



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
August 23, 2022
7 PM PST
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/94524850156>

I. Call to Order

King

- Carl calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via google docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Le

- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Strike SFS Allocations
- Strike SWC Programming Fund Allocations
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike TGIF

- Sara moves to approve the agenda as amended, Daniela seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Le

- Eliana moves to approve the minutes from 8/6/22, Daniela seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from last week are approved.

IV. Public Comment

King

- Public comment is closed at 7:06pm.

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

VII. Appointments

- A. TGIF*

Chiu

 - a. Mia Rosati
 - Sara moves to approve Mia Rosati to the TGIF Committee, Phoebe seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion is approved and Mia Rosati is appointed to the TGIF Committee.

- B. Executive Board*

Cortez

- a. Himaja Vendidandi
 - Eliana moves to approve Himaja Vendidandi to the Executive Board, Kian seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Himaja is appointed to the Executive Board.

- C. Committee on Planning and Budget* Cortez
 - a. Luis R. Garcia Chavez
 - Teddy motions to approve Luis R. Garcia Chavez to the Committee on Planning and Budget, Juan seconds.
 - By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Luis is appointed to the Committee on Planning and Budget.

- D. Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) for the College of Letters & Science* Cortez
 - a. Tiara Weedagama
 - Eliana motions to approve Tiara Weedagama to FEC for the College of Letters & Science, Alicia seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Tiara is appointed to the FE for the College of Letters & Science.

- E. Legislative Assembly* Moreno
 - a. Marilyn Pham
 - Sara motions to approve Marilyn Pham to the Legislative Assembly, Juan seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Mariyln is appointed to the Legislative Assembly.

- F. Student Health Advisory Committee* Majer
 - a. Lauren Heiberg
 - Eliana motions to approve Lauren Heiberg to the Student Health Advisory Committee, Naomi seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Lauren is appointed to the Student Health Advisory Committee.

- G. OSAC Chairperson* Chiu
 - a. Nilaya Kanuri
 - Phoebe moves to approve Nailaya Kanuri to the OSAC Chairperson, Juan seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Nilaya is appointed as the OSAC CHairperson.

VIII. Officer Reports

- A. President King
 - For the past two weeks, I have mainly been training my office and getting them prepared for this year. I have a lot of transfers on my team in roles that they don't have experience with so I am just trying to bring them up to speed on their position.
 - I have met with a couple council members and also ASUCA regarding one of our appointments and we will talk a little more about this offline.

- B. Internal Vice President Le
 - I have been busy working with ARC, interviewing the six individuals for these appointments that we had today. I want to shout out to ARC, especially Naomi for being so communicative and committed to doing these interviews with me and taking notes. Naomi is a great notetaker. I will organize these and release the arc interview times for the next cycle so any applicant that was recommended will get an email from ARC soon.
 - In terms of my office, we had an executive meeting to discuss the next steps for the office. We are planning on meeting one-on-one with directors this week to check in with them and see where they are at with their initiatives.
 - I also sent out an email to SPARK to get the resources together for my directors who are planning to host the rent relief rewards so hopefully we can get that soon.

- We are also working with the marketing directors to host our IVP director spotlight soon on Instagram.

C. External Vice President

Johnson

- Benjamin (serving as proxy for Divine)
- The EVP has been meeting with a lot of internal and external organizations. I know we have had a meeting with Hospitality, Housing and Administration, and with the VSU.
- UCSA is coming to campus on Saturday and they are also coming in September so if you are interested in coming, please let our office know and we would be more than happy to advertise all the goodwork that USAC is doing and in each of your individual offices.

D. General Representative 1 Written

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E. General Representative 2 Written

Hammonds

- Reviewing appointment applications
- Meeting with ARC for interviews
- Scheduling interviews for executive staff/directors
- Reviewed director applications

F. General Representative 3

Sisman

- In terms of council wide work, I have been working on some things related to transparency and fairness. I have been working with Sharon Thomas who I have already told you is awesome but he remains awesome. We and the lovely folks at the associated students UCLA Board of Directors are trying to do some stuff to have jobs for foster youth because with the crazy housing expenses and everything else people are up against they should at least be able to get a job to meet their needs.
- Shout out to the amazing directors in my office for reaching out to various student groups working on nutrition issues. Congrats Cecilia on setting up a cooking class with the lovely folks from Swipe out Hunger and Teaching Kitchen.

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner Written

Cortez

- Commissioner:
 - Followed up with SGA about mini-fridges, as an additional student reached out with questions
 - Reached out Sanctuary Campus directors to discuss potential Meet the Hill meditation event during Week 0 with ResLife
 - Reviewed email and documentation that was provided by the MO's, addressing administration, in request for a meeting next week. Established a workflow database for my executive team to distribute work and AAC matters
 - Connecting with a student who was a recipient of an AAC mini-fridge giveaway award last term and SGA with inquiries of their cash advance
 - Hiring for general staff and helping executive team to facilitate the hiring process
 - Hiring an Internship director, working with community liaison to outreach for the position
 - Chief of Staff is developing our Fall quarter commission meeting/staff development curriculum, so we are reviewing that
 - Working with Chief of Staff to calculate director stipends and contacting Yamily to initiate the hiring process
- Platforms and Committees:
 - **Retention First:** Met with Retention First to discuss the b4b survey and response review. Provided a summary of previous meeting with SGS to discuss options to streamline b4b. Also discussed getting records from SGA about previous allocations for b4b, to track growth of the initiative. Also encouraged connecting with fsc to discuss i-clicker rental program.
 - **Community Liaison:** Held a director meeting to plan/begin working on a timeline. Created a director form to start establishing relations with other AAC directors and get to know their initiatives before outreaching via newsletter/external meetings. Helping with outreaching the current open AAC apps. Created an [opportunity form](#) for the newsletter
 - Orgs will be able to relay any info they want to the student body via the newsletter
 - **In-N-Out UCLA:** Scheduled follow up emails to send on Monday to MOs, Alumni Assoc, GSA and VP of Academic Affairs for GSA. Scheduled an email with the Career Center about scheduling a time to meet in this coming week.
 - **Accountability & Transparency:** Finalized timeline for the AY.
 - **Executive directors** are facilitating the general staff hiring process, which is still accepting applications.

- **Retention First** met with SGA on August 19 to discuss B4B awards for this year. New director was onboarded. All directors will have a director meeting to discuss how they want to distribute B4B awards this year and to create a timeline. Will also discuss their budget and report back.
- **StAR** is planning to hold the first workshop in the middle of Fall quarter, and they are figuring out logistics for the first meeting. Has been compiling list of orgs to collaborate with for their workshop, and they will be reaching out BHMAL, Special Olympics, and DSU soon to collaborate.
- **Sanctuary Campus** is also working on outreach emails to different organizations like CAPS, SWC, ORL. They are planning a collaboration with ResLife during week 0 to lead a mental health activity in the Magnolia meditation space.
- **Internship** is working on the curriculum for our internship program and is also working on the PR advertising of the internship application.
- **Web Design** established a timeline for the AY
- **Accountability and Transparency** established a timeline for the AY and has created the all-year-round surveys for general student concerns and a separate Academic Senate survey. Additionally, they worked on consolidating COVID-19 protocols updates and will be posting a graphic soon.
- Academic Senate:
 - Reviewed 3 senate interviews with Chief of Senate
 - Additionally, began brainstorm for Senator trainings in the Fall + how we want to engage Senators with stakeholders/campus partners
 - We plan to have about 4-5 trainings in the Fall quarter
 - Reviewed updated senate materials (orientation presentation and website information)
 - Brainstormed advertising and recruitment for CIE – plan to outreach to study abroad programs, Dashew Center, and departments (ie Global Studies)
 - Appointed 1 student senator to GEGC last council meeting
 - Reviewed 4 new Senator applications with Chief of Senate, following their conduction of interviews
- External:
 - Interview with the Daily Bruin in support of Divine's and her team's resolution on asynchronous election days with the campus politics editor
 - Working on a survey for EST transfer students with AAC directors
 - Followed up with Jesus Prado about counseling quarterlies prep meeting
 - Participated in some communication regarding BOD
 - Scheduled a meeting with Seppy, ResLife, and MSA to discuss prayer spaces on the hill
 - Scheduled a meeting with SGS and Retention First to discuss b4b
 - Attended an interview for the new ADA compliance officer
 - Attended another interview for the ADA/504 compliance director hiring
 - Met with Melissa, SOLE advisor and discussed ideas for the AY + checking in on a recurring basis
 - Met with SGS and Retention First to discuss the potential streamlining to B4B this academic year by working with the textbooks store
 - Met with ResLife, UCLA Housing, AVC Seplow, and MSA to discuss prayer/meditation spaces on the hill. We presented our findings from our survey in the Spring, and we discussed coming changes to the space to be implemented for the Fall.
 - Met with SGS to discuss AAC's budget, which is in progress. We also discussed the hiring process for directors and are awaiting the reciprocity of any new hiring guidelines.
 - Reviewed survey that was made by an AAC director, targeting transfer students in regards to EST, which is now finalized.
 - Attended the monkeypox + updated COVID-19 guidelines townhall

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Boffa

I. Community Service Commissioner

Flores

- We have been working very hard to start planning our fall and winter programming and we are so excited for the school year to start.
- For the past few weeks, we have been working to finalize our budget and what the plans will be specifically for the fall quarter. We have amazing staff with amazing ideas so more details are to come on that of opportunities that you can collaborate and participate in.
- We have also been working on CAC Annual opportunities for community service orgs to apply for funding. The CAC Annual Deadline was extended to this Thursday, August 25th so just a little shout out reminder about that.
- This week we are going to be hosting some office hours where students can pop in and ask questions.

J. [Cultural Affairs Commissioner](#)

Verdugo

K. [Facilities Commissioner](#)

Chiu

- 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.
 - Sustain Goals:
 - 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 contains more perks.
 - Preparing a presentation to UCA Dining comparing Reuzzi to Fill it Forward. Planning to meet with the new UCLA Housing and Hospitality Sustainability Manager Brianna.

L. [Financial Supports Commissioner](#)

Broukhim

- We have been doing interviews for the CRC position and we have had our bi-weekly meetings just to get things started for the upcoming school year.
- We also hired a few more people for the team.

M. [Student Wellness Commissioner Written](#)

Majer

- Commissioner Updates
 - Invited and accepted the invitation to sit on the Infectious Disease Management Team as the UCLA COVID-19 Response and Recovery Task Force and Crisis Management team consolidates and sunsets
 - Met with Planned Parenthood about chairing a UCLA x Planned Parenthood Coalition with stakeholders from the UCLA community (including the Student Wellness Commission and the External Vice President's office)
- SWC Updates
 - Working on the 22-23 budget for SWC programs and committees
 - Cleaned the SWC office to prepare for its redesign
 - SWC Committee check-ins with SWC Chief of Staff to get updates about their transitions and summer progress
- SWC Events
 - N/A

N. [Transfer Student Representative](#)

Moreno

O. [International Student Representative](#)

Nath

- We have been working mostly on our website that we are coming up with for the design and content and this weekend we were specifically working for the healthcare section besides that I have also been meeting with ARC for ERC interviews and we have set up meetings with the office advisor for the upcoming week and have been connecting with students through instagram and answering their questions.

P. Administrative Representatives

O'Connor, Luna, Alexander, Solomon, Moran, Archie II

- Orlando: "Just to confirm what Carl said, Josh is no longer with us, he has moved on to another role so we congratulate him on this new chapter in his life. We will miss him greatly. For the time being, I will be stepping into the role of advising USAC. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns but for the foreseeable future, I will be taking the role. Some updates I have for you, don't forget that the CAC Annual is due this Thursday. If you have any issues reach out to the SOLE advisor that oversees your organization or if you are advising them please encourage them to speak to their advisor ASAP. Very little consideration can happen after the deadline has passed but if we find information before the deadline there may be some way we can work with the organization so please reach out to us before the deadline. Re-registration is around the corner already, two weeks from today. September 6th, Tuesday through Friday of the second week of the quarter. At least one signatory from every returning group must attend a workshop that we will be offering throughout the fall quarter. We will be going over things like membership, recruitment, retainment, funding, advertising, policies, graduate student resources. So we are going to be offering a plethora of different workshops."
- Patricia: "Hi you all, I just wanted to give some good exciting news, I know we are not meeting next week but we do have our new SGA Accounting Manager starting on Monday. Her name is Linda, she is really great and she has already had a chance to come by and meet the team. She will have her first day on the 29th. She is currently the Finance Manager and oversees and supports the Student Government at Occidental College. She is really excited to support USAC and GSA. I will probably have her join the next meeting so she can introduce herself."

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. Contingency Programming Guidelines*

J. Wang, Prentice

- Eliana motions to approve the Contingency Programming Guidelines, Naoimi seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes.

B. Capital Contingency Guidelines*

J. Wang, Prentice

C. A Resolution for the Cancellation of Student Debt*

Johnson

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CANCELLATION OF STUDENT DEBT

Primary Sponsors:

Divine Faith-Johnson, External Vice President

Co-Sponsors:

Carl King Jr., USAC President

Eliana Judith Sisman, General Representative 3

Hansika Nath, International Student Representative

My-Lan Le, Internal Vice President

Naomi Hammonds, General Representative 2

Phoebe Chiu, Facilities Commissioner

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Association Council serves as the official voice of the Undergraduate Students of the University of California, Los Angeles; and,

WHEREAS, within the United States of America—

- (1) there is \$1.7 trillion of student loan debt¹; and
- (2) 45 million Americans currently hold student loan debt²; and,

WHEREAS, the average federal student loan debt is calculated to be \$36,510 according to the Education Data Initiative, as of July 10, 2021³; and,

WHEREAS, the average student loan debt for the State of California is \$21,125, equating to 46% of the students from the class of 2020 graduating with debt according to the Institute of College Access and Success⁴; and,

WHEREAS, at UC Los Angeles, students who borrow federal loans graduate with an average student loan debt of \$20,305, according to the The Institute for College Access and Success⁵; and,

WHEREAS, federal student loan payments have been paused and have accrued 0% interest since March 2020⁶; and,

WHEREAS, President Biden extended the “COVID-19 Student Loan Payment Pause” until August 31, 2022⁷; and,

WHEREAS, Congress grants the Secretary of Education the legal authority to broadly cancel student loan debt under Section 432(a) of the 1965 Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. §1082(a)). This legislation gives the Secretary of Education the ability to “...compromise, waive, or release any right, title, claim, lien, or demand, however acquired, including any equity or any right of redemption” as it relates to federal student loan debt⁸; and,

WHEREAS, under the 1965 Higher Education Act, President Biden and Secretary of Education Cardona already used their legal authority to cancel \$1 billion of student loans for 72,000 student loan borrowers on March 18, 2021⁹ and \$1.3 billion of student loans for 41,000 for student loan borrowers with permanent disabilities on March 29, 2021¹⁰; and,

WHEREAS, over 80 federal lawmakers have called on President Biden to use executive action to broadly cancel \$50,000 of federal student loan debt through H.Res.100¹¹ and S.Res.46¹²; and,

WHEREAS, the policy of debt cancellation could boost real GDP by an average of \$86 billion to \$108 billion per year according to the Levy Economics Institute of Bard College¹³; and,

WHEREAS, women hold roughly two-thirds of all student loan debt, with white women owing \$31,346 and Black women owing \$37,558 on average, according to the American Association of University Women¹⁴; and,

¹<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/09/09/america-has-1point73-trillion-in-student-debt-borrowers-from-these-states-owe-the-most.html>

² <https://educationdata.org/average-student-loan-debt>

³ <https://educationdata.org/average-student-loan-debt>

⁴ <https://ticas.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/classof2020.pdf>

⁵ <https://ticas.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Student-Debt-for-College-Graduates-in-California.pdf>

⁶ <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/covid-19/payment-pause-zero-interest>

⁷ <https://studentaid.gov/articles/5-repayment-flexibilities/>

⁸ <https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/biden-cancel-loan-debt/>

⁹ <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/departments-education-announces-action-streamline-borrower-defense-relief-process>

¹⁰ <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/education-department-announces-relief-student-loan-borrowers-total-and-permanent-disabilities-during-covid-19-emergency>

¹¹ <https://www.congress.gov/bills/117/congress/house-resolution/100/text?r=3&s=1>

¹² <https://www.congress.gov/bills/117/congress/senate-resolution/46/text>

¹³ https://www.levyinstitute.org/pubs/rpr_2_6.pdf

¹⁴ <https://www.aauw.org/resources/research/deeper-in-debt/>

WHEREAS, student loan debt disproportionately impacts people of color, with Black borrowers owing \$52,726 four years after graduation compared to white borrowers who owe \$28,006, according to The Brookings Institution¹⁵; and,

WHEREAS, 20 years after starting college Black borrowers still owe 95% of their debt compared to white borrowers who only owe 6% of their debt, according to Institute on Assets and Social Policy at Brandeis University¹⁶; and,

WHEREAS, then Democratic Presidential Nominee, Joe Biden, promised to cancel the student debt for households making less than \$125,000 and to broadly cancel \$10,000 for all student loan borrowers¹⁷;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that it is the sense of the University of California at Los Angeles Undergraduate Student Association Council—

- (1) Supports and advocates for the cancellation of at least \$50,000 in federal student loan debt in the United States; and,
- (2) Calls upon President Joe Biden to cancel at least \$50,000 in federally held student loan debt; and,
- (3) Advocates for student governments throughout the University of California system, the state of California, and the United States to pass similar resolutions calling for the cancellation of student loan debt; and,
- (4) That UCLA USAC recognizes the Secretary of Education's legal authority through the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1082(a)) to broadly cancel student debt, and calls on President Biden to direct Secretary of Education Cardona by Executive Order to administratively cancel at least \$50,000 in federal student debt for each borrower; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the External Vice President transmit a copy of this resolution to: President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Secretary Cardona, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla, Representative Ted Lieu, Governor Gavin Newsom, Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon, State Senator Benjamin Allen, State Representative Isaac Bryan, Mayor Garcetti, UC System President Michael Drake, Office of the Dean of Students, UC Board of Regents, Student Debt Crisis Center (SDCC) President & Founder [Natalia Abrams](#), and the Daily Bruin.

- Phoebe moves to approve A Resolution In Support of the Cancellation of Student Debt, Juan seconds.
- By vote of 11-1-0, the motion passes and A Resolution In Support of the Cancellation of Student Debt is approved.

XI. Adjournment*

- Carl adjourns the meeting at 8:48pm.

Good and Welfare;

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

¹⁵<https://www.brookings.edu/research/student-loans-the-racial-wealth-divide-and-why-we-need-full-student-debt-cancellation/>

¹⁶<https://heller.brandeis.edu/iere/pdfs/racial-wealth-equity/racial-wealth-gap/stallingdreams-how-student-debt-is-disrupting-lifechances.pdf>

¹⁷<https://www.forbes.com/sites/adamminsky/2020/10/07/biden-affirms-i-will-eliminate-your-student-debt/?sh=1aef6a2158a7>