



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
January 24, 2023
7 PM PST
Zoom:

<https://ucla.zoom.us/j/98686577744?pwd=Zm5TeGNIVG5PcTxQ3MzckN1Z01XZz09>

I. Call to Order

King

- Carls calls the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via google docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

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- Strike SFS Allocations
- Make CEC Report verbal
- Make AAC Report verbal
- Add Discussion about In-Person Meetings
- Strike Capital Contingency Allocations

- Sara moves to approve the agenda as amended, Kian seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

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- Sara moves to approve the minutes from 1/17/23, Eliana seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 1/17/23 are approved.

IV. Public Comment

King

- Kahlila Williams: "I am here today to speak on the Transfer Student Representative insofar as appointing a representative for USAC. I don't necessarily know how this is supposed to go but I am speaking on behalf of Thyra Cobbs. Personally I have known Thyra since she has gone to UCLA. She is a transfer student. Ever since I have known her she has been dedicated to improving the UCLA environment for all transfer students. Right now, she is serving as the Afrikan Student Union Representative for Transfer Service Coordinator but Thyra's goals go beyond just helping out black students but to all students especially for the transfer community. She works at the transfer student center and she has done a lot for the community. She also ensures that students have the resources that they need so she is a part of the transfer center mentorship programming coordinator and she is making sure that everyone has the resources. It is not just about black transfer students but all students. She has hosted multiple events. She is currently working on the Black Bruin Transfer Extravaganza. She has worked with MECHA for the Black and Brown Transfer Day. She has hosted different social events for transfer students as well as town halls to ensure transparency and accountability. And she is active in many of the group me's, always checking in on students making sure if there is anything that they need, providing resources to anybody who comes by looking for something. Personally on my account I think Thyra would be a great representative for the transfer student representative position because I know that she will put her all into her position. She is very dedicated and she is going to make sure everyone has their resources and I believe she can truly make change and make the transfer student population a lot happier and make them feel more connected to the community. Because that is a big issue. It is hard coming from a place where you have set up your community and now you are coming to a new place so imposter syndrome is a lot worse. Definitely she does all that she can to make sure that our transfer students are supported."

- Samone Anderson: "Hey y'all, it is good to be in company with you all tonight and to speak on Thyra's behalf in regards to this appointment. Kahlila kind of said it all but Thyra is an upstanding outstanding student when it comes to transfer students. Thyra is very tapped in with the CCP. Thyra doesn't just work at the BBRC but she also works in the transfer student center. Thyra is always whether it is Instagram or coming to these group me's chats, Thyra is always

telling people about their resources and this is a good sign of an empowered student which is what you all are who are sitting on council right now and I am sure you want some like minded company. She is somebody who takes initiative and is very familiar and embodies the student run model taking on that initiative. I mean look at all the work she is doing right now uncompensated and she is not just doing work for the Black transfer community but also for all students. She is doing collabs with MECHA and other mother organizations. She has added a lot more to her job description and expanded beyond what the constitution says about her role. I just think what not to have somebody better and we ain't just going to talk about education, I mean look at what Thyra has been through in her own experience. Thyra has a couple of associates degrees. What does that mean? That means she has had to go through her own struggles in transferring here as I am sure you all can relate to but look at her coming out the other side and she is hungry and she is back for more and we ain't even going to talk about that near perfect gpa. You all are out here going above and beyond and really redefining what it is to be a student leader on this campus and Thyra is really stepping forward for this position so I really hope that her work is a model and example to everybody to learn from. She has not taken on all these roles for clout or resume building, she really walks the walk as she is talking that talk. So I think she is more than qualified and her resume really shows that she has what it takes."

- Bradley Schulz: "Hi everyone, my name is Bradley and I came here two weeks ago to voice my complaints about poor communication from many of the USAC funds that I applied to for the Idea Hackathon event hosted by EEE UCLA. I just wanted to come back today and let you know that we put on a really successful event and I really appreciate you guys, especially ARC and AAC, for moving really quickly and moving our checks through SGA. Just a summary, our event hosted over 240 participants from both UCLA and community colleges who spent 36 hours designing over 40 unique projects that had really cool topics with mechanical and electrical engineering. I am going to send a link in the chat to some of the projects that students created. They are really interesting and I really quickly wanted to highlight one project. Our first place prize went to a cryptocurrency based monopoly game that used computer vision to autonomously track every player's move on a custom cut laser game board and display the current game state on a led display that mimics the stock market graph. I am going to put a link to their presentation in the chat as well and honestly I don't know how they were able to create this in such a short amount of time. Beyond technical projects, we had chocolate tasting, live performances, 5 different workshops, free meals and snacks, and industry sponsors. I know I have had my grievances with you guys and I hope I haven't been too stressed out or offended by that but I have seen first hand what is possible when you come together to support the tens of thousands of students here. I am still waiting on BOD and TGIF to sign off on two recs but overall I really appreciate you helping me put on this event and I know the hundreds of participants will remember it for years to come. I know this is a little bit long but I want to quote one thing a student told me in the post event survey. They are participants from El Camino Community College and they said, "This experience made me realize how fun electrical engineering really is and that it is not just electronics but coding and being creative. I learnt that I want to stick with electrical engineering and can't wait to get better and learn more. I am a community college student so for me it was pretty awesome being at one of the best four-year universities in the world. I would definitely come back and participate and I will work hard this year to learn more so thank you guys. I just want to give you an update so you can see some of the positives of all of the work that you guys do."
- Helen Morales: "I am here today in support of Thyra Cobbs for the 2023 transfer student representative position. I know that there have been other supporters who have already detailed all of her accomplishments but I am here to explain to you all as a transfer student myself going on anecdotal experience just with Thyra beyond the fact that she is a McNair scholar. She is absolutely outstanding on her resume. Her interpersonal skills are so absolutely beyond phenomenal. Thyra is incomparable compared to any other person who is running just for the mere fact that she is absolutely outstanding and that fact that she is able to absolutely bring a community of transfer students from wide ranges of experiences and personal backgrounds and that is what the TSR position is meant to do. I am absolutely excited to see what she is able to do and become just from all of the things that she has accomplished already and I am excited to see her blossom into the future position."
- Clara Castronova: "Hi guys, It is me Clara here with CALPIRG's weekly update on what we have been doing. Last week we started our new ocean conservative campaign with a really big week of action. We had events with lots of new volunteers getting involved and some highlights where we had a couple of our letters to the editor published in local newspapers. We also went to Santa Monica on Friday for a beach clean up. We are finishing off our recruitment drive and we are super excited to have lots of new students participating this quarter. All of this culminated today and we had our kickoff meeting a couple hours ago and over 40 students came and we are really excited to work with them all. For

the next two weeks we will be running our pledge fundraising drive to get CALPIRG funded by 25,000 students across the state by adding a 10 quarterly activity fee to their tuition bill and all of us pooling our money together gives us the resources, staff training, and political power to run strategic campaigns that actually make a difference. We also have a contract with UCLA that we have to sign up 10% of the undergraduate student body in order to keep our chapter on campus so in order to hit that 10% we run really big fundraising drives in order to sign up enough members. We are launching our drive on Monday.”

- Jamila Cummings: “Hi everyone, good afternoon. I am here to share my support for Thyra Cobbs for the Transfer Coordinator. Thyra is a remarkable person and has truly gone above and beyond to help her fellow Bruins during my time as a program coordinator. She is the transfer coordinator for ASU and she is extremely personal and always willing to lend a helping hand. She also hosted a series of McNair application workshops that help increase black student acceptance into the McNair research program. This year being the highest rate of black students accepted and as a transfer student, Thyra knows the strengths and weaknesses of the transfer community and she knows what is needed to improve the transfer experience again. I wholeheartedly support Thyra running as a USAC transfer representative and I hope you will too. She is dedicated, hardworking and eager to improve the transfer student experience and serve as a pillar of support for the transfer community.”
- Saul Navarrete: “Hi everyone, my name is Saul. I just wanted to keep it short and sweet when I talk about Thyra and why I think she should be the USAC Transfer Student Representative. Basically, she is the embodiment of what a transfer student can be when they are at the top of their game. I wholeheartedly believe that she is awesome. She hit the ground running, She is doing research and absolutely doing the most out here with helping various organizations across campus. Sometimes when I am in the group me I see reminders sent by Thyra about transfer resources whether it is about career fairs, free food, free resources and anything possible. I think she would be absolutely perfect for this position. I am excited to see what Thyra does when she gets this position.”
- Sianne: “I am also here in support of Thyra for the Transfer Representative. I actually went to Community College with Thyra so we both went there together and then we transferred to UCLA. When I got here, she was already in a leadership position and she was a mentor to me. With her in this position she could inspire others to reach for more because from knowing her it has shown me that I can do more things in the transfer community and I have always looked to her for motivation and guidance into getting involved in programs to help all black bruins and black transfer and transfers throughout UCLA in general.”
- Jeffry Umaña Muñoz: “Hi everyone, I am here tonight to speak to you all in my capacity as the ARC funding director. I want to speak first on the issue that occurred yesterday with the Nigerian Student Union. I want to make clear first that we have pending applications for cultural identities and it was never a racially or ethnically or culturally motivated decision to not support or answer their applications. I think that characterization was really harmful to me and Alicia to be painted out as us racially trying to block people away from funds. The second thing that I want to talk about is I took up the ARC Funding Director position because Alicia had no support. I had no intent to serve in the role this year but after seeing how much she was struggling I decided to help out because of my experience with SIOC funding. I am barely being onboarded and I have to deal with 2-3 ARC Applications coming in every day which may not seem like a lot but that means we are getting 10-15 every week in a quarter where we have two funding cycles. Additionally ALicia and I are still trying to pay out Community Fund stipends that were allocated by last year's ARC staff. We are still also trying to pay our reimbursements that we made to latinx graduation last year where folks are literally now having to pay funds out of their own pockets so there is a lot going on that we are trying to catch up with but we need support and I know that other funds are struggling and I know that students need their money but I am also here today to make it clear to council but also to the student body that if you all need these funds you all should be applying to this committee. I think it is an unfair expectation for anyone to have that council or their funding director should be turning out applications every day as if they don't have jobs, lives, and responsibilities outside of this world. I know we all took on this work willingly but I think that some slack is deserved and that we need to be kind to each other. I am really motivated that SGA is meeting with Alicia and I tomorrow to try and figure out a plan moving forward but I really ask that COuncil also figure out a way to move forward and resolve this issue and create a process that can be applied year to year when funding directors are missing or when funding committees aren't being filled. The last thing that I will say and it is kind of unrelated is that there is a USAC appointment on the CRC who has not been fully appointed and has been missing paychecks for all of fall and for winter. I would highly petition that Council fix this issue tonight. All it

requires is a memo from the appointing officer. I don't want to bring up the names or anything since it is a hiring issue but I would just ask that Council resolve that issue immediately.”

- Brenda Martinez: “Hello, I would just like to speak today on behalf of Thyra Cobbs being appointed to the transfer USAC rep. She has been an amazing person and I had the opportunity to met with her through McNair and I have just seen the tireless work that she has put in from her heart wanting to see all communities grow up and it is so inspiring as many of others have said to see someone who not only upholds herself to these really high standards but she makes sure that she holds others to them and lets them know that it is possible to achieve them and she literally leads by example. I feel like she is amazing for this position because she brings in that hope and that ray of light when it can get difficult and I honestly feel like she gives this humane perspective to academics because it is not just about being defined by your gpa or academics and it is good to have that. She acknowledges the fact that mental health is important and she is a big champion for that which I feel is a really important perspective to take when it comes to these rigorous spaces.”
- Hana Woldearegay: “I would also like to support Thyra Cobbs for the transfer representative position. I want to say that Thyra has been really helpful as a first year transfer and she has really stepped up and helped out and reached out with a bunch of resources to help get adjusted into UCLA. She has hosted various social transfer social and game nights as well and like someone mentioned earlier she has helped get the highest amount of black bruins in McNair and she has also helped me with my career application which I am thankful for and I believe that she is very qualified, if not overqualified for this position.”
- Heaven: “I am also here in support of Thyra in her running to be the USAC transfer representative. Not to reiterate everything that everyone else has said but I would like to add two things that I feel qualify Thyra for this position. Number one with the fact that she is the epitome of life, what it means to be, I think a transfer and has worked tirelessly to make sure that transfers are advocated for in a lot of different senses like in terms of resources and things like that. I think she works hard to make sure that transfer representation is included when we talk about representation period not just as a black student because we all know that she is that but as a transfer student because I think sometimes transfer students get overlooked in their perspectives and their ideas and things that they can provide to the community. I think that Thyra does an amazing job in advocating for transfers to be in spaces that they don't normally have that kind of representation. I think something else that Thyra does really well is advocate for transfers to be more united within the UCLA Community. In general, I feel like sometimes we have a disconnect between students that come to UCLA as freshmen and transfer students and she works hard to bridge the gap and make sure that they feel included.”
- Written comment by Bezawit Tewodros:
“I can’t stay long, but I want to second everything that was said by Samone about Thyra Cobbs and my support for her as USAC Transfer Representative. Though I don’t work with her directly, I see all the work that Thyra does for the transfer community particularly the Black Bruin transfer community and not only is she an active member she truly cares about the communities (plural) she serves. She is both the standard and the example of an exemplary leader. In the short time I’ve known Thyra she has served as an access point for beneficial resources for mental health, something that’s really important to me as a Black student at a predominantly white institution, and somehow manages all her obligations while remaining a dynamic member of the Black community. To know Thyra is to know that she is truly a pillar of the Black community at UCLA and has made more tangible change in the short time she’s been here as a transfer than others.”

Public comment closed at 7:34pm.

V. Funding

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| A. Capital Contingency* | Prentice |
| A. <u>Contingency Programming*</u> | Prentice |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Requested Allocation: \$13,449.69- Recommended Allocation: \$9,172.00 for 15 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity- Naomi moves to approve \$9,172.00 to 15 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity, Kian seconds.- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Contingency Programming is approved for this week. | |

- B. SFS Allocations# Flores
- C. SWC Programming Fund Allocations# Majer
- Allocation: \$2,635.22 to non SWC groups
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- D. Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations# Johnson
- E. ASRE Allocations# Cortez
- Allocation: \$998.00 to 1 non USAC entity
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- F. AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations# Cortez
- Allocation: \$1,930.00 to 3 non USAC entities
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- G. ARC Allocations# Verdugo
- Allocation: \$2,500.00 to non USAC entities
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- H. TGIF# Chiu
- Allocation: \$1,733.23 to 3 non USAC entities
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.

VI. Special Presentations

VII. Appointments

- A. Transfer Student Representative* King
- a. Thyra Cobbs
 - Juan moves to approve Thyra Cobbs to the Transfer Student Representative, Divine seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Thyra Cobbs is appointed to the position of Transfer Student Representative.
- B. Elections Board Director of External Relations* Bulis
- a. Nicholas Pwee
 - Eliana moves to approve Nicholar Pwee to the Elections Board Director of External Relations, Sara seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Nicholas Pwee is appointed to the position of Elections Board Director of External Relations.
- C. Finance Committee* Prentice
- a. Iris Shi
 - Sara moves to appoint Iris Shi to the Finance Committee, Juan seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Iris Shi is appointed to the Finance Committee.
- D. John Wooden Board of Governors# Chiu
- a. Lucas Qui
 - No opposition, Lucas Qui is appointed as a consent item.
 - b. Steven Price
 - No opposition, Steven Price is appointed as a consent item.
 - c. David Harris
 - No opposition, David Harris is appointed as a consent item.
- E. Student Activity Center Board of Governors# Chiu

- a. Jeffry Umaña Muñoz
 - Alicia moves to appoint Jeffry Umaña Muñoz to the Student Activity Center Board of Directors, Daniela seconds.
 - By vote of 8-0-5, the motion passes and Jeffry Umaña Muñoz is appointed to the Student Activity Center Board of Directors.

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

King

- Last week I was invited to the White House by the Vice President so while I was there I was able to have discussions in regards to economic development and just the mental health crisis that is currently exciting especially those within the minority groups. I was able to talk to her and her staff about that.
- I was also able to advocate for the release of the UCLA graduate who is currently being illegally held in Venezuela. I would encourage a lot of council members to help out in that campaign to free him because he has been illegally held in a prison since March or May of last year.
- This Saturday we hosted the president's banquet that happens every five years and all the living presidents from USAC Student Government come and fellowship and talk to each other about things. I was able to meet the first black student body president Cheryl Luke so that was amazing.
- I had a meeting with Vice Chancellor Gordon and also spoke with ROy from ASUCLA. I want to create a special committee to work on the CPO issue. I spoke with a couple old presidents who had to deal with this as well including Naomi and Robert Blake Watson hoping to include them in on this committee but yeah we will be talking about that soon.
- We release quarterly reports from Fall quarter and I had a meeting with my cabinet and my directors. WE held an office picnic on Saturday and we interviewed candidates for the transfer student representative. We release the student body quarterly email so I hope a lot of you got to see that and then I met with a member of the national diversity equity and inclusion council. It is a new council that is being created so I got to meet with them.

B. Internal Vice President Written

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ARC

- Interviewed 5 individuals over the weekend for Elections Board, FiCom and the TSR
- Reviewed consent item appointment applications from FAC

Office

- Held our first Winter all-staff meeting yesterday
- Integrated the interns into the office and
- True Bruin RAISE Awards and Event
 - Banquet taking place 2/1/2023
 - Working with ASUCLA catering on providing food options for award winners and attendees
 - Bought supplies for the banquet and assembled decorations
- Off-Campus Housing Fair
 - TOMORROW from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM in Bruin Plaza!!
 - Obtained temporary event permit
 - Printed posters/flyers
 - Created/printed landowner invoices and liability forms
 - Ordered materials that arrived yesterday
 - Picking up posters and banners today for the fair

C. External Vice President

Johnson

- This weekend we attended the students of color conference that was held in Davis. It was very fun and informative and I totally recommend it for those that will be here next year to apply to EVP.
- The student lobby conferences are coming up and speaking of UCSA please apply to that.
- 2023 fellowship began today which is why I was a little late. I went in to say hi to everyone and everyone seems very involved and excited to start. That is exciting. Our first all staff meeting was yesterday and it went very well.
- We had our second executive meeting yesterday as well. We had a lot of meetings with representative Padilla for the re-entry of the student tax elimination act. A resolution that passed last week about the heavy rail

at UCLA has over 110,000 views on twitter so it is getting a lot of local traction which is great. Shout out to everyone that worked on it and everything that is continuing to work on it.

- We are meeting with Vice Chancellor Beck for the administration push this upcoming week. Lobby Core has been scheduled for February 3rd and the last bruin advocacy grant application is due this upcoming Friday.

D. General Representative 1

Kohanteb

- I met with the Panhellenic president to see how my office can help sorority girls in different ways.
- I met with Jessica to understand more about my budget, how much we have and how to put that budget into different places, how to get a REQ form and all that stuff. I met with Josh from FiCom to better understand Contingency funding and what clubs can apply for.
- On Monday I met with someone from Lyft who has been helping me get the free lyft rides so we were talking about how the last program worked really well and how we are going to continue it so that is going to come. I just applied for contingency funding that got approved today for 1400 dollars that is going to go all towards those lyft rides and it is going to give students the availability and accessibility to ride around campus safer. I contacted some more clubs to see how we can help them and see if they want to be highlighted on the Instagram account.
- I also hired a couple more directors this week.

E. General Representative 2 Written

Hammonds

- Scheduling meetings with folks to practice Microaggression and Imposter phenomenon workshops and gain feedback
- ARC interviews
- Reviewing General Staff Application

F. General Representative 3

Sisman

- Shout out to Samone Anderson, Ryan Factora, and Alicia Verdugo for working with me on the citation with the CPO mistreating students. Whoever came up with the idea to say that USAC might lose control over our budget if we don't release the checks, I don't like being threatened so please stop. It has the opposite effect of what you think but anyhow it looks like we are getting somewhere on the issue.
- I met with Lauren and Theresa to set up an event planned tentatively for February 16th at 4:30pm. We are going to be talking about internet addiction, excessive internet use and how it hurts a lot of us and how we can support each other and improve our habits and overcome this.
- I am trying to set up speakers from student groups for another event.

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Cortez

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with Linda from SGA to discuss surplus availability, updates to AAC's budget, collaborations on B4B and senate honorariums. We will also be initiating weekly allocation sheets via email to SGA to facilitate quicker disbursements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked in depth last week to update our budget as well with the support of SGA, which is still underway. Checked in with Ashley, the AAC CRC appointment. Ashley shared that the community in CRC is shifting focus towards collective care of their project leaders and are being responsive to community needs in this way. I encourage USAC council members to be mindful of this moving forward into conversations centering the MOs, their leaders and triggering topics about the CPO. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In regards to the external review, it is underway and MO project leaders are trying to set up a meeting with VC Gorden. Meeting 1-1 with general staff Following up with ARC on bylaw changes Conducted final revisions of the letter on NR grade updates and shared it via social media and email (through the Director of CCAC) Met with the Daily Bruin to discuss concerns with ASRF and TGMF Updating guidelines for ASRF and TGMF to shift contact information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have not been given access to the original accounts for ASRF and TGMF, so we are now having to operate out of the AAC email. We are updating this information. AAC cabinet hosted our first hybrid meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with Retention First and they reviewed first round of b4b applications, with notifications and a PO transfer to SGA going out soon. General Staff of Retention First will also be meeting with Calpirg and I, so we can meet with UCLA library to discuss open-access materials for students and assisting Calpirg's textbook campaign. Sanctuary Campus, CCAC and I will be meeting to brainstorm workshop that will distribute resources to students who encounter emergency events + tips on how to navigate academics. Finance will be reviewing applications on a weekly basis on Thursdays. Internship, due to a low turnout in applicants, will not be conducting the winter internship this year. Instead, students will be offered a general staff consideration if they consent. Internship directors will work on transition packets and be given the freedom to continue working in support of other directors and platforms or to step down from positions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief of Senate hosted our monthly meeting on Sunday, where all Senators attended and shared updates about their work in committees. Some key updates revolved around the future of UCLA instruction and course modalities, admissions for transfer students, and budget models for new proposed majors.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated a connection between ASUCLA Inclusive Access and CALPIRG – goal is to set up a time to meet with both entities, as they share goals Established a meeting with the Chair of EST to discuss updates on transfer student admissions policy in the major. Also reached out to the student advisory board to amplify their concerns about the minor, enrollment and student representation in the department's representative model. Met with other council members and BOD appointments to discuss the ASUCLA referendum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set a meeting separate with BOD appointment, Wudia, to discuss Was introduced to HSI director of group on student retention and student wellbeing: meetings will be bi-weekly. Coordinating a meeting with BBRC and SGA to discuss transfer of BBRC funds Met with the director of CAE, Spencer, to discuss questions about the new working group, led by Dean Galvan at the director of VP Hunt, regarding course modality and accessible education at UCLA (both pedagogically and infrastructurally).

H. [Campus Events Commission](#)

Boffa

- Met with Kris K. Monday to organize structure within campus events
- Director's meeting to plan out winter quarter events
- Met with David Myers "Dialogue Across Difference" involvement
- Announcing events to come:
Calendar of events set:
 - Speakers:

- February 13th 7 pm : sex workers panel with speakers to be announced
- February 24th evening: speaker to be announced (very special tho)
- March 1 : Iranian American Women Foundation
- February 27th: noon show at Kerckhoff patio
- March 2nd: live electronic show
- Concerts:
 - January 30th: 11:50 - 12:40 pm on Bruin Plaza Flamango Bay
 - February 6th: 12-1pm on Bruin Plaza
 - February 11th 12-5pm: vendors / student performers / concert NSA x CEC working on Afrofest which will be February 11th at Royce Hall terrace
- Films:
 - Revivals, having trouble securing sneak screenings from agencies
- Future ideas: short takes film festival later this spring, ultra bloom (annual edm concert), looking to reinstate large speaking events

I. Community Service Commissioner

Flores

- For CSC today, we had our non-profit networking night in collaboration with the UCLA Volunteer Center. I want to do a special shout out to our CSC staff that helped pull all of this together. We had an amazing turnout and it is still ongoing right now.
- We received the applications for the impact conference and we finalized and sent out acceptance invitations to the students and we are currently working to book the flights, reserve the rooms and set all of that up.
- We are also preparing to do two town halls this winter quarter and three of them in the spring on a specific service subject. The town halls this quarter will happen week 7 and week 9 and dates are still to be confirmed. The first one will be in partnership with Swipe out Hunger and it is going to be on basic needs so I will be outreaching to your office to see if anyone wants to collaborate on that.
- I also want to save the date. We are soon announcing the Robert S Michaels Service award which is a 1,500 dollar scholarship and a 250 dollar award to a community service organization of the recipients choosing.

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Verdugo

- We have a Made with Love Craft Fair this Thursday from 10-3 in Bruin Plaza so come and support fellow artists of color. They will be there with jewelry, crochet, clothes, and other items made with love.
- We are going to go to the first marshal to get that approved tomorrow because last week he had an emergency and he wasn't in his office. For the rest of January there won't be a Word on Wednesday but next week at 7pm in the art gallery we will have our first concert of the year. It had to be postponed again because of the artists but we will have our winter concert on the 30th in Kerckhoff. There will be hot chocolate and pajamas so very winter themed.
- Next up for February we have a month of programming for hip-hop appreciation month and I will give more information on dates in future events but for now I will feed you with the fact that we have kickoff on February 7th in Bruin Plaza so that will be very fun.
- Jazz Reggae Gest released their call for vendors so follow them on instagram. It is the largest student run festival in the whole council.
- We are processing applications from our winter round of hiring and we got some seats filled for directors which is great so that my staff can have some support.
- We had our retreat this past weekend and it was very successful. We had our first general body meeting of the quarter yesterday which was great for people to get to know each other. I am also working with Eliana on multiple things but we will give more details about this soon.

K. Facilities Commissioner

Chiu

- I met with Ariella from Carl's office and we are still trying to draft out some ideas for this sustainability event that she wants during week 7 in the Ackerman Grand Ballroom. It will be a networking type event discussing sustainability with the larger UCLA Community and bringing in a bunch of stakeholders to draft out what is happening next with the sustainability plan.

- I met with Evan from Divine's office. We talked about Westwood connect and about potential drafting out a presentation to present to the campus bike advisory committee just to get more stakeholders on and then the stamp of approval of Westwood street improvements.
- Our fellowship application closed last week so thank you all who shared that.
- We have about 7 new people joining our transportation committee which is really cool. We now have a TGIF token to apply for funding so now students can find more information on how to get sustainability funding for their events.
- For Bruin Bazaar we have our clothing swaps during Week 8 and we might do a collaboration with zero waste during week 6 but we are no longer doing an event during week 4.
- We are still working on the UCLA mobile app sustainability update. I am wanting to connect with the ASUCLA BOD to talk about ethical labor and licensing and I think there is a survey being sent around to different student organization leaders to see their willingness to buy like ethical sourced clothing and then our building or space committee has been growing a lot recently too so they have some projects last quarter. They did the menstrual sticker change so instead of the same feminine products in all of the bathrooms now they say menstrual products.

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

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- We have made a New York Times survey and we are setting up appointments with the administration.
- We have another workshop this week on taxes in the BBRC so please show up or post on your instagram.
- We are coming out with a resolution I think next week and hopefully we can get that finished up. We are going to start doing promotional student discounts on our instagram. We have a meeting on Thursday to try to increase the price of the meal tickets so we will see if they listen.
- We still have lab coats and i-clickers so if you need one for the quarter please reach out to us and we can help you out with that.

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

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Commissioner Updates

- a. Met with IDMT and discussed:
 - i. Movement of COVID-19 virus into the same category as the flu
 - ii. Yearly COVID-19 booster will be similar to annual flu vaccine requirement
- b. Represented SWC at the Semel HCI Steering Committee
 - i. Presentation on trauma informed care presentation
 - ii. Discussion of post-strike relations and recommendations
- c. Met with the OP Campus Health Director and discussed:
 - i. Launch of the SWC PSL
 - ii. Partnership with End Overdose at UCLA
 - iii. Discussed formation of the Narcan Task Force
- d. Met with SHAC Chair and discussed:
 - i. Will be hosting a workshop at the inaugural SWC HLRC
 - ii. Potential health fair in May
 - iii. SB 24 discussion

SWC Updates

- e. Launch of SWC Planned Parenthood! Currently working on incorporating them into the USAC Bylaws
- f. Partnership with Blueprint to offer discounts to MCAT and LSAT test-prep for students!
- g. Corporate Relations - Working with fitness studios to offer free/reduced classes to students
- h. SHN - First meeting this week!
- i. Marketing - Stickers in the SWC office! Working on totes and enamel pins!

SWC Events

- j. SWC Platforms - SWC Health Literacy Research Conference (HLRC)
 - i. Sunday, March 12 from 9:30am - 3:30pm
 - ii. Carnesale Commons
- k. SWC x ASUCLA - Destress with Wag the Dog
 - i. Wednesday, February 1, 2023 from 11am to 2pm
 - ii. Court of Science| South Lawn

- l. AM - Time Management Workshop
 - m. DiverSWC - Hosting workshops during SWC Committee meetings
 - n. BITF - ILMBW! Scale Smash will take place on Monday 1/30 from 3 - 5 pm in Bruin Plaza
 - o. CPR- Go to uclacpr.com to register for reduced CPR classes!
 - p. TW - Held a Pilates workshop! 1/24 at JWC
- N. Transfer Student Representative Moreno
- O. International Student Representative Nath
- I just want to express my condolences and stand in solidarity with what happened to our Asian American community at Monterey Park this weekend. It was shocking and sad and unfortunately the 36th mass shooting in the US in 2023. I think on behalf of USAC we would just all like to say that we stand in solidarity with what happened. If anyone who wishes to reach out to our organization please feel free to have Dr. Shu Chang Kang who is specifically a counselor for international students and please feel free to book a session with her. You can call CAPS and set up a trial appointment with her.
 - I have been speaking with Kimber Health to get subsidized health insurance for international students especially. Unfortunately the representative who I was talking to left the company so I am a little behind on that but I am hoping to get back on track.
 - We are working with the pre-med society to come up with a career fair this quarter that caters towards international students and getting a lot of organizations on board with that. I will keep you updated on that.
- P. Administrative Representatives Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Archie II
- Orlando: "Just one update. This week is our one-step workshop. This is the week where we offer workshops to all the newly formed organizations as well as hosting other workshops that returning organizations may be interested in signing up for. Tomorrow is our in-person day. It will be in Ackerman in the Bruin Reception Room so if you are interested feel free to stop by. We also have some virtual workshops starting on Thursday."
- Jessica: "Hi everyone, I have a couple events to share with you that are coming up in the Student Union. Tomorrow we are having a Wellness Wednesday event that is going to be canvas bag painting from 11am-1pm in the Bruin Fun Zone which is on Ackerman A level next to Taco Bell and on the 26th we are doing a Bruin Watch party for the men's basketball game that is at USAC so that is going to be at 6pm in the Bruin Reception room. If you want to stop by for that we are also co-programming and in the process of planning a superbowl watch party with Dashew. The other thing that I wanted to mention this week is that I am going to be meeting with Karen Hedges and I invited Sydney Robinson to join the meeting to just go over the appointment system. We are going to be looking at it and seeing how we can provide additional support for that system so it is an easier process to use. If anyone has specific feedback on that form please feel free to email me your notes."
 - Lorrie: "Just a couple things. I walked with Nicholad from Phoebe's office to work on finalizing late night study options in Wooden for finals week. I also connected her staff with Angela in Campus life and Coke has agreed to provide drinks during late night study so students can stay caffeinated or hydrated whatever your choice is. REC has launched their open Rec Dance Program that can be found on the Rec website. I don't have a contact for anyone in the world arts and culture department so if anybody does can they shoot me an email because I would like to get that information to that department so their students can take advantage of that open REC dance."

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- A. Discussion on Accountability of USAC Funding Bodies King
- Carl: "So our first thing is a discussion on accountability of USAC funding bodies. I think a lot of people have probably seen the article that recently came out by Daily Bruin. They are reaching out asking for accountability of funds and a lot of students are saying that they are not hearing back from the funds and if they do hear back it is very late and this has been affecting students in their events that they hold annually. You know these are events that they have held every year since they have been in college and a lot of these students have had to pay out of pocket regarding these events and I just wanted to open the floor up to kind of

figure out why things were going the way they were and what the plans are going forward to mitigate these issues so we don't have articles written about us every week and we don't have hundreds of students emailing us and keep coming back to council.”

- Alicia: “I have a lot to get through but please bear with me. I want to start off by addressing accountability and what that means. There are two people staffing ARC at this moment. I am the commissioner of the office and I have to take care of nine different series and I run arguably one of the biggest organizations on campus. Two people should not have the weight of an entire fund on our backs. The punitive approaches that you have directed at me trying to work against when your duty as President is to support your constituents in this council is unacceptable. Instead of trying to work with me and finding solutions with me to help prepare and restore just the issues that the Cultural Affairs Commissions Fund is facing but what everyone else is as well. ARC has not singled any applicant out nor discriminated against them. We truly have not been able to function because of no support and that is not fair for both people working on ARC and those applying. While I have not specifically stated that I need support in the past meetings, I feel like I deserved to have been reached out to because of the multiple times that I have brought up the fact that we have no support and accountability cannot be implemented until we have an actual functioning funding body of staffers to uphold. That is when you can implement accountability but not when two students are being exploited and forced to reply to so many organizations when they have lives and other roles and other responsibilities. Concerning the double standard your message directed at me, I want to bring up how this punitive approach never came up with Theodore who honestly needed support as well and maybe he would still be here not just as a TSR but also as a student at UCLA and that's another issue with retention. I want to also add that scapegoating and demonizing me was not acceptable. The immediate conclusion that ARC was acting in a racial way is highly offensive and divisive. You are right Carl that no one is above accountability and that includes you. It is not fair that when I explain the very real way you harmed me and insensitivity and inappropriately sent that message to all of the council that you immediately again painted me out as playing into a racist caricature. I would have called out the response and approach you had in the same way for every person regardless of any identities and I want to also address the lack of support that not just ARC is facing but what can you do as the Office of the President for CS Mini which isn't even accessible to students right now. BOD can't even be launched until surplus is found out but where is the pressure from you representing this council to pressure SGA to do something about these things. I want to say that I have solutions that I have initiated because I am sick of discussions and I am sick of coming to council and telling you that I am trying to figure it out by myself. I am proposing that three to four people from your office or from anyone else if they are willing to help come temporarily support ARC funding until we get our directors and our new staffers fully onboarded and this would be under the direction and guidance of CAC. I also want to say that we are drafting a letter to students to post on the CAC instagram to apologize for these delays and fully be transparent about these issues. I also want to come back to SGA concerns. SGA does not need to come before the council and the student body publicly and give detailed explanations on why they are struggling and what they need. As President, you should make a public statement on behalf of the council delineating the challenges that have plagued USAC funding throughout the year. I really want to ask what you can do because I don't see anything being done to put pressure on the status of surplus because frankly I have organizations within my commission that need surplus and we also need to pay for bills that are overdue but we can't do that unless we get the status of surplus. I want to ask everyone here on how we can work together.”
- Carl: “All right, Giovanna do you mind if I go first since I had a couple comments directed at me. Thank you for your comments Alicia. I mean this is one of the main reasons we are having this discussion. I mean if you look at the agenda it says Discussion on Accountability of USAC Funding Bodies right so it is not just yours. You know the Academic Affairs Commission has fund bodies as well. There have been complaints not just about your office but also about other offices and so that is why we are having this discussion. I don't understand why you have taken anything I have said personally. I have had several people email when the news article came out and I don't know if you are expecting me to just not talk about it or bring it up as a point of discussion. In regards to you implying that I didn't hold Theodore accountable. I mean that discussion was brought up. I know I missed one meeting and that was brought up in terms of let's hold the officers accountable. On that same day, we had that discussion when someone came and complained about your committee specifically. Like two or three students can't complain and I haven't said anything so I mean

this has been something that has been going on since last year and I don't see why you don't understand that it is not a personal attack. You talked about my commitment to council and you are correct but I also have a commitment to the student body who pays us their student fees and I am not expecting you to be a robot and to answer 200-300 emails a day but I mean SGA has done it when Fernando was understaffed he had an email set up so when someone emailed he would be like "Hey I am going to get back to you. I am understaffed at the moment." or something of that nature but it seems like none of that was done. Specifically the organization that I emailed you about I was just relaying their concerns. It has looked that there had been several emails sent by individual organizations and there has been no response whatsoever and I am just sad that not once have you taken any accountability on your behalf. You haven't said like hey this is my shortcoming or hey I should have communicated this better or hey I could have dealt with that differently. You have pushed and blamed everybody and said that you have been exploited. You have blamed everything that is currently going on with your office and funding on everyone else. There has been no self-accountability and I am not asking you to sit here and bash yourself but I am asking you to take responsibility for the way the CAC fund is currently going. At the end of the day you are the one that wanted to run for this position and you are the one who was elected so you are the one responsible. I wish you would have reached out to me earlier. I will give you six individuals. I mean name how many you need and I will try to get them. I have a team of 75 so I will help you out any way I can. But as I stated before there should be no reason that anyone feels personally attacked. Like you said no one is above accountability."

- Giovanna: "I don't want to detract from what we are talking about too much but I think SGA does have a part in what is going on and I personally have had to spend the entire summer planning Bruin Bash with ALiaica and catching up on past requisitions that were just forgotten or left behind because of understaffing and issues that were going on there. I think they are getting on top of their stuff now but to my knowledge they are having to redo an audit which is why surplus has been so devalued and I think it would be a good conversation for at least the offices that work with SGA a lot about ways that we could improve what is going on there. For any large requisition I have to personally go into the office to follow up on stuff. There are a lot of mistakes that happen with checks being sent to wrong addresses and wrong names and stuff like that personally reflects on my organization badly but I do think that is a separate conversation. I also want to say that I think Alicia is trying pretty hard and I don't believe that fully takes away accountability but I do think that the nature of our offices are similar and I do want to say that I think there is a little understanding there. I also know that it wasn't a personal attack or anything."
- Naomi: "I just want to say that I feel like Alicia has taken accountability at various council meetings. Maybe it was at the ones that you weren't here for but she has apologized profusely to clubs and she has had to focus on this over homework. We are undergraduate students and at the end of the day personally I am always going to put my education first even though I did sign up for this role. I am not saying that she is past accountability but she has apologized to the clubs and she is trying to explain why these things have occurred. I don't feel like when she says we are getting this many applications she is putting it on the club. I think she is just trying to explain why it is so overwhelming only having two people to work on it. I will also say like the support my advisor reached out to me last week. We are in week 36 and that is absolutely absurd that I have reached out to now for my first meeting. It just goes to show everything and I didn't get transition material for my role so I have had to learn everything as I go and I feel like that speaks for a lot of us here and I am so glad to see the work that we have been able to do and how we keep preserving through this struggle when we shouldn't have this struggle in the first place. Did anybody get good transition material? I would be glad to know. I really want to recognize that Alicia's complaints are valid. I don't oversee a funding body and I am really glad that I don't because I wouldn't even know where to start. I think there is a lack of accountability in our advisor and everything going on and we just really need to support one another. Carl, I don't agree with the email that you send, especially with adding all of us. I don't feel like we needed to be added to that. It could have just been a communication with you and Alicia to talk about it. I see what Alicia is saying there and I just want to know that for every complaint you received did you slack Alicia saying hey lets meet and discuss this because before going to everybody in that email, I believe a conversation should have been just between the two of you. I know you said in your second email you didn't want to have that because you were perceived previously by someone on USAC as being aggressive but that is not how this Council works. If we don't communicate well it won't work."

- Carl: "Okay, well thank you. As I stated before, I don't really expect you to understand as the only black man on council. I mean I don't know if you have had people try to lie to you and say that you are aggressive or intimidating so I don't expect you to understand that but that is something that I have had to deal with so that is why when it comes to accountability I want to do it in a group setting. It is okay that you disagree with me on that. I mean the same could be said for Theodore. Even the accountability thing with Theodore, how many individuals reached out to him personally when he was a transfer. It was his first year in college and also his first year on Council. How many individuals secretly messaged him and asked how he was going. He was secretly struggling the whole time to maintain a good gpa to stay in school. The same could be said for you because you were a big advocate of calling him out and holding him accountable. So I just don't understand why this is so different now."
- Naomi: "Would you like a response to that?"
- Carl: "Yeah, yeah."
- Naomi: "I know plenty of people on this council that reached out to him. Unfortunately I wasn't able to go to his Thanksgiving thing because I was out of town but I know even Phoebe had conversations with him, Sara had conversations with him. I personally know because we talked about this as a council. There were multiple check ins before we had that accountability meeting. We gave him opportunities and chances to change things and then when it finally led up to that I didn't blast him on email. We were having a conversation where all parties knew what we were agreeing to when we entered into the conversation."
- Carl: "I mean we spoke about this last time when someone came personally and complained about this funding body. We spoke about this and I told individuals on council and you can go check the minutes that I said that if people need help making appointments let me know and I will do what I can for that. Phoebe is the only individual who has reached out so far for a specific appointment that she needed help filling. The help has been offered maybe not in a specific way because as you said I am not in control of the funding body and I can't help someone who I don't know needs help in a specific way. I understand where you are coming from and I understand that you feel the way you feel but I don't regret the way I handled the situation. I think I handled it very professionally and in the future that is how I am going to handle situations because as the only black man on council I won't be perceived as being aggressive if someone thinks that then I will make sure the encounter is public to council so that they can come to their own conclusion. I appreciate you though."
- Ana: "So I am going to try and take back this conversation and bring it back to the funding bodies. I know that there are a lot of people who have comments about this so I will try to make it brief. The one thing that I think needs to be addressed is that we need to have compassion for the people that we are working with and yes there is accountability that is needed. It is on us to have conversations and go talk to the individuals that are running and leading and help with answering questions from other students. The wellness commission has the programming fun and we have a lot of different applicants that apply to that and I think that it is important to recognize that the people that you assign to those positions also need to be held accountable. If it is an aspect of reading applications and sifting through them and approving them and having manpower communicating with people within your commission and then also outside of it. This is just from my personal knowledge of us running the programming fund for many years and luckily this year there haven't been any issues but I would be happy to speak about this offline as well when it comes to how to structure these programs."
- Alicia: "I want to start off by saying that I have never called you intimidating Carl and I have never found you aggressive. I said that I found it insensitive for you not to listen to my explanations of why ARC is struggling and why we need support. I said it was inappropriate to send it all to the council. Those are the things that I said. You didn't even respond to the solutions that I had or the concerns that I brought up in my other email. I also want to say that I think it is a common trend for people to have to go to you for support instead of you going to go to them because this is your council and you are responsible for helping your

fellow officers because we are also your constituents. You lead this and we need more leadership from you to be working with us instead of against us because right now it just feels like you are criticizing me instead of taking a restorative approach. If you had scheduled a one on one with me I would have been glad to work with you. I am sorry if I made it seem like I was trying to get out of being held accountable. I never intended that to come up this way. I was just explaining the situation that I am experiencing in this role and the support that I need.”

- Daniela: “I just want to start off first by addressing transparency on behalf of the ASRF app and TGMF. Some of this was already touched on in the Daily Bruin article. I did have that interview last week since they did reach out to me. I am not sure if any other council members also received the request but basically both funds were overseen by two directors that were appointed over the summer and were transitioned into the fall quarter. We had issues from the start in terms of supporting both directors to collaborate with each other and I think that led to a lot of burnout. One of which resulted in resignations on both parts amidst fall quarter. I had to wrap up both funds on my own while trying to get access to two emails that we still don't have access to which have all of the original documentation around both of the funds. We are trying to initiate new hires for finance directors and we launched an application in the fall quarter and we currently have two new directors that I spent a lot of time onboarding. So these two funds are operating now and students are receiving communication through the AAC email. We still cannot update information on the guidelines until we have a complete constitutional conventional institutional review committee which needs to be acquainted by this council. So that needs to be addressed by the council because until we do that we cannot update the guidelines to give students the accurate information but we are trying to work around that and still get information out. I hear that there are a lot of tensions in the room. The biggest point that I want to have come across right now is that there is no reason why being a part of USAC should be as dehumanizing as it is. I want to center again on what Naomi mentioned that we are all paying the student fees that get funneled into the funding bodies that we run and I think we have a strong interest in this beyond just being the appointed council members that manage these funds and see that the funds are allocated in an equitable manner but I feel like the space isn't a collaborative environment that we need in order to make these funds successful. It is not reading as compassionate and empathetic. When we first started our training way back in spring quarter there was a strong message around accountability but there is no reason why accountability should be so punitive. I would also like to highlight that if organizations had reached out to you personally Carl to meet one on one we should follow that model and it would have been a lot more efficient to have implemented that with council members because I agree that the method that was utilized was not the most empathetic way of going about the situation.”
- Eliana: “Just want to emphasize and build off of what Daniela and Ana said. It looks like we have a systematic problem. I mean Alicia and Jeffry have been doing the work that is supposed to be done by 6 or 7 people. The same goes for Daniela's and Juan's offices as well. In terms of staffing and terms of SGA understaffing I have had the same kinds of issues so at the end of the day we have something that is not wrong with the individual council members but with the system and I think it should always be approached that way. There is no way that two people doing the work of 7 people is going to go well. It is the same problem with why a lot just got our grades and some people still have not because we have professors that are understaffed with the amount of work and grading that they had to do. This wasn't because of an individual problem but a systematic problem. At the end of the day we are going to have to try to get to the bottom of why there is not enough staff for things that happen here and I don't know what the solution is but I think we need to find it unless we are just going to stay on this like a hamster wheel that is driving everyone in this room crazy.”
- Phoebe: “Yes I agree, I feel like there is a lot of blame going around. I think we have a duty to work this out and help the funding bodies get the money and we need to come up with concrete action items in the future with tangible things we can work on. I think that there could be a helpful conversation so we know how to support each other. To speak on the email because that has been a big topic tonight. I think it wasn't great that we were all cc'd on it. I mean it is nice to be aware of these things but I think using the language especially like calling our Alicia as CAC instead of using her name wasn't super respectful. It was all very accusatory and I don't know if that is the best way of going about bringing attention to an issue. It was also very

accusatory that she wasn't giving funding specifically to a black organization but I do think that generally funding is struggling across the whole organization. In the second email, the phrase, "I am sorry you feel that way" came up a couple of times and I feel like that is not a very compassionate way of going about listening to somebody but I am glad that you are looking out for the student body and I think we can all improve how we can support these funding bodies in the future."

- Carl: "Thank you Phoebe, I appreciate your comments. I just wanted to say that you were the one who called me intimidating one time so if you disagree with the way that I proceeded to address this situation you are to blame a little bit so I just wanted to put that out there as well. You called me intimidating from a very simple message so that is now the way that I am going to operate."
- Phoebe: "Based on your email and reading that again. One, I appreciate you for bringing it up again because I read the email like once and I was like wait, it was not me and then okay so thank you Carl for clarifying that today in this meeting. I do want to highlight that I guess I can see the concerns of me portraying this image of you that might me unfair and it seems like I could be portraying a person of color in a big light but I also want to mention that I was actually intimidated by the message. I feel like the language used previously you did seem to say that I completely ignored that you didn't want to do something and I don't think that happens so I do believe that language does matter. I think it is okay that I said that because that was something that happened and it was true but I apologize if that created other effects that I didn't mean to happen by portraying you in a light that may not be the way you would like to be perceived by people."
- My-Lan: "Hi everyone, sorry I popped in for this one and that I missed half of the meeting because I am planning the off-campus housing fair for tomorrow but I thought it would be good to be present for this discussion. I have a few things I want to talk about this because in my position I knew that this was an issues but i wasn't quite sure the extent or how people really needed support so I am glad that I was kind of kept in the loop on these topics and now that we are able to talk about it together. The main thing we mentioned was just like council supporting each other and I am glad that we are able to talk about this now because I think we need to be a bit more transparent with our needs and capacities because it is hard for Carl and myself to keep track of our own offices, council, and then other work we need to do. So it is important that people reach out to us. We are all still learning and transitioning so I hope the student body can give us a little bit more wiggle room with that. I apologize on my part for not extending as much help. If you need my help, please don't hesitate to reach out to me and I can try and do whatever I can to support you all. I just haven't been getting asked for help and because my knowledge on the basis of funds is limited I don't know what type of help you need. I just have a few questions about what solutions we have for students who have been affected by the funding delays and what is being done to make sure that the funds are getting out to the students on time. I think instead of accusing other council members we should look at the bigger picture and see how the students are being affected and how we can make it easier for students because they are innocent. I think we should look into how we can prevent these conflicts and these things from happening for future councils. So we should move away from accusing each other of how we can prevent this in the future."
- Daniela: "I want to thank My-Lan because when these issues started to show up for ASRF and TGMF, a student emailed IVP and she immediately forwarded that email to me and checked in with me on a personal basis and that was a very successful way that I experience support from council thus far. I think we need to be authentic in this conversation and the conditions that we are operating in as a council. It is not the most collaborative space and I think that is a result of it not being an empathetic space. We haven't had the opportunity to breed relationships as council members let alone as students or human beings. I also want to say that as UCLA has gone towards more in-person events it has also resulted in more demands from funding bodies than in previous years because of Covid. There has also been a great loss of instructional knowledge over the years of how funding bodies operate and shortages in staffing have exacerbated that issue."
- Eliana: "I just want to mention in terms of solving this it would be helpful for everyone to see if they have staff in their offices that would be able to help with ARC or one of the other funds to help clear the backlog. I will be trying to work on this for myself and I feel like it would be helpful for others to do this as well."

- Alicia: "I want to reiterate how you were telling me and sort of mocking me earlier by saying that when I expressed that I felt exploited in this role you said it was due to me not being accountable to my responsibility and position. I want to add how incredibly patronizing and manipulative the language in those emails was by not referring to me by my name and not approaching me in a kind manner to actually come up with a solution when that is your responsibility as president. I also want to add that your response to Naomi was lacking an understanding of intersectionality and it felt like you were undermining the fact that she is also a black person who also experiences discrimination and has to navigate life in that manner and you silenced her and told her she wouldn't understand and that was not okay. It is important for you to acknowledge that and build a space for people to be heard because you are not listening to our apologies or explanations and you are trying to shift the narrative by saying "I am sorry you feel that way and not address the things that I am actually telling you."
- Sara: "I guess I just wanted to make a quick comment. I think the most important thing is that we are all in this together and we are in this role and we are the only 15 people who know what it is like to be in this position and a lot of students hold us accountable and we have the power to actually help them do things that they want to. I don't think anyone here is coming forward with malice but more trying to serve the students in the best way that they can. I have worked with both of you this year and both of you are hardworking and dedicated. I just want to point out that I think there is a lack of transparency between USAC and administration. USAC councils come and go but the administration are the people who are here year after year and I think there is a lack of communication as to what our responsibilities were even at the beginning."
- Juan: "So Eliana brought this up and I really want to stress that this is a systematic problem and we need to address it and stop it. I am going to propose that we start having weekly meetings separate from the council that are not public for us to be collaborative and work together to get some action items together. I will send it in the slack to see when everyone is available. Even if you can't come send a representative so we can start getting work done on this issue. I don't think this is going to be solved tonight but I appreciated the conversation we had about this."
- Carl: "I agree with you Juan, let's get that set up. I think every council member can also spare people to work in these funding bodies. I have six right now that I can give up from my finance department and then I also have interns coming in that I can get. We will get a number for all the funding bodies that are understaffed and try to get as many people as we can into those roles."

B. Discussion about In-Person Meetings

King

- Kian motions to table this discussion for the next meeting, Sara seconds.
- By vote of 14-0-0, the motion passes and the discussion is moved until next week.

XI. Adjournment*

- Carl adjourns the meeting at 10:02pm.

Good and Welfare;

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