



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
July 12, 2022
7 PM PST
Zoom:

<https://ucla.zoom.us/j/95983700550?pwd=ZWw1WUduWEM3YVRZMjFPZ0lQUVJPUT09>

I. Call to Order

King

- Carl calls the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via google docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Le

- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike AAC Travel Mini Grant Allocations
- Strike 2022-2023 BBRC Surplus Allocation
- Strike SFS Allocations
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike TGIF Allocations
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Strike SWC Programming Fund Allocations
- Daniela moves to approve the agenda as amended, Divine seconds.
- By vote of 9-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Le

- Sarah moves to approve the minutes from 6/28/22, Phoebe seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes are approved from the last meeting.

IV. Public Comment

King

- Public comment closed at 7:10pm.

V. Funding

A. Capital Contingency*	J. Wang
B. Contingency Programming*	J. Wang
C. SFS Allocations#	Flores
D. SWC Programming Fund Allocations#	Majer
E. Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#	Johnson
F. ASRF Allocations#	Cortez
G. AAC Travel Mini Grant Allocations#	Cortez
H. ARC Allocations#	Verdugo
I. TGIF#	Chiu

VI. Special Presentations

- A. USAC Budget and Stipend Review from Budget Review Committee Chiu, Flores, Broukhim
- Sarah: "We are the budget review committee and basically we checked to make sure everything added up. We are here to share any concerns we may have had about the budget. The total budget is 9.7 million and the

total income is about 9.6 million. The additional funds go to USAC members that don't have refrenda funds. The increase in the budget is because of the increase of students that are entering into UCLA in the fall.

- Phoebe: "The overhead tab which denotes expenses of 1,055,300. The stipends did look a little bit higher for officers and other positions too but have been adjusted to the California minimum wage instead of the LA County minimum wage. Payroll and admin support services wages have also increased. The most flexibility we have with negotiating the budget is the overhead tab. It is good to know that maintenance costs have decreased in this year's budget.
- Juan: "One of the other budgets is the E Board Tab. This is the supplies for election materials. How do we strategize to improve voter turnout for the next election cycle for USAC and so this is something we should probably discuss before approving the budget. To end us off, I want to thank Sarah for putting the presentation together and for everyone else that helped us out with this.

VII. Appointments

VIII. Officer Reports

- A. President King
- This past week I have finished hiring and onboarding my directors. Doing some training about what their job entails
 - Had a meeting with the Covid Recovery and Response Task Force about what school will look like in the fall and whether the symptoms covid clearance will still be sticking around
 - Meeting with other members or different organizations to introduce them to USAC
- B. Internal Vice President Le
- Developing staff, hosting biweekly meetings with directors to get them acclimated to the USAC space
 - Office wide developments to help initiatives
 - Finished applications for general staff, directors are reviewing applications
 - Developing our business plans for directors plans and initiatives
- C. External Vice President Johnson
- Officially finished our hiring process for all of our staff. Will open them again in the fall for more members. Our all director meeting is tomorrow.
 - Prepping external meetings for people and groups we will be working with this year
 - USA meeting and prepping for that where they will be choosing the main topics we will be working on this year.
 - Met with UT Austin in regards to Student Loan Relief
- D. General Representative 1 Written Kohanteb
- E. General Representative 2 Written Hammonds
- F. General Representative 3 Sisman
- Geronimo Thomas and I have been working on an event. Shout out to Carl for helping us out with funding. Shout out to Bruin Guardian Scholar Organization for their help. This event will be happening Friday at 1pm so feel free to come out.
 - Divine and I have been working with the Jewish Association for getting support on a great proposal they have to ask the State Legislation for 30 million dollars for expansion for low middle income students in the colleges.
- G. Academic Affairs Commissioner Written Cortez
- Commissioner: Reviews of the budget and annotations, reaching out to USIE to discuss appointments to the committee this year
 - Platforms and Committees: Reviewed applications for director positions and began interviews, director check ins
 - Academic Senate: Met with my Chief of Senate and ARC to discuss academic senate appointment procedures, finalized the academic senate application and are preparing to recruit for AAC appointed Senators

- External: Met with a transfer student to discuss admission protocol to certain majors at UCLA, created an action plan to have further discussions with stakeholders, attended UCOD meeting, reviewed discussion with the MO representatives and historical documents.

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Boffa

- Met with Bruin Bash administration
- Meeting with Bruin Bash directors

I. Community Service Commissioner

Flores

- These past two weeks, I have finished hiring for all positions. Working with Eliana and Sarah, to get more details on the budget.
- Working renewing projects under the Community Service Commission

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Verdugo

K. Facilities Commissioner

Chiu

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Broukhim

- Working on the budget
- Started on the CRC Appointment and hiring in general

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Majer

N. Transfer Student Representative

Moreno

- Met with the director of TSC today. There is a lot of anxiety in regards to housing for the transfer community. They are concerned about the inequity about who gets to live on the hill. We have a lot of new housing but not enough photography taken of it. Thus the transfer students aren't sure about the place that they will be moving into. On Friday, I will be touring some of the sites and seeing what the spaces look like.
- Trying to answer all the questions that have been flooded my way

O. International Student Representative

Nath

P. Administrative Representatives

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

Jessica: "Alright, just a couple little things. For Student Government Services, we will probably reach out to offices individually including some student organization offices. Archie and I did a walk through of some Kerckhoff office spaces just to get an update on how the move in move out process was going. We just wanted to check on the status and conditions of these spaces. There were a handful of offices that had some safety and fire hazards with the amount of stuff in the space. There were some issues with hazardous materials left in the offices like paint and other things. WE took some photos of what he needed to address and individually reached out to those office holders. If there is anybody around for the summer we are happy to meet with you in Kerckhoff to point out what needs to be taken out. These projects are really great to be done before students get back for the fall. If you need to update your furniture also let me know. We can help with carpet cleaning, repainting. All of these requests go through Student Government Services. Just let us know how you want us to support you.

Patty: "Great presentation today. I look forward to speaking more about it later tonight. We started our first day of orientation yesterday. There are two orientations taking place in the summer. Tomorrow is day 2. We had almost 600 students come and tomorrow we are doing tours around the union. I am looking forward to letting them know about how to get involved in the student union. ASUCLA is also hiring and looking for amazing students to fill these positions. We couldn't run without the students. If you have a referendum and want to split up your budget, please take advantage of your time now to take care of this."

IX. Old Business

A. USAC Budget Discussion*

Alexander, Solomon

- Eliana motions to slash Daily Bruin budget by 25%, Phoebe seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the budget for the Daily Bruin is cut by 25%.
- Elianan motions to approve the USAC Budget for 2022-2023, Sarah seconds.

- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the budget is approved.

X. New Business

- A. ~~2021-2022 AY BBRC Surplus Allocation~~ ~~Cortez~~
- B. [A Resolution Supporting the Creation of a State-Wide Interest-Free Loans Program for California College Students](#) Sisman

Whereas, 6% of UCLA students are homeless at some point in their time at UCLA ¹

Whereas, throughout California, one in 5 community college students, one in 10 California State University students, and one in 20 University of California students are homeless²;

Whereas, 37% of UCLA students³ and nearly 50% of California college students are food insecure⁴;

Whereas, despite the success of the UCs and CSUs in thriving and growing for many decades without charging tuition, and despite the aim of the California Master Plan to keep the UCs and CSUs tuition-free⁵, the UCs and CSUs now charge a high and frequently increased tuition rate⁶ which is very burdensome for many students;

Whereas, 66% of college students have gone without course materials because they couldn't afford them, 19% have to factor textbook costs into decisions about which courses to take which hinders their ability to get the best possible education, and 11% have skipped meals to pay for textbooks⁷;

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<https://rise4free.org/news/rise-survey-on-student-homelessness-at-ucla/#:~:text=In%20our%20survey%2C%20the%20proportion,over%20a%203%20year%20period.>

² <http://transformschools.ucla.edu/stateofcrisis/>

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<https://dailybruin.com/2020/01/07/op-ed-ending-student-hunger-requires-immediate-action-ucla-administrations-commitment>

⁴ <https://www.studentlunchbox.org/post/campus-food-insecurity-in-california-problem-statistics> ⁵

<https://www.dailycal.org/2014/12/22/history-uc-tuition-since-1868/>

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<https://dailybruin.com/2021/07/23/editorial-tuition-hikes-will-burden-students-make-uc-education-less-accessible>

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<https://dailybruin.com/2020/08/17/editorial-professors-must-work-to-alleviate-the-burden-of-high-textbook-costs-on-students>

Whereas, interest-free loans allow students to quickly get money to cover the aforementioned and other expenses, repay the loan in fairly small monthly repayments over up to 3 years⁸, and avoid being caught in a debt trap due to the high interest rates many lenders charge⁹;

Whereas, the Jewish Free Loan Association is a reputable organization¹⁰ which has been serving Los Angeles of all religions, ethnicities and races since 1904 and which has been serving students since the 1980s¹¹;

Whereas, due to the ongoing economic impact of the COVID pandemic, inflation, the housing crisis, the textbook oligopoly, and the holes in our social safety net, college students have a tremendous need for free loans, which the Jewish Free Loan Association and other social service agencies need help meeting¹²;

Whereas, one of the roles of the California state legislature is to make sure that people are not subjected to homelessness, hunger and other forms of deprivation due to circumstances beyond their control, and to ensure that everyone who wants a college education can get one without being forced to drop out or face deprivation and educational hurdles due to poverty or financial insecurity;

Whereas, free loans are an effective way to help people because once a free-loan fund is created, it has tremendous staying power due to the

⁸ <https://www.jfla.org/loan-help/frequently-asked-questions/>

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<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/annehelenpetersen/student-debt-college-public-service-loan-forgiveness>

¹⁰ <https://www.charitynavigator.org/ein/951691014>

¹¹ <https://www.jfla.org/about-jfla/our-history/>

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<https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/opinion/349641/how-sacramento-can-address-the-rising-costs-of-student-life/>
99.5% of borrowers who repay their loans¹³, and while there should not be any shame in accepting any kind of needed help, many people feel more dignified taking a form of assistance which they will directly repay.

Whereas, California's Assembly, Senate and Governor are currently allocating funds for the remainder of 2022 and the first half of 2023;

Whereas, Assembly member Al Muratsuchi, Christina Garcia, Mark Berman, Vince Fong, Miguel Santiago, Jesse Gabriel, Jose Medina, Tim Grayson, Richard Bloom and State Senators Josh Newman, Steven Glazer, Monique Limon, Ben Allen, and Sydney Kamlager have requested that as part of this budgeting process, the California Assembly and Senate allocate 30 million dollars to provide free loans for low-income college students;

Whereas, California's state Assembly and Senate have not yet allocated funds provide free loans for low-income college students, but they will have the opportunity to do so in August 2022;

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Undergraduate Students Association Council urges all of California's State Assemblymembers and Senators to do everything in their power to ensure that this August, the State of California will allocate 30 million dollars of funding for free loans for low-income college students.

Theodore motions to approve A Resolution Supporting the Creation of a State-wide Interest-Free Loans Program for California College Students, Phoebe seconds.

By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the Resolution is approved.

¹³ <https://www.jfla.org/about-jfla/our-history>

XI. Adjournment*

- Carl adjourns the meeting at 8:38pm

Good and Welfare;

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item