



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
August 8, 2022
7 PM PST
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/94524850156>

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*

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- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike AAC Travel Mini Grant Allocations
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike SFS Allocations
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Strike TGIF Allocations
- Strike Dakota Thomas Edison from Ficom
- Strike Student Advisory
- Strike Mia Rosati and Tessa Holzmann from TGIF Representative
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Eliana moves to approve the agenda as amended, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda for 8/9/22 is approved.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Le

- Sarah moves to approve the minutes from 7/26/22, Juan seconds.
- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 7/26/22 are approved.

IV. Public Comment

King

- Jeffrey Umama Munoz: "Hi thank you, I know that council just approved the agenda and they will be taking a decision on the checks but like I mentioned in the text that I just sent a few minutes before, we received some financial documents from Campus Life and Deluga this past weekend is our SIOC and CRC training meetings and we have noticed a lot of discrepancies in the information that administration is telling us AMNO Coalition members but also USAC and so we feel that a decision shouldn't be taken until we have a meeting between administration, USAC and the coalition to get all the accurate and factual financial information."
- Kaili Nyguen: " I just wanted to second what Jeffrey said. I think due to a lot of information that we just recently received on Friday from the accounting staff, I personally as a retention coordinator don't feel comfortable giving my opinion on whether or not we should pick checks so I would like that to be struck from the agenda as well."
- Public comment closed at 7:12pm.

V. Funding

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| A. <u>Capital Contingency*</u> | J. Wang |
| B. <u>Contingency Programming*</u> | J. Wang |
| C. <u>SFS Allocations#</u> | Flores |
| D. <u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u> | Majer |

E.	<u>Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#</u>	Johnson
F.	<u>ASRF Allocations#</u>	Cortez
G.	<u>AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#</u>	Cortez
H.	<u>ARC Allocations#</u>	Verdugo
I.	<u>TGIF#</u>	Chiu

VI. Special Presentations

- A. Mother Organizations History Training Muñoz
- **Who Are We?**
 - Afrikan Student Union (ASU)
 - Samahang Pilipino (SP)
 - Vietnamese Student Union (VSU)
 - Asian Pacific Coalition (APC)
 - Muslim Student Association (MSA)
 - Queer Alliance (QA)
 - Pacific Islands' Student Association (PISA)
 - American Indian Student Association (AISA)
 - Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA)
 - Improving Dreams, Equity, Access, and Success (IDEAS)
 - **Why We Exist:**
 - “The Mother Organization Coalition aims to empower groups that are historically affected... by prejudice, discrimination, and marginalization. As a coalition, we shall hold ourselves to this mission to ensure that marginalized communities shall have the resources to advocate for themselves and their allies to solve community conditions.”
 - **What We Do:**
 - Cultural Nights, HS/CC Conferences, Yield Programs, Ethnic Studies, Grad Ceremonies, Access and Retention
 - Access: The Coalition's access/outreach projects aims to ensure that underserved communities are provided with the resources and opportunities needed to access higher education
 - Retention: The Coalition's retention projects work with marginalized undergrad students by supplying resources that support students in their journey to graduate. The retention projects strive for 100% retention rates for these communities.
 - **Key Terms:**
 - CRC and SIOC: Campus Retention Committee and Student- Initiated Outreach Committee. The committees that oversee MO retention/access projects
 - SOU: Statement of Understanding: the “Constitution” of the Committees; the document in which the committee derive their authority to use student fees for retention and access
 - CPO: Community Projects Office; the department that houses the CRC and SIOC
 - Student Affairs: The division of UCLA administration that works directly with students; the CPO is housed with UCLA Student Affairs, Campus Life
 - Operational Budget: The “permatetized” budget that the committee does not get to touch when allocated \$\$ to the projects
 - Student- Run: The ideology that the committees were founded on: students know how to best serve students because they are students, therefore students must be involved in the decision making process
 - **CRC and SIOC**: funded by USAC refrenda fees, student run and student initiated
 - CRC: The MO's have 5 projects housed under the CRC:
 1. ASP
 2. MEChA Calmecac
 3. RAIN!
 4. SEA CLEAR

5. SPEAR
 6. INSPIRE
 7. WSP*
- **SIOC:** The MO's have 7 projects housed under the SIOC:
 1. SHAPE
 2. PIER
 3. HOPE
 4. SPACE
 5. MAPS
 6. MEChA Xinachtli
 7. AIR
 - **Funding and Flow of Money:**
 - Referenda to USAC to CPO to CRC/SIOC to Projects.
 - A referendum can be thought of as a self-imposed tax that students pay in order to fund various campus initiatives. They are voted on at USAC elections every year.
 - Around \$300 of your BruinBill goes to refrenda every year, and a small portion of these refrenda fees fund the SIOC and CRC projects.
 - Due to the recession in 2008, CPO took control of about 2 million of our student fees to ensure "financial security of staff" and "security of resources." **We still do not know where this money is going.**
 - **CPO:**
 - The Community Programs Office (CPO) was created to serve as the administrative full time oversight of the Access, Outreach, and Retention projects of the Mother Organizations." Essentially, the UCLA administration did not trust students to serve their own communities and wanted power over STUDENT fees.
 - CPO continues to provide transportation, human resources management, and a variety of other support services that are beneficial to some projects.
 - Not all the projects share the same level of support from CPO and some have been hindered by the oversight and bureaucracy that CPO adds.
 - **Problems with CPO:**
 - Financial Transparency: Both USAC and the MO's have pushed to see where the 2 million dollars of student fees is going, to no avail. CPO admin has sent budget breakdowns, but that are not itemized.
 - Hostile and Unsafe Work Environment: CPO has fostered a toxic workspace for our communities, particularly Black women. Several committee members and project employees have resigned. The CPO Director Antonio Sandoval has THREE CIVIL LAWSUITS filed against him.
 - Administrative overstep/incompetence: CPO is not transparent with expectations/guidelines. Due to administrative overstep, most project staff this year were not hired until September of 2021, when they are usually hired in the Spring quarter of the last academic year.
 - Students in Power Movement: In May of 2021, alumni, students, and MO members rallied together to protest the hostility of CPO and UCLA student affairs. They met with the Chancellor soon after. Despite these efforts, UCLA administration continued to allow CPO to damage student empowerment and autonomy.
 - **USAC Involvement:**
 - Slates and the Statements of Understanding:
 - USAC today is largely a result of MO Coalition organizing efforts that radically reshaped the USAC landscape over the last 50 years.
 - Formed with the idea to transform the events-centered USAC into an arm for empowerment and support for marginalized students, the MO Coalition finds its roots in the Third World Coalition, a USAC slated that was active in the 1970's.
 - Since then, various MO-derived or MO-backed slates and candidates have run and won seats on Council and utilized them to advance student autonomy and agency over SISR spaces and across campus.

- This MO-led transformation of student politics at UCLA and the birth of a new partnership between the Coalition and USAC helped lead to the negotiations with administration that resulted in the Statements of Understanding (SOU).
- These documents are a legally binding agreement on how the CRC-SIOC refrenda fees must be allocated and how the funds, the projects, and the spaces as a whole must be governed. They emphasize and guarantee student authority and oversight over all these matters and empower the University to provide necessary, requested administrative support and oversight.
- Withholding Fees and Murphy Hall Sit-In:
 - In 2021-22, a majority of council members were allies on For The People, a slate that was backed by the MO's.
 - In November of 2021, USAC unanimously voted to pass a resolution that holds the student fees that are distributed to CPO until the demands of the Mother Organization are met.
 - These demands include the removal of CPO as administrative oversight and the REMOVAL of Antonion Sadoval as CPO Director and more...
- USAC Involvement Since the SOU's:
 - Since the signing of the SOU's, USAC has largely played a defensive role. When composed of members backed from MO's, USAC has often joined the Coalition in demanding the respect and following of the SOU and echoed the concerns of the Coalition. Specifically, USAC has been involved in the following ways.
 - Exercising their appointment power and appointing their proxies to the CRC and SIOC after meeting an agreed criteria of knowledge, respect, and embrace of the spaces and their central mission and ideology to create a line of defensive votes and members that keep administration accountable.
 - Working together to support the Coalition in garnering student support to approve new refrenda that fund the SIOC and CRC
 - Passing resolutions denouncing acts of disempowerment, harassment, and or financial mismanagement (at times, these resolutions have also withheld refrenda fees from the CPO, most notably in November 2021-PRESENT)
 - Withholding fees as a tactic to obtain necessary, pertinent financial information and/or support MO Coalition demands.
- As USAC,
 - It's your job to uphold and respect the Statements of Understanding.
 - It is your job to defend SISR spaces from administrative negligence and overstepping.
 - It is your job to ensure fiscal transparency and soundness over student referenda fees.
 - It is your job to serve and support students directly, especially those most marginalized, including by the University.

VII. Appointments

A. Finance Committee Chair*

King

- a. Joshua Prentice
 - My-Lan moves to appoint Joshua Prentice to Finance Committee Chair, Divine seconds.
 - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion is approved and Joshua Prentice is appointed to Finance Committee Chair.

b. ~~Dakota Thomas Edison~~

B. Budget Review Director*

- a. Dakota Thomas Edison
 - Sara moves to appoint Dakota Thomas Edison to Budget Review Director, Juan seconds.
 - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Dakota Thomas Edison is appointed Budget Review Director.

C. Community Activities Committee*

King

- a. Iyanna Waring
 - My-Lan moves to appoint Iyanna Waring to the Community Activities Committee, Divine seconds.
 - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Iyanna Waring is appointed to the Community Activities Committee.

D. Student Fee Advisory Committee* King

- ~~a. Dakota Thomas Edison~~
- ~~b. Kevin Carranza~~

E. Student Health Advisory Committee* King, Majer

- a. Kaitlyn Haley Hernandez
 - Eliana moves to appoint Kaitlyn Haley Hernandez to the Student Health Advisory Committee, Theodore seconds.
 - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Kaitlyn Haley Hernandez is appointed to the Student Health Advisory Committee.
- b. Natalie Jane Benitez
 - Sarah moves to appoint Natalie Jane Benitez to the Student Health Advisory Committee, Juan seconds.
 - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Natalie Jane Benitez is appointed to the Student Health Advisory Committee.
- c. Rebecca Nelson
 - Eliana moves to appoint Rebecca Nelson to the Student Health Advisory Committee, Juan seconds.
 - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Rebecca Nelson is appointed to the Student Health Advisory Committee.

F. Student Initiated Outreach Committee (from Council)* King

- a. Perzianee Devouz
 - Eliana moves to appoint Perzianee Devouz to the Student Initiated Outreach Committee (from Council), Divine seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Perzianee Devouz is appointed to the Student Initiated Outreach Committee (from Council).

G. USAC Committee on Disability* Chiu

- a. Amethyst Phillips
 - Sarah moves to appoint Amethyst Phillips to the USAC Committee on Disability, Alicia seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Amethyst Phillips is appointed to the USAC Committee on Disability.

H. TGIF Representatives* Chiu

- a. Tyler Wong
 - Phoebe moves to appoint Tyler Wong as a TGIF Representative, Eliana seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Tyler Wong is appointed as a TGIF Representative.
- b. Grace Leary
 - Sarah moves to appoint Grace Leary as a TGIF Representative, Divine seconds.
 - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Grace Leary is appointed as a TGIF Representative.
- ~~c. Mia Rosati~~
- ~~d. Tessa Holzmam~~

I. Executive Board* Cortez

- ~~a. Himaja Vendidandi~~

- J. **General Education Governance Committee*** Cortez
- a. Anusha Entezari
 - Eliana moves to appoint Anusha Entezari to the General Education Governance Committee, Juan seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Anusha Entezari is appointed to the General Education Governance Committee.
- K. **Campus Retention Committee (CRC)#** Cortez, Majer
- a. Ashley Cao
 - No opposition, Ashley Cao is appointed to the Campus Retention Committee.
 - b. Ryan Factora
 - No opposition, Ryan Factora is appointed to the Campus Retention Committee.
- L. **Student Initiated Outreach Committee (from AAC)#** Cortez
- a. Anise Safiya Tychimba
 - No opposition, Anise Safiya Tychimba is appointed to the Student Initiated Outreach Committee.
- M. **Campus Sustainability Committee#** Chiu
- a. Madeline Zhang
 - No opposition, Madeline Zhang is appointed to the Campus Sustainability Committee.
 - b. Tatum Delaney
 - No opposition, Tatum Delaney is appointed to the Campus Sustainability Committee.
- N. **John Wooden Center Board of Governors#** Chiu
- a. Stacy Bang
 - No opposition, Stacy Bang is appointed to the John Wooden Center Board of Governors.
- O. **Student Activities Center Board of Governors#** Chiu
- a. Stacy Bang
 - No opposition, Stacy Bang is appointed to the Student Activities Center Board of Governors.
- P. **Transportation Services Advisory Board#** Chiu
- a. Jeff Van
 - No opposition, Jeff Van is appointed to the Transportation Services Advisory Board.

VIII. Officer Reports

- A. **President** King
- I am working with the USAC President from 1967 to put together an annual that happens every five years where all the presidents come to UCLA. We have been discussing and coordinating that and working with my team to plan the year out.
 - I am preparing a new welcome speech where I will be addressing all of the new admits.
- B. **Internal Vice President** Le
- We held our executive staff meeting to discuss the next steps for our council. We held our bi-weekly meeting yesterday and did a development on event planning for our general staff. We also sent out our general staff decision emails. The directors are reaching out to the general staff right now and organizing the summer committee meetings.
 - In terms of council, I have worked with the appointment search committee and interviewed all the applicants and emailed all of them to have them here for you today.

- We have worked on the next steps for ARC. If council members have appointments that they would like to recommend, please send ARC your appointment recommendations soon so that we can organize with them and coordinate an ARC interview. Please also tell your recommendations to save their answers to their appointment applications so that they can send them to us just in case something happens with the online application.

C. External Vice President

Johnson

- We had our continued training for all staff this week.
- I met with Karen Hedges to discuss Burnsville and this upcoming election. We also met with Ashley from the federal directors and government relations team to discuss future advocacy and ways we could work together. We met with the student government from UT Austin to further discuss the student loan initiative that specifically EVP and the IVP office will be working on. We met with Amanda, the director of BBRC to discuss future collaborations.
- Team members met with a senator to discuss AB 866 and to discuss concern on the definition of affordable housing.
- This weekend, a lot of EVP staff members and directors as well as our very own president attended the student organizing summer with UC student association. For this year, the main platforms will be Disability Justice for fund our services, for UC We Vote, it is non-penalizing election day, for Racial Justice Now, it is eliminating citizen's requirements for the UC hiring, a new platform in terms of environmental justice, eliminate or excuse to direct the 30 meter telescope and lastly for Fund the UC, it will be the financial aid reform so we are extremely excited to be working on UCSA and also excited to appoint special people within our campus to head these initiatives and if you have any questions regarding them, let me know.

D. General Representative 1 Written

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E. General Representative 2 Written

Hammonds

- Reviewing appointment applications
- Meeting with ARC for interviews
- Continued to review documents regarding CPO funding decision
- Looked into USAC tabling
 - Still deciding on a day, but will be participating in the later half of August and early September

F. General Representative 3

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- I have been working with the amazing Jewish Association. I met a few state legislators and told them about the need for backing for interest-free loans and general conditions about this. I also discussed the need for more resources based in the community that are easier to navigate than the usual bureaucratic and difficult administrative systems on campus. I went into the Northwestern Neighborhood Council and gave some public comments emphasizing the representation of students and work on disability rights and the right to students in the community space.
- I also hired an amazing woman Cecilia Birkin who will be working on both nutrition and global solidarity. I am working on establishing communication staff development. I am also still hiring within my office.

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner Written

Cortez

Commissioner: Worked on appointments with ARC

Platforms and Committees: Commission-wide meeting: MO training for executives and directors

- All directors have created timelines for the AY on their initiatives
- Reopening a final round of director applications for internship and accountability and transparency teams
- In-n-out: outreach to organizations like GSA, Alumni Student Association, Career Center, etc to discuss future collaborations and looking into materials itinerary for grad prep material rental programs.
- Finance: reviewing TGMF and ASRF guidelines for possible changes
- STAR: outreach to MOs, All Brains, BHMAL and Special Olympics for programming and modules
- Internship: Plan for internship recruitment at EAF and creating application for early September release
- Graphics/PR: developing an AAC social media branding + study space highlights series for the AY for student engagement
- Retention First: responding to student inquiries about previous AY awards from B4B

Academic Senate: Chief of Senate Interviewed 3 candidates for appointments

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External: Met with the LMS group on syllabi shopping experience evaluation for results, deliberation and discussion

Steps. Checked in with MSA to discuss prayer spaces on the hill and plan of action, we are following up with Seppy about scheduling a meeting.

H. [Campus Events Commission Written](#)

Boffa

I. [Community Service Commissioner](#)

Flores

- We have been working on putting together a program for the fall quarter the past few weeks. We also have been working to look at budgets and plan and organize events that are coming up.
- We are also coordinating additional support to finalize the projects under the commission and their applications for CAC Annual. Also a reminder that the CC Annual Application deadline is coming up on August 18th.

J. [Cultural Affairs Commissioner](#)

Verdugo

K. [Facilities Commissioner](#)

Chiu

EXTERNAL

[Undergraduate Student Association Council \(USAC\)](#)

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[UCLA Committee on Disability \(UCOD\)](#)

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[Landscape Plan Committee](#)

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INTERNAL

[FAC Internal Departments](#)

- Applications for Facilities Commission staff for all committees and director positions for Access on Board, Building Our Space, Community Outreach, Publicity committees are open until Wednesday, 7/20, at 11:59 PM
- First Project Director Meeting on Sunday, 7/10, where directors filled out introduction forms, rosters, and contracts
 - Directors joined the FAC Slack workspace
 - Directors learned about the Comprehensive Plan documents and started completing their sections

[FAC External Departments](#)

- Applications for Facilities Commission Appointments are open until Wednesday, 7/20, at 11:59 PM
- Posted graphics on the Instagram with the application forms of the director, staff, and appointments positions
- Started posting video segments

PROJECTS

[All Projects](#)

- Submitted introduction videos to projects, started contracts, and began planning for the academic year

[Sustainagoals](#)

- Met with Fill It Forward and Reuzzi for product demonstrations or information about their software tracking and gamifying returning reusable dining ware items
 - Negotiated with Reuzzi to understand the price cap since the package is more expensive than Fill It Forward but container more perks
 - Preparing a presentation to UCLA Dining comparing Reuzzi to Fill It Forward

Planning to meet the new UCLA Housing and Hospitality Sustainability Manager Brianna

- L. Financial Supports Commissioner Broukhim
 - We have just been finishing up some hiring. We are looking for our representatives for the CRC appointment. We are also going to start setting up meetings with administration to talk about the New York Times Subscription.
- M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written Majer
 N. Transfer Student Representative Moreno
 O. International Student Representative Nath
 P. Administrative Representatives O'Connor, Luna, Alexander, Solomon, Moran, Archie II
- Jessica: "The sign ups for office budget meetings this week. We had some delays just from scheduling issues but we have got those resolved so I will send it out for the next two weeks and we will meet one-on-one with each of you to help you get those budget transfer sheets going and then some exciting news. We have a new student government accounting manager who will be starting shortly so hopefully by the time we have the next council meeting and hopefully once she is onboarded we can have her come to a meeting to introduce herself. She is replacing Vong's role so she is going to be the division manager of the accounting team, so great news. We are really excited to be filling our staff back to capacity to support all the projects and finances going on."

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- A. Withholding Checks from CPO* King
- Carl: "I guess the first thing we will get into is the withholding checks from CPO. It was a discussion that we were supposed to be having today and you know voting on our stance on whether we were going to continue to support the resolution that last council passed or if we felt differently about the situation. I know earlier we had two individuals come from the MO's and expressed that they wanted to hold this discussion off because of new documentation that they found. I don't know if they are still here."
- Kaili (representative from one of the mother organizations): "Hi, so I can speak to it a little bit. So basically at the transition retreat/training for the CRC and SIOC, we were presented with some documents by Deluca and the accounting team going over the financial positions of the committees and we noticed some inconsistencies between these documents and the documents that they had presented to us in August of the previous year. These documents are projections so they go into the next five years as well as documents they provide are presented to us in the spring. Due to these inconsistencies as well as new information provided by those documents, none of the Mother organizations feel comfortable in giving a solid statement on whether or not they want to withhold checks because with this new financial information they presented, it has caused a couple of MO's to switch their opinions and we would really like this cleared up. We would really like this information to be clarified by the accounting team before we move forward so that is why we are asking you to push this decision off."
- Carl: "I do have a question for you. You said all the mother orgs want to have more time to review the new documents?"
- Kaili: "Yes, I believe everyone except ASU who was not present during our meeting today but every other organization has stated that they would feel a lot more comfortable getting in touch with admin before making a decision. Nobody really wants to give out their statements just yet."
- Eliana: "Thank you, I agree with what you are saying and I appreciate you coming in to say it. The one concern I might have is that continuing to table this could be interpreted by administrators as ambiguity which could be interpreted as enough of an excuse to release the checks. Do you think that is a possible issue that will need to be addressed or do you think tabling is clear enough in the meaning?"
- Kaili: "I believe that because we are being so vocal and communicative to administrators about our concern that shouldn't be the perception. We are currently drafting a statement or drafting an email to reach out to set up a meeting to discuss the financial situation and the financial documents that were presented so that

hopefully we can understand it more and have the discrepancies clarified so I don't think it is ambiguous or pushing things off. It really is just information that we need addressed before we can make an informed decision.”

- Juan: “Thank you so much Kaili, I just wanted to mention and address the MO’s in that I would love a clarification as to whether the metrics or indicators that you are okay with the financial statement suffices. I just say that because it sounds like to a representative with this voting item that we are deferring our trust to the MO’s to decide whether we are ready or not to vote on this items and just regarding the timelines like Eliana mentioned and the timeline of us voting with our time schedule, we need to finalize this as a agenda item the Friday by 5pm the before the next council meeting. We are having council meetings every two weeks so if you would like this to be visited by the next council meeting, I just want you to know that the MO’s should have their suggestions and final recommendations ready by 5pm of next Friday. We can finalize this agenda item and have that clear communication both with administration and between ourselves.”
- Carl: “Yeah, I agree with Juan and like if you know the MO’s got the documents this weekend and we found out five minutes before, we can’t talk about it. I think a lot of people have been doing a lot of research on this and have been meeting with a lot of individuals and so it’s like we are continuing to push this forward and forward and I think that everyone is pretty much well versed and knowledgeable about this whole situation. We understand where the MO’s are coming from and I think that USAC needs to go forward with a stance on this pretty soon because as Eliana mentioned earlier, it just kind of leads to ambiguity and mistakes can happen. Let’s say, the admin says hey sorry we release the funds, we thought you guys wanted to release since you couldn’t give us a stance on it. So because we need to make a decision soon, I think that the MO’s definitely should give us some metrics in regards to this is what we are looking for. I know just from speaking with the past president, Robert, before the checks were released you know, I kind of wanted to hear from the CPO director in regards to you know we know you are giving this money out and we want a report. I think he is bound to do that anyway. I understand there is a lot of personnel issues regarding him as well and I really won’t touch on that because I am not well-versed in that and that is something that can be handled on the university side but in regards to the budget which USAC is responsible for, I do think we need some transparency. I am going to speak with Motherworks in regards to what they are requesting is to have a director come to a USAC meeting and give us a detailed and thorough explanation of the budget over the last couple years.”
- Daniela: “I would first like to start off by being very clear and raising what the MO’s have mentioned today during council and prior to this meeting that I think it is most appropriate for us to table this discussion for a later date. Personally, I would be more comfortable and I think it is the best plan of action to meet with Adam and MO’s in a joint meeting to discuss this because I feel like that is going to be the most efficient way for us to reach a conclusion especially were talking about an item that is being brought upon the agenda by request and push from administration and so I think if we are all just able to sit down and have a conversation in the same place at the same time then we are going to be able to be a lot more productive that we would be right now discussing this and it would be much more well informed. I think another thing that I would like to raise is yes we are talking about MO’s and this discussion involves a lot of different stakeholders but at the end of the day, the MO’s are made up of students who are our peers, our cositutents, and we need to listen to them because that is what we were elected as council members primarily and I think it is fundamental to our role in order to fulfill this job in the best way possible for us to stay clear on that stance and i think that we also need to make sure that regardless of how we are concerned that we may be perceived by whoever it is in which decisions we make whether it be on this issue or whatever future issues arise that USAC has to come in contact with. We are centering student voices a hundred percent of the time. I would also like to raise from the MO’s that if they are emphasizing that they do not have all of the information to inform us of what they feel comfortable for us to vote on then we cannot vote to like whether it be a yay or nay on this item. We just don't have all of the information to make a well-informed decision.”
- Carl: “Kaili, I guess my last question I had, so with this new documentation, you didn't really get into the depths of it but I am just trying to get more information. So what you are basically saying is that the new

documentation could change the MO's stance on this topic. I don't know if you can speak to that. I know you can't speak on behalf of them all but I am just trying to get some idea of what this is looking like right now."

- Kaili: "Depending on the answers we will acquire from the accounting team, our decision will come from. It is making a couple of those in the MO space hesitate but hopefully that will be cleared up once we are able to sit down with the admin and get some answers."
- Eric: "Hi, to introduce myself, I am the President of the Vietnamese Student Union, one of the mother organizations. I am just going to clarify a little bit on at last our stance which can give you a picture of maybe some of the other MO's but as of right now from the information that we have, we don't feel comfortable and if so we had our stance and now we feel like we just don't have enough information now and we are waiting on meeting with administration. We are pushing trying to get this done within the next two weeks but if not within the next two weeks before september before academic year budget proposals for the CRC and SIOC so that we know whether we have a budget and we will let you all know within that time frame we want to make as informed a decision as possible."
- Nadija: "Hi, just to introduce myself, my name is Nadija. I am Max's outreach coordinators as well as part of the MSA which is one of the mother orgs. I want to second what Eric had to say and especially emphasize the timeliness aspect like we will want to table this before the annual year budget proposal which is around mid-september like we want to have this resolved as soon as possible but like that is sort of the timeline that we are looking at until we have the information. Like everyone has stated, we can't make this decision. It is like throwing shots in the dark."
- Eliana: "First of all, I think everyone in this room has had the experience of not getting enough information that we needed whether it is about the CPO budget or about our appointments and we have been affected and heard much more than others but we have all shared this. I just want to say, please never assume another student is delaying stuff when it is a lot more likely to be out of anyone's control or an administrative issue so like this thing right now, I don't think the delay is because mother orgs are trying to hold anything up but just because there is not an accurate flow of information to any students at this university. My second point is that I think we should get a meeting with administrators soon so we can vote on this in our next meeting but they hold off meeting with us. What would you recommend?"
- Nadija: "If we don't have a meeting with admin, then we will as the mother organizations we will again meet and we will inform USAC what all of our stances are as separate organizations and as a Mother organization coalition as a whole to best inform you whatever information that we will have at the time but again we are hoping that we are going to meet with Adam before then and we are assuming that is like the worst case scenario at the moment. So once we meet with admin, our plan is to meet separately, sort out all of our views and then inform you all as best as possible. I think I can speak for all of us here as student leaders, that we are all trying to do what is best for our communities and this is us trying to protect our staff and people."
- Naoimi moves to table the discussion from withholding checks from CPO, Juan seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the discussion item is tabled.

A. [A Resolution to Support the Creation of An Asynchronous Election Day](#) *

Johnson

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF AN
ASYNCHRONOUS ELECTION DAY**

Primary Sponsors:

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WHEREAS, While 74% of UC students registered to vote in the 2018 Midterm elections, only 59% of UC students turned out to vote, and individual campuses had alarmingly-lower rates, such as UC Merced, with a 34% overall turnout rate.¹

WHEREAS, While 68% of UC students registered to vote during the 2016 Presidential elections, only 50% of UC students turned out to vote.²

WHEREAS, The UC has recognized barriers to voting for UC employees, and in compliance with Election Code Section 14000 (a), provides up to two hours of paid time off for employees on Election Day to cast their ballots.

WHEREAS, students have no protections to vote, and commuting students experience even greater difficulty finding time to vote.³

WHEREAS, Institutional support for time-off to vote and nonpartisan voter registration efforts have been found to be the most effective strategy to improve student civic engagement and voter turnout.^{4 5}

WHEREAS, Having time in the day to go vote is critical for voter participation amongst college students and faculty.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Office of the Chancellor convenes a committee to be composed of 2 representatives from USAC, 1 representative from the Academic Senate, and 1 representative from the the Office of the Chancellor to discuss and put forth a recommendation to the UCLA Registrar no later than January 1st, 2023 for the implementation of an asynchronous instruction day on Election Day of every academic calendar beginning on the 2023-2024 academic year.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC supports calling on UCLA to implement *Asynchronous Election Day* is to be effective beginning the following academic year (2023-2024), to be observed on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023.

- Eliana moves to approve A Resolution To Support the Creation of An Asynchronous Election Day, Juan seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the resolution is approved.

XI. Adjournment*

- Carl adjourns the meeting at 10:38pm.

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

¹ UC IRAP Student Voting and Political Climate Topic Brief

² <https://ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/files/ug-voter-participation-at-uc>

³ Newman, B. J., Johnson, J., & Lown, P. L. (2014). The “Daily Grind”: Work, Commuting, and Their Impact on Political Participation. *American Politics Research*, 42(1), 141–170. Accessed November 15, 2021, from <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532673X13498265>

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/civictionation/2020/10/27/young-adults-need-time-off-to-vote-the-onus-falls-on-companies-and-schools/?sh=681b851e2709>

⁵ <https://iop.harvard.edu/spring-2018-poll>