made it through. Just to echo what Jessica said, please make sure to send SGS your transition documents and make sure it includes passwords from emails and social media and other things like that. Again great job this year, you should all be proud of all that you accomplished this year. We appreciate all the work that you have done this year for the students, so thank you all."
- Orlando: "Hello everyone, no update, just a big shout out to you all. It has been exciting to see you and all the work that you have done. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors."
- Patricia: "It has really been a pleasure and I want to say congratulations to you all and all the work that you have done. It is very impressive. It is super exciting to be in USAC again in this role. I also want to give a shout out to an event with CEC and our art in the union program. We will be announcing our winning art pieces. There were 70 submissions this year, the most we have ever had which is exciting. If you are free between 2-4 tomorrow in the art gallery, come over and have a chance to mingle with some artists."

## **IX. Old Business**

## **X. New Business**

[SAJE Module Bylaw\\*](#)

[Resolution to Restructure USAC\\*](#)

[USAC Bylaw Changes\\*](#)

Promise moves to approve Article 2, Section B, 4, Hailey seconds.

By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Article 2, Section 4 is approved.

Promise moves to approve Article 2, Section C, 1, d-div, Maya seconds.

By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Article 2, Section C, 1, d-div is approved.

Promise moves to approve Article 2, Section C, 4, b-c, Hailey seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Article 2, Section C, 4, b-c is approved.

Promise moves to approve Article 3, Section D, 4, c3-10, Emily seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Article 3, Section D, 4, c3-10.

Promise motions Article 4, Section B, 8, d-f, Tayloneei seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Article 4, Section B, 8, d-f.

Promise motion Article 5, Section A, Tayloneei seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Article 5, Section A is approved.

Promise motions to approve Article 5, Section B, 3, Tayloneei seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Article 5, Section B, 3 is approved.

Promise motions to approve Article 5, Section C, 1-2, b, Tayloneei seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Article 5, Section C, 1-2, b is approved.

Missing motion for the bylaws

- Moved to next week's council meeting to be voted on

Article V, Section E, 2, ii

Article V, Section E, 2, iv.

Article V, Section E, 2, v.

Promise motions to approve Article 5, Section G, 1, Tayloneei seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Article 5, Section G, 1, is approved.

Promise motions to approve Article 5, Section 1, i, Hailey seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Article 5, Section 1, i is approved.

Promise motions to approve Article 6, Section A, 4, iv, Tayloneei seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Article 6, Section A, 4 iv is approved.

Promise motions to approve Article 6, Section A, 9, e, Tayloneei seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Article 6, Section A, 9, e is approved.

Promise motions to approve Article 7, Section A, 2, c, Tayloneei seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Article 7, Section A, 2, c is approved.

Promise motions to approve Article 7, Section C, 9, v, Tayloneei seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Article 7, Section C, 9, v is approved.

Transferring Capital Contingency Funds to Contingency Programming\*

J. Wang

Promise moves to move \$8,540 from Capital Contingency to Contingency Programming, Emily seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and \$8,540 is transferred.

Promise moves to add a Discussion Item of Council Addresses, Passa seconds.

By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and a Discussion item is added.

Council Addresses

Promise: “Hi, I just wanted to address everything that has gone on over the last couple weeks and address the new council members. Over the last two years, I have been lucky enough to be apart of the slate For The People and these people have come to this council table genuinely wanting to work for the people even though we have been breasted, harassed, called whatever, dragged through the mud, all of it by fellow council members, we can still stand and say that we have been doing the work for the people, by the people and I am happy to be a part of that. I want to shout out to Emily, Passa, Mominah, Maya, Tay and other folks who were not on the slate but have been wonderful council allies this whole year. Since people want to say that we are working bia slate lines that is not the case. We work with whoever is willing to work for the people and not for personal interests and that is why we’re on this council so the people who are watching because I know you are watching because you guys are always watching and speaking in anonymous forums, you know my name, I don’t know yours but that is okay. We would not be doing this if this was simply for a power grab. No one in their right mind would be going through the turmoil that we have gone through over the last two years regardless for nothing so for you all to be saying that we don't care about people it is whatever. Just really evaluate that because no one would do this. I want to address Carl King Jr. Stop talking about black women behind their backs, like you came onto this council telling other council members that you are planning to destroy your female counterparts before you ever met them and you might be President now, but do better. Come on here not with personal vendettas but to actually help the people and don't do what you did with our council. You scapegoated women for your own personal political gain and that was wrong and if no one else will call it out I will. It was wrong, you scapegoated a survivor for your own political gain, congratulations on your win. Do better for others. Do better and for the other council members who I didn’t really get to know, I hope you also do better and not talk about people behind their backs when you haven’t even met them. To the new council coming into work together. It works better that way. Sitting on council for two years, my council last year was a very stark difference from the council that I sit on this year. We were able to get work done for the student body because we weren't thinking about ourselves. It is not about you. This job is not about you, it is about the students. So many of us have struggled in school simply because we are doing these jobs and dedicating ourselves so it really is a selfless job so remember that as you are sitting on this council and remember to work for students. That is your main prerogative. Carl I hope you apologize to Angie and I hope you apologize to the women on this council that you have spoken down on and how you have called different women on this council little girls, secretary. We are your counterparts and you are belittling us. You have told other people that Tayloneei and I aren’t black enough. That we don’t care about black people and we are anti-black despite the misogyny that you exude. Do better for your female counterparts. Also don’t be ableist. You had zero grace for your fellow disabled council members. When I told you that I was struggling with something, you literally said you were going to ask for all of my emails when I said I was dealing with my ADHD and why I couldn't respond to your emails and you said you were going to request all of my emails. And you say you support disabled students but you gave zero grace to DSA. Do better Carl and especially now that you are president so congratulations on that end. Congratulations to all of the new council members as well. I wish you well in this job. It is not easy, it really isn't, but if you genuinely care about students and the advancement of students and their retention it is very rewarding. So yeah that is all I have to say and to the reddit people, I really don't care what you have to say about me. I don't live in la la land or the anonymous world. I live in the real world so if you have anything to say to me, if you can't say it to my face, then I really don't care. Good night everyone and thank you it was a pleasure serving the students.”

Passa: “Hi, I just wanted to say that I was incredibly honored to serve the student body this year alongside most of you in the capacity as general representative 2. Now when I was first sworn in, I had no idea what the role entailed. I am sure that most of the council members sitting watching us right now have no idea what this entails and are probably more confused after the events that have transpired in the last 20-30 minutes. I will tell you what my mentors told me and what they warned me about. There are times that there are going to be theatrics. People aren’t going to want to work with you, maybe because they have presumptions about you or because of the communities that you might come from. I encourage you all that if you do have assumptions or presumptions about each other, clear the air right now and be honest and candid because again this job is not for your comfort, it is for the comfort of the student body. You are going to be giving away your energy, your time, your weekends. The breaks that

everyone else is enjoying, you are going to be working in your office. This year, this council had to deal with so many different crises that frankly we shouldn't have had to deal with. For example, when Omicron happened during winter break, it was a few of us who kind of got together and stepped up to the plate for the student body to respond to them because there was a lackluster administrative response and sometimes you have to put pressure on them for things to happen. I would challenge all of you to reach out to communities that you aren't familiar with or are not as comfortable with and learn from them and learn about the issues that they care about so that you can better advocate for them. I think for me, it was really helpful to go into meetings for the mother organizations to make sure that I could support them in any capacity that I could. The main part of the job is to be there for the people who have been doing the work first. I think there is a misconception that being elected to council makes you special but it really doesn't. You are here to help other people and do a good job and that is it. Again, I was incredibly honored to serve as the General Representative 2 and I wish you all the best of luck to the new council."

Taylornei: "Hi everyone, I will keep mine very short and sweet. I just wanted to say it was an honor and a privilege serving as the Student Wellness Commission especially as an external elect. I also wanted to address the common misconception that USAC leaders are here for the money. I want to echo Promise, and I can assure you that this is not the case. Ten thousand dollars is not worth the stress and turmoil that comes with this role. I truly do think that it is a selfless job and you do have to have a passion for bettering the community, bettering the student body or to even run for the position alone. I can speak for the rest of the council that we do care about the students and we do care about our work and that's why we do it. Anyway, thank you everyone."

Breeze: "Thank you all so much for such a great year. I actually do mean that. I definitely learned a lot from a lot of you. Passa, I think that our friendship is one that I like, I mean I shouldn't have been surprised because I had my friendship with Walker last year but I want to say that you have also become one of my closest friends. I know we talked a couple of days ago about that but I just wanted to say thank you for coming in and being so helpful. I know that you actively helped me when the Covid stuff was happening and I was very stressed out. I really want to thank you for that. I want to give a shout out to everyone that came out and supported when the DSU sit in was happening. I know some of you all weren't able to stay a long time but you all brought food and were caring every step of the way. I will say that this position is not at all easy. It was a very difficult position and it caused my depression to be at an all time high. I don't think people realize how difficult it is to be president until they are president and I know that I am constantly facing scrutiny and getting bullied online. I just want to say that it is not an easy role at all dealing with administration and especially because I haven't been as presidential as I should be but I feel like I have done a decent job because I have constantly been pushing and I am honestly walking out of this position without connections. My relationship with the admin is not the best to say the least. So thank you. They have a new president now so they will probably be happy."

Emily: "Hi sorry, to drag this out longer. I guess what I wanted to say is that this whole year has had a lot of challenges and like specifically addressing the newer council members like please try to work together. You will be surprised at how much you have in common. I did not run on a slate but yet I found so many friends here particularly Passa and Breeze and so many other people I have had the privilege to get to know. It will only make you that much stronger if you are willing to work together. Lastly, sechoding this, please remember this job is a huge responsibility and it is really tough that you often can put yourself first. I think one of the hardest times of this job was that particular day where there was the school shooting threat. That particular day was really impressive in my sense because you are not allowed to freak out or think about yourself. You have to do it which is really scary especially since we were in Murphy hall on campus. But anyway the fact that you have spent the past couple months running for this position, shows that you are willing to put yourself through the ringer for this position and I implore you to carry that sense of major responsibility to the student body over yourself into the next year."

## **XI. Adjournment\***

Velazquez

- Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

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