



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
May 16, 2023
7 PM PST
Zoom:

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I. Call to Order

King

- Carl calls the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via google docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Le

- Strike SFS Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Add Election Results Announcements

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

III. Approval of the minutes*

Le

- Sara moves to approve the minutes from 5/9/23, Eliana seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes are approved from 5/9/23.

IV. Public Comment

King

- Clara Castronova: "Hello, I am Clara from CALPIRG, here to give the weekly update. Right now we have three campaigns that we are actively running. These include the Plastics campaign, Save The Bees, and Ocean Conversation, with a lot of big upcoming events. On Thursday, the Plastics Campaign is hosting an event in Bruin Plaza focused on research on where Amazon recyclable plastics goes. Basically, we gathered this research by putting trackers in with the recyclables to see where it went and unfortunately all of it ended up in the landfill. We are also going to be having bracelet making at the event so make sure to come out. For the Bees campaign, they are having a Pollinator Palooza to raise awareness of bees and the push to ban bee pesticides. For the Oceans campaign, we are having an ocean themed art contest to raise awareness about ocean conversation."

- Samone Anderson: "I wish I was here unfortunately on better terms but I just wanted to express some concerns that I had about I feel like some anti-blackness that was presented within the election board this year. I was Thyra's co-campaign manager. I ran a multitude of USAC campaigns and I will say that they way that Thyra and other black candidates that were running in these contested seats, it was very disheartening to see the type of accusations and unfair sanctions that our black candidates had to be subjected to. Now sure, I should be happy that Thyra won the race but she shouldn't have had to go through that. She was literally being targeted and people were taking pictures of her and accusing her of things that she was not doing. The way that the election board approached this, I was very disappointed in the handling of this. I don't think that justice was done. I think the elections board owes a lot of these black candidates a public and formal apology for the anti-blackness numerous candidates had to be subjected to. I am still considering putting out a statement as to the way that Thyra was specifically targeted. So I wish I was here on better terms but I do think that there are some problems and we should probably review the people that were sitting on this election board."

- Public comment is closed at 7:15pm.

V. Funding

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| A. <u>Capital Contingency*</u> | Prentice |
| A. <u>Contingency Programming*</u> | Prentice |
| B. <u>SFS Allocations#</u> | Flores |
| C. <u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u> | Majer |
| D. <u>Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#</u> | Johnson |
| E. <u>ASRF Allocations#</u> | Cortez |
| F. <u>AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#</u> | Cortez |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$1,607.31 to 4 non USAC entities - No opposition, passes as a consent item. | |
| G. <u>ARC Allocations#</u> | Verdugo |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$7,500.00 to 3 non USAC entities - No opposition, passes as a consent item. | |
| H. <u>TGIF#</u> | Chiu |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$8,205.10 to 11 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity - No opposition, passes as a consent item. | |

VI. Special Presentations

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| A. <u>International Student Representative: Website Presentation</u> | Nath |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New website for International Students presented by Hansika. - Created and developed by the Office of ISR. - Expected to launch soon | |

VII. Appointments

VIII. Officer Reports

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| A. <u>President</u> | King |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scheduled a last meeting with Chancellor Block that will be next week on Wednesday. I know Giovanna wants to go to speak about this cool event that she wants to do. - Working on finalizing the approval for the financial aspects of the initiatives and making sure that the funds my office received is going to the right places. - Also making sure that all of my directors are getting paid. Please make sure if you got money for your directors that they are filling out the necessary paperwork to get paid because people can forget to fill out that paperwork. - I sent over my transition documents to Jonathan and that is pretty much it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Obviously this has been a pretty good year. I just wanted to first thank all of the current officers on USAC. You know we’ve done a lot of amazing work, obviously you know, every year we are not going to agree on every single thing but I think that we put our differences aside and we worked well with each other and did the best that we could do. In regards to the new incoming candidates, first off, I want to say congratulations to all of the new elected candidates and just all of the candidates that participated in the election in general. It is not an easy process putting yourself in front of 30,000 plus individuals and I just really want to say thank you to all of those individuals. I do want to say in regards to the future of our elections, I do hope that in the future we can have elections that are free of the drama, free of false allegations and false narratives and I hope that this incoming Council and the new incoming Election board chair can do something about it because the next USAC election scandal is slated for Week 5 of spring quarter 2024. I hope you guys can get ahead of it and make sure that you put some policies in place. But once again, I want to say this by no means it means to overshadow the new elected officers. Once again I want to say congratulations to each and every one of them and I am looking forward to seeing the initiatives that you are going to do and the work that you are going to accomplish. If you ever need any help | |

please reach out and I will be here in a support capacity. Thank you all for the amazing work. Love you.”

B. Internal Vice President

Le

- IVP Partnership Fund is fully allocated, doing req forms right now, everything should be done soon
- Housing relief fund application closed last week, we are hoping to review those soon
- Looking to see how we can distribute money to financial aid
- Our showcase is happening on May 26th in Kerckhoff coffee house, student musicians and performers from 6-8pm. Super cool event and everyone should come.
- I finally submitted my transition documents.
 - “I want to take this time to thank everyone for a great year. I am so grateful for the council members as well as the student leaders that I have worked with. I honestly couldn't imagine this year without all of you. I really didn't know what to expect when I got into this position. I didn't expect that I was having to build up all of the identity, responsibilities and initiatives after so much institutional knowledge was lost in the 2020 school year. I know other council members experienced the same thing. In the fall, I finally got to actually meet all the council members and found my staff members which really helped me realize that I wasn't alone. So yes despite all of the hardships I faced in the summer, having all of your support and the support of my staff members really really helped. In my office, we were able to build an office of over 50 student leaders and we developed interns and integrated them into the office. We did so much and I wouldn't trade this experience for the world because I am really proud of everything that we have done. Thank you everyone.”

C. External Vice President

Johnson

- Proxy: Eva Jussem
- We have been super busy at UC Hill Day and we have been lobbying for things like the Transit Corridor advocacy as well as bills for mental health funding, basic needs, California SNAP benefits, campus safety, a slew of bills that are super amazing and budget asks.
- We had meetings with representatives such as Adam Schiff, Ted Lou, Jimmy Garcia, Diane Feinstein's office, Pete Aguilar's office. We have been super busy prepping for that and in doing so we also got to network with the other UC's with UCSA so that was super cool.
- We have primarily focused on the transition as well in the office. We had our last general and executive meetings last week. The last thing that we are focusing on in addition to UC Hill Day is the UC Regents meeting that is occurring May 16th-May 18th. WE hosted a public comment training yesterday and we hosted 10 individuals that we got to teach about the UC regents and what they do and how to public comment and so I am hoping to see a lot of turnout tomorrow and we have another session tonight.

D. General Representative 1

Kohanteb

- Closing out the office and getting my directors paid and then we have some extra budget so just figuring out different clubs that need it and how to get them their money.
 - “We had our ups and downs, definitely had some fights with different council members, but altogether I think we worked well and got a lot of stuff done and I want to say congratulations Megan, you did a great campaign and I am excited to see what you are going to do now.”

E. General Representative 2

Hammonds

- Had a meeting with AAP and how college counseling and what they hope to bring in the future, seeing what programs they are going to offer when we become a HSI in 2025
- Trying to plan an end of the year banquet with my team, supporting opportunities for all
- Making sure all of my directors are getting paid despite some hiccups.
 - “Overall, I really enjoyed getting to know you all on this Council and getting closer. I think it was a great year. There were ups and downs but hey we powered through, we are here, it is Week 7. You all are going to do amazing and successful things, you are all natural born leaders and I hope you take on the world. But I am excited, I hope I get invited to some graduation parties.”

F. General Representative 3

Sisman

- We have an event on May 31st at 4 pm. It is not going to be enormous anymore but it should still be fun. We are going to be dealing with addictive aspects of the internet. We are closing up some surplus and some microgrants. One of my staffers wrote a resolution about some injustices that students in the independent major program have been facing. Hopefully we can pass that tonight.
 - I just want to say love all of you, thank you all so much and much love to all of our incoming and outgoing council members, it has been a true honor to work with you and to work with my staff and to work switch so many students and other community members and yeah we have had our share of conflicts and difficulties but this has really taught me a great deal about the power of standing up and uniting with other people. We can all have an enormous difference.”

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Cortez

- We have been pushing out final requisitions for ASRF and TGMF to make sure that we tie up all loose ends and connect organizations with their funds. We have also been facilitating discussions through emails and a few meetings as well with the senate specifically on UGC and some students have brought forth proposals. In addition to that, I met with the Curriculum subcommittee for the last time this quarter on UGC to discuss some programmatic policy changes and I also had the opportunity to voice concerns about how limited resources to advising are leading students down a pipeline of lack of support especially when paired with inflexible major admission guidelines. I also voiced some concerns about how across campus department navigation with TA salaries after the strike and that continuous exploitation of labor is conditioning and potentially will continue to foster limitations and negative consequences on the quality of instruction for all of us because the labor conditions of our TA's and graduates translate into our learning conditions as undergraduate students so we are going to continue to have those conversations as I will continue to sit on UGC through the end of the academic year but also through one-on-one check ins with UDC representatives.
- In regards to transitioning, I also met with the director of USIE and the SIOC appointment to discuss and reflect on how we can continue to improve the relationships with AAC and how I can pass those notes on to my successor .
- We hosted our final workshop last week. It was recorded and posted on the AAC instagram. It was focused on tips and tricks on how to transition and navigate their upper division coursework.
 - “I have already extended my sentiments to folks within my office already, but I feel that no amount of expression of gratitude will ever be enough because this work is so crucial and to be honest with all of you and I think a lot of us probably agree on this that it can be really challenging when we are being pulled in multiple directions while facing limited institutional support and thus limited capacity for us to do all of this well. This would have definitely been impossible without the folks in AAC this year to carry it out for us so while I am the one that has the privilege to sit on this council and the one that delivers reports to you all every week, it truly must be known that the work that we report to you is representative of the dedication, the effort, and the advocacy on parts of multiple students voices and leaders so thank you so much to them.”

H. Campus Events Commission

Boffa

- We have had a couple of events in the past week which have gone pretty well. Doom Generation by Gregor Rocky was yesterday night and then the most current stuff that we are doing right now is SHortTakes which is like our Film Festival competition. It is open to all college students across the country as well as graduate students so you can submit for those and we have a lot of celebrity judges.
- We have having the premier festival on June 1st in Ackerman Grand Ballroom and our next concert is on Thursday and we have noon tunes from 12-2 pm. Then we have ULTRA BLOOM next Thursday which will be in Kerckhoff patio and we will be announcing the acts for that soon.

I. Community Service Commissioner

Flores

- Proxy: Phoebe Chiu
- Recognize service workers, engage in workshops, network, lunch and raffle prizes
- I am sure he sends his regards.

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Verdugo

- Tomorrow we are having one at the Kerckhoff art gallery at 5 pm and then Thursday a tiny desk concert at 7pm. A women's celebration event is happening on Thursday as well, thank you to everyone who helped from 6-9 on Wescom Terrace. We also have a tiny desk tomorrow with Motion Blue at 7pm in the office, end of the year event, CAC world, Friday June 2nd welcome terrace from 6-9pm.
- Seen release party, craft session, gallery, performers, celebration of the year
- Hiring is also on its way. Released the apps on Friday and we already have two directors and looking to get an executive director, following week will be interviews and then directors retreat so everyone can get
- Worldfest Week is ON!
 - Follow @cac_worldfest and @culturalaffairs
 - KAG 5PM tomorrow and CAC Office Thursday at 7!
- For The Girls Concert - ALSO THURSDAY! 6-9PM Wescom Terrace
- Teeny Desk - Wednesday at 7PM after worldfest !
- End of Year Event - A CAC World! Coming 6/2
- Hiring is on its way, I have hired two new directors so far but our next two weeks will also be rolling in new apps!
- Directors' retreat is happening soon as well!
- A queer art gallery will be put on in June to celebrate pride month
- Working on ARC and CommUnity to finalize allocations
- A Bruin Bash meeting between the newly-elected CEC and I will take place Monday to get that process started!
- Starting to work on structuring ARC Initiative with my chairs this summer!!!! :)
- Submitted my transition docs
- Diverse City Tour to KTown on Sunday, May 28th ! Free transportation and free food and you get to experience a part of LA.
- Jazz Reggae Festival MAY 29TH! Get your tickets because they sell out quickly.
 - Editing funding apps and submitting reqs to get our funding :)
- Working on strengthening the relationship between CAC & SCA :)
- Attending Transfer Leadership Meet and Greet from TSR
- Attended UC DIVEST rally!
- Tomorrow I am attending the O4ALL Rally! 1245 on bruinwalk!
- Attending IDEAS's 20th anniversary gala, and you all should too! Supporting undocumented students.
- Will be interviewed by Daily Bruin on Eliana and I's resolution on COVID

K. Facilities Commissioner

Chiu

- The Bruin Bazaar committee had our vendor and it was a success. It was great, we did a large event even though we had a small staff. Our vendors were even excited about getting that shout out on our instagram just so they can get that visibility.
- Our committee has some NDAs with ASUCLA Catering to see if food process is okay or not
- Striking our qr codes on the mugs so we can track them and see if students are taking the mugs. Students have the option to have a reusable mug. Finishing out Meta Map, figuring out if restrooms are accessible, not having enough male identifying people to help us out with that.
- Very excited about the referendum that passed, the people worked very hard. We were so relieved and excited when we saw the results
- Student art is not on all of the TAP cards
- Big push on disability cultural centers, walk audits on the Hill, the only area that has space right now.
- Collecting feedback even after the center opens, dm FAC. Met with Kaitlyn Sloane from Disability, got a meeting, next steps forward to see what we can do and set up the center successfully.
- Article on Daily Bruin and how shitty Bruin Access is, see if we can get a google form set up to get direct feedback to give to the administration.
- Turned in transition documents.

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Broukhim

- Had our event last week on Bruin Walk and it went really well, all of our outreach on instagram and added a lot of people to our mailing list
- Spending more money on buying lab coats to give to students next year
- Going to get a banner for the new York Times to promote it and see if clubs need additional funding
- Thank everyone on council who worked hard to help the students and make the student body better
- Thank you to all of my directors and all of the hard work that they did. I am excited for the work that we are going to do next year.

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Majer

- Thank you to everyone for all of the support that you have given not only me but the whole commission. It wouldn't be possible without all of your help. I am so excited to be leaving, yay. But, that is because it has been an exhausting journey but we have gotten a lot of work done and that is what is important.
- We got STI testing available to everyone regardless of insurance which is a big deal.
- Established SWC Planned Parenthood chapter here at UCLA, went to Sacramento to lobby for that last week.
- Check our SWC instagram for events.

N. Transfer Student Representative

Cobbs

- Hope everyone did well in their midterms.
- I have been super busy and I am exhausted right now. This past week was the Transfer Weekend. I thought it would be a good idea to have a three day program but it was very exhausting and it took me out. I got a lot of support from all of the mother organizations though and that was good to see that.
- Got to speak at university welcome with Chancellor Block, nerve-wracking. I had a lot of people come up to me and said I was a role model and that is a great thing to hear and it makes you feel good.
- Transfer leadership meet and greet, hopefully you all can still come to this.
- Special thank you to my board, director of finance especially. I am the only one who has had a shortened board, so thank you to myself.
- I will turn transition documents in soon.

O. International Student Representative

Nath

- Wrapping up everything.
- Three part series with the Career Center and Dashew Center, we already had one and we have one coming up. Lots of people are coming, serving lots of good food.

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Orlando: "Hello everyone, just a couple of updates. I am sure by now you have seen several emails from me. If you haven't attended the final workshop to finalize re-registration, you need to. I saw some of you at the last workshop. I appreciate that. Along the same lines, for those who belong to organizations or maybe in your own office who have obtained PAB Funds such as campus programs committee or campus activities committee, funding requisitions are due May 21st. I finally just wanted to give a quick shout out. It has been my pleasure to be your advisor. This year I am co-advising with Lori and Jessica and ASUCLA's team and this is my first year taking the lead. You all have been great getting through some challenges and getting some great work done and you should be patting yourselves on the back for a job well done."
- Jessica: "Okay, based off feedback from last year, we are setting up times to reserve for Room 417 for you staff meetings. I do know that some offices are very large and can't fit in there so if you do need to get a lottery time slot to book a general meeting room please make sure to do that. Additionally I wanted to just quickly recognize a couple of team members. We had our student Exceptional awards today and for Student Government Services we nominated Alexa, most of you saw her last Tuesday come present bylaws to you and she has just done a tremendous amount of work for our division and has been really amazing. Additionally, we had Sydney receive an award. Minutes Taker in itself is a really challenging job to hold and to be able to capture the minutes well and we never need to make changes is really awesome. So thank you. Thank you for all of your hard work this year. I feel like if anybody knows the work that you all are doing, it is going to be us because we have a seat at the table. We see the amount of hours that you put into this role and supporting the student body so thank you. If anybody needs a recommendation or endorsement or

translating your role into a job so you can put it on your resume let me know and I would be more than happy to help you out with that.”

- Lori: “
- Jonathan: “I will start off with the obvious which is transition documents. Thank you to everyone that submitted. Special shout out to Eliana who scheduled a meeting with me to go over her feedback for next year. That was lovely so thank you Eliana. The folks that I am still missing from; EVP, ISR, TSR, FSC, CSC. I know your emails, I know where your offices are and we will not stop until we get them. You are not going to get out of it. We really want them by Thursday so we can give them to the new council. ASUCLA update, res Hall meal vouchers are now being accepted at the UCLA stores locations on campus. Saturday is USAC installation and currently we are planning for you all to be there from 1-3 pm in the Kerckhoff Grand Salon. If you have a conflict and you cannot be there please let us know. There will be refreshments provided and you are all welcome to bring two additional guests and just let us know through the RSVP forum that was sent a while ago. You all currently have offices and if you are not coming back your office access will end soon. Friday of Week 9 is your eviction date so please remove any items that you would like access to. Don’t steal things that aren’t yours. You all also have fiduciary responsibilities so please still keep an eye on your emails so we can contact you. We are still going to transition those emails over to the new folks after Week 10. Another thing, I have a 275 row spreadsheet in front of me from ASUCLA events and catering with all of your outstanding bills so speaking of fiduciary responsibilities a good handful of you have some outstanding bills so our staff tomorrow is going to go through it and reach out to all of you individually. Congratulations on a year well done. It is wonderful to jump back into this space and get to know and work with you all. I hope that I have been a small help in your journey and I am very proud of you for finishing strong.”

IX. Old Business

A. [Articles II - VII](#)*

Cortez

- Eliana moves to approve the bylaw changes, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the bylaw changes are approved.

B. [USA Financial Policies; Stipend Guidelines; General Stipend Policies](#)*

Sisman

- Alicia: “I know this is our last meeting, but I do think that this is something that needs a little bit more time to think about.
- Jessica: “This doesn't affect anyone until the Fall, I would table it. We are still trying to outreach to folks in work study because we don't know if there are also other considerations that we are not thinking about.
- Eliana moves to table the General Stipend Policies, Kian seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the action item is tabled.

X. New Business

A. [A Resolution affirming the Protection of students' right to a supportive academic environment and Urging Student Involvement and Empowerment in driving the mission, vision, and values of the UC and UCLA](#)*

Sisman

A Resolution affirming the Protection of students' right to a supportive academic environment and Urging Student Involvement and Empowerment in driving the mission, vision, and values of the UC and UCLA

Sponsors:

Eliana Judith Sisman, *General Representative 3*

My-Lan Le, *Internal Vice President*

Alicia Verdugo, *Cultural Affairs Commissioner*

Whereas, the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) is firmly committed to supporting the academic goals of all students, irrespective of their background or circumstances, and strives to provide the necessary resources and support to ensure every student's success.¹²

Whereas, empowering students to become leaders in their respective fields, communities, and the world is a primary objective of both the University of California Los Angeles and the University of California at large.³

Whereas, the University of California aims to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences required to address the most pressing challenges of our time, foster innovation, and create positive change.⁴

Whereas, fostering a culture of learning driven by intellectual curiosity, academic excellence, and social responsibility is a fundamental belief of the University of California Los Angeles, emphasizing the importance of innovation and creativity in education.⁵

Whereas, the University of California Los Angeles:

- Recognizes itself as a hub where innovation and creativity thrive.⁶
- Pursues the mission to inspire and empower students to become agents of change in the world, encouraging critical and creative thinking and pushing the boundaries of what is possible.
- Ensures that every student has the opportunity to succeed and amplifies every student's voice, valuing each member of the community and empowering them to thrive.

Whereas, the strategic goals of the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) have acknowledged the need for "curricular innovation, cross-disciplinary collaboration, and engaged learning" across the UC system.⁷

Whereas, UCLA and UCOP understand that maintaining a community and environment of trust, achievement, inclusivity, diversity, safety, dignity, and respect is essential to fulfill their requirements, achieve their mission and vision, and fulfill their fiduciary and social responsibilities.

Whereas, members of the University of California Faculty and the University of California Los Angeles:⁸⁹¹⁰¹¹

- ¹²Have a responsibility to maintain a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all university community members.
- Must treat all students with dignity and respect.
- Shall adhere to the highest ethical and moral standards in all aspects of their work.
- Hold a special responsibility to maintain a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment.
- Are responsible for providing regular and constructive feedback to students.
- Must ensure that students have sufficient support to succeed academically.
- Should respond in a timely manner to student inquiries and be accessible to students for consultation outside of class.
- Have a responsibility to provide accurate and timely information to students, offering guidance and support in defining and achieving their academic goals.
- Shall provide students with reasonable opportunities to discuss any concerns regarding grades or evaluations.
- Are responsible for assisting students in developing educational plans and achieving their academic goals.

¹ UCLA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

² UCLA Academic Planning and Budget

³ UCLA Office of the Chancellor; UCLA Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

⁴ UCLA College of Letters and Science

⁵ UC's 2016-2025 Strategic Plan

⁶ UCLA College of Letters and Science Mission Statement

⁷ UC's 2016-2025 Strategic Plan

⁸ Policy on Faculty Conduct and the Administration of Discipline: UCOP (APM 015)

⁹ Policy on Professional Conduct: UCOP (PPM 200-70)

¹⁰ UCLA Policy 220, UCLA Policy 140, UCLA Faculty Code of Conduct (Section 140.21), UCLA Academic Personnel Office. Faculty Handbook., UCLA Policy 405, Section III.A.1

¹¹ UC Academic Senate Manual Part II, Section 310B

¹² Chancellor Gene Block, UCLA Convocation Address 2021

Whereas, in a rapidly changing world, UCLA, as a public research institution dedicated to furthering knowledge for the betterment of global society, must adapt to the evolving requirements of our time, where innovation, change, and non-traditional approaches are crucial to overcoming environmental degradation, global nuclearization, rising totalitarianism, and increasing class division caused by traditional methods.

Whereas, traditional approaches have contributed to environmental degradation, global nuclearization, rising totalitarianism, and deepening class divisions. Consequently, innovation, change, and unconventional approaches must be embraced to fulfill the purpose and function of our institution.

Whereas, as an institution committed to excellence and diversity in all pursuits, UCLA recognizes that openness and inclusion foster true quality.

Whereas, discovery, creativity, and innovation are fundamental pillars of UCLA, serving as the bedrock for advancing knowledge, addressing pressing societal needs, and fostering a university enriched by diverse perspectives where all individuals can flourish.

Whereas, the Independent Major Program at UCLA offers students a unique opportunity to explore and develop their intellectual interests in ways not possible within traditional majors.

Whereas, the Independent Major Program stands as the sole avenue at UCLA through which motivated and high-achieving students can pursue innovation and thrive as individuals aligned with the mission of the University of California Los Angeles, benefiting from its core values of discovery, creativity, and innovation.

Whereas, innovation, creativity, and discovery often extend beyond the boundaries of existing academic structures, the Independent Major program allows students to engage in educational innovation through non-traditional lines of study, which often prioritize research, hands-on learning, and the exploration of the unknown. It is vital to provide students with the necessary freedom to pursue studies collaboratively with academic sponsors without arbitrary limitations that hinder the achievement of true discovery, innovation, and creativity.

Whereas, the Independent Major program currently provides students with less than 1000 words to comprehend all the intricacies of its goals, processes, procedures, and more. In order to adhere to UCLA and UCOP policies regarding faculty and academic responsibility, the program must establish swift and efficient channels of communication between faculty and potential students, and violations of such policies must be promptly addressed and suitably corrected based on the scale of the violation.¹³

Whereas, the Independent Major program has the potential to significantly empower students and contribute to the achievement of UCLA and UCOP strategic goals. Students pursuing independent majors, like all others at UCLA, should feel supported, safe, empowered, respected, and confident in their ability to achieve their academic goals.

Whereas, the Independent Major program has fallen short of expectations in terms of transparency, conduct, support, and student-stakeholder accountability.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT USAC condemns any limitations that impede students' ability to pursue the mission, vision, and goals of UCLA, particularly within the Independent Major program. This includes independent major policies inconsistent with the university's strategic and economic goals, as well as its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, along with procedural deficiencies in the program conflicting with the faculty code of conduct and the absence of facilities for connectivity, information sharing, and community building among students pursuing independent majors; For which, provisions for connectivity, information sharing, and community building among students pursuing independent majors must be established.

¹³ UCLA Undergraduate Education, Honors Programs, Independent Majors

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that USAC supports and calls for increased empowerment of students working to address the pressing social, economic, and environmental crises of the 21st century. Addressing these crises necessitates true innovation and the development of new thought frameworks aligned with the principles of social entrepreneurship.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that USAC calls for the involvement of student stakeholders in the Independent Major Program's governance, an inquiry into the challenges faced by current students in the Independent Major Program, with the goal of creating systems to support these students in achieving their goals, and the exclusion of Independent Majors from arbitrary departmental limitations and research-related maximums that hinder students' ability to conduct meaningful research and further the purpose of the University of California. Specifically, we call for students in Independent Majors to have the access to classes and research which might be restricted to students in a particular traditional department-affiliated major.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that USAC stands in support of students impacted by the lack of transparency, accountability, and support within the Independent Major Program.

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that USAC urges the office of the Chancellor, the Office of Student Affairs, and the Office of Undergraduate Education at UCLA to take immediate action in addressing violations of the faculty code of conduct and rectifying the significant discrepancies between the mission, vision, and purpose of our institution and the Independent Major Program.

- Thyra moves to approve the Resolution Affirming the Protection of Students' Right to a Supportive Academic Environment and Urging Student Involvement and Empowerment in Driving the Mission, Vision, and Values of the UC and UCLA, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the resolution is approved.

B. Elections Board Results Certification*

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- Voter Turnout: 23.03%
 - President: Naomi Hammonds
 - IVP: Megan Law
 - EVP: Eva Jussim
 - GR1: Katie Pool
 - GR2: Gabrielle Lasry
 - GR3: Jonathan Venezuela
 - AAC: Sujana Sridhar
 - CEC: Mason Miller
 - CSC: Chia Ying Wong
 - CAC: Alicia Verdugo
 - FSC: Evan Curran
 - FSC: Sara Broukhim
 - SWC: Jennis Kang
 - TSR: Thyra Cobbs
 - ISR: Adam Tfayli
 - Referendum Passed
- Alicia moves to approve the Election Board Results, Phoebe seconds.
 - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes.

XI. Adjournment*

- Carl adjourns the meeting at 8:44pm.

Good and Welfare;

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