



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
August 14, 2023  
7 PM PST

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## **I. Call to Order**

Hammonds

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

### **A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Present:
  - Naomi
  - Eva
  - Evan
  - Sujana
  - Sara
  - Thyra
  - Jonathan
  - Katie
  - Mason
  - Megan
- Absent:
  - Alicia
  - Gabby
  - Chia
  - Jennis
  - Adam

## **II. Approval of Agenda\***

Law

- Strike BAG Allocations
  - Strike Personal Financial Matter in New Business
  - Strike TGIF
  - Strike ASRF Allocations
  - Strike TGMF Allocations
  - Change Election Code Changes from Executive Session to Discussion
  - Add Evelyn Sanford for the Academic Senate: Committee on Research
  - Add Mithra Venkatesh for the USAC Judicial Board
  - Add ASteria Xue for the Student Fee Advisory Committee
  - Add Natalie Kim and Maragert Essien to the Community Activities Committee
  - Add Alyssa Carmona for the Academic Senate: Committee on Faculty Welfare
  - Add Hanna Sato for the Academic Senate: General Education Governance Committee
  - Add Anusha Entezari for the Academic Senate: Committee on Academic Freedom
  - Change Prentice for Yin under Funding as the new FiCom Chair
  - Strike Capital Contingency Allocations
  - Strike Contingency Programming Allocations
- Thyra asks to strike the Powell Cat Discussion.
  - Evan states that he just wants to give a little background on it and then table it until next week.
- Megan moves to add all of these appointments to the agenda, Sara seconds.
  - By vote of 7-0-0, the motion passes and the appointments are added to the agenda.

- Megan moves to make all the appointments action items, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and the appointments are made into action items.
  
- Sara moves to approve the agenda as amended, Thyra seconds.
- By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

**III. Approval of the minutes\***

Law

- Evan moves to approve the minutes from 8/1/23, Eva seconds.
- By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes are approved from the last meeting.

**IV. Public Comment**

Hammonds

- Public comment is closed at 7:11pm.

**V. Funding**

- A. ~~Capital Contingency\*~~ Yin
- A. ~~Contingency Programming\*~~ Yin
- B. ~~SFS Allocations#~~ Wong
- C. ~~SWC Programming Fund Allocations#~~ Kang
- D. ~~Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#~~ Jussim
- E. ~~ASRF Allocations#~~ Sridhar
- F. ~~AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#~~ Sridhar
- G. ~~ARC Allocations#~~ Verdugo
- H. ~~TGIF#~~ Curran

**VI. Special Presentation**

- A. [TSR Office Transfer Awareness Training and Discussion](#) Cobbs
- B. [UCSA SOS Campaign Goals](#) Jussim

**VII. Appointments**

- A. Academic Senate: Committee on Research\* Sridhar
  - a. Evelyn Sanford
    - Sujana moves to appoint Evelyn Sanford to the Academic Senate: Committee on Research, Sara seconds.
    - By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and Evelyn Sanford is appointed to the Academic Senate: Committee on Research.
  
- B. USAC Judicial Board\* Hammonds
  - a. Mithra Venkatesh
    - Sara moves to appoint Mithra Venkatesh to the USAC Judicial Board, Megan seconds.
    - By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and Mithra Venkatesh is appointed to the USAC Judicial Board as a justice.
  
- C. Student Fee Advisory Committee\* Hammonds
  - a. Asteria Xue
    - Sara moves to appoint Asteria Xue to the Student Fee Advisory Committee, Megan seconds.
    - By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and Asteria Xue is appointed to the Student Fee Advisory Committee.
  
- D. Community Activities Committee\* Hammonds
  - a. Natalie Kim
    - Sara moves to appoint Natalie Kim to the Community Activities Committee, Jonathan seconds.
    - By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and Natalie Kim is appointed to the Community Activities Committee.

- b. Margaret Essien
  - Sara moves to appoint Margaret Essien to the Community Activities Committee, Evan seconds.
  - By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and Margaret Essien is appointed to the Community Activities Committee.

E. Academic Senate: Committee on Faculty Welfare\* Sridhar

- a. Alyssa Carmona
  - Sara moves to appoint Alyssa Carmona to the Academic Senate: Committee on Faculty Welfare, Jonathan seconds.
  - By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and Alyssa Carmona is appointed to the Academic Senate: Committee on Faculty Welfare.

F. Academic Senate: General Education Governance Committee\* Sridhar

- a. Hanna Sato
  - Sara moves to appoint Hanna Sato to the Academic Senate: General Education Governance Committee, Thyra seconds.
  - By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and Hann Sato is appointed to the Academic Senate: General Education Governance Committee.

~~G. Academic Senate: Committee on Academic Freedom\* Sridhar~~

- ~~a. Anusha Entezari~~

## **VIII. Officer Reports**

A. President Hammonds

- I talked to Brain McDonald about the logistics for the new student welcome speech
- Alicia and I did the USAC tabling for appointments.
- Freshman/Chance for summer program picnic was really fun. Seeing more applications come in from the people at the event.
- Talked to some incoming freshmen about study abroad programs and USAC opportunities in two panels about two weeks ago.
- Attended the summit for opportunity for all for a little bit, but heard great reviews and comments.
- Tara and I were on UCLA's center for Community College Partnerships panel. Had insightful conversations with transfers and were able to talk about our experience at UCLA with intersectional identities.
- I went to Chancery Student Research Center during their orientation and got to talk to a few people about planning their classes.
- Eva and I are currently at the UC Student Leadership Summit.
- I have a meeting tomorrow with Emporia and Sandra with ACCLA
- My Chief of staff, Issac, had a meeting with Dean Rush and got to bring up the potential brief policy that has been proposed by a student Advocate at Berkeley. This is about when a student experiences a loss some schools offer them a mandated amount of time for extensions on assignments.
- We are trying to think of ways to help admins serve the student body.
- Issac had a two hour meeting with mix.
- Trying to figure out better ways that we can collaborate and work together. We are also getting the physical office space in order which is also where we are also attending the South Bay Student Leadership Academy this weekend.
- I will also be sitting on the lgbtq plus CRC assistant director finals interviews

B. Internal Vice President Law

- Last week I attended the Student Organizing Summit hosted by the UC Student Association and advocated heavily for narcan accessibility and further advocacy for the Acquire SHIELD Campaign. I would like to thank Eva, Thyra, Jennis, Sujana and the rest of the UCLA delegation for attending and representing UCLA.
- The IVP Office is hiring general staff members to work for the Equity, Transparency, and Accessibility Committee, Empowering Student Engagement, Pre-Professional Opportunities, Supporting Student Needs, etc. Please apply through our link in our bio on the IVP Instagram: @uclaivp

- The Appointments Review Committee conducted 9 interviews since the last USAC meeting and will be scheduling close to 15~ for the next meeting.
- I am working on adding the Housing Appeals Board to the appointments section of the USAC bylaws. So far, I am adding a representative appointed by the IVP and FAC to this board. Please contact me outside if you want more information.

C. External Vice President

Jussim

- Naomi and I are both at the Student Leadership Summit with UC office of the president
- Learning how to navigate the bureaucracy of EUC.
- Highlights about student engagement. Ways to better engage like the government relations office
- Learning to understand who to Target
- Had a conversation with David Phillips the AVP for Capital programs energy and sustainability about Sepulveda Transit Corridor and getting through to Micheal Beck. Evan will talk more about that.
- Looking to be heavily focused on engaging with the chancellors and provost or the implementation of funding specifically for students with disabilities. For reference the state just awarded 1.5 million dollars to fund I think specialists for students with disabilities to ensure that there are adequate services.
- As an office we had our second general meeting. Learned how to navigate the UCLA bureaucracy.
- Did a lot of work regarding the resolution we have on the agenda.
- The office EVP is going to host a calling session to call our legislators in support of maintaining federal work study.
- The calling session is gonna happen on August 28th at 11A.M. Would love all your help as we have a specific group of people we want to call.
- Lastly, we have begun to draft our application for our fall fellowship which is essentially an internship program for EVP and it is really targeted for first years and incoming transfer students so that they can be exposed to USAC.

D. General Representative 1

Pool

- This past week, Sara and I met with the assistant Vice Chancellor for housing and dining and hospitality and we are just both very interested in bringing back the off campus meal plan and we are working with him to see how we can get that running and we have brainstormed different ideas and how we can do that along with other goals that we have. We want to get rid of the paper vouchers and move them to electronic versions for sustainability reasons and access for everyone.
- I am also working on conducting interviews for my office. I am also working on my other projects including getting transfer students into business clubs.

E. General Representative 2

Lasry

F. General Representative 3

Valenzuela Meija

- Back from my voyage in Japan, very exciting and very rewarding experience
- Officially hired almost all of my directors, am going to be meeting them next week
- Apologies for not having been present during the last meeting, a lot of travel things were going on and I was unable to join but am glad to be present. Thankful for my Policy Director Crystal for having been present and telling you all my updates.
- Continuing on with ARC interviews, again much love to Sara and Megan for their continued work with those interviews.
- Will be meeting with my UCB/UCLA collaboration stakeholders soon.
- Now being the liaison for USAC and HSI, excited moving forward for the continuation of collaboration with USAC and ensuring we are supporting this initiative as much as possible, will be meeting with them soon. Thanks Naomi for bringing this opportunity to my attention.  
As one of two Latinx representatives on board for a school with about 20% Latinx students in a majority-Latinx city and state, it's important we keep this initiative and the Latinx community in mind within all of the work we do.
- Now that I have a lot of free time, I will be dedicated to reaching out to a variety of stakeholders relating to my platforms but if you all need support for your initiatives as well, please let me know.

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Srihar

- I had a meeting with the registrar along with Corey Hollis and Emma Landry who is the VP for Academic Affairs for GSA and they were able to form a working group towards the issue of permanent and complete notations on transcripts. We were able to come up with a projected timeline for it and we realized that it would be at least a year because it is a big shift.
- I need to work on a draft outline of that with Emma.
- Also regarding textbook affordability, I was able to present at the California Open Educational Resource conference that was attended by bookstore employees, faculty, administrators, and educators from all of the UC's, CSU, and CC's across California.
- We talked about the textbook affordability situation here at UCLA and we talked about organizing and summits.
- I met the appointed representative for the academic affairs at UC Davis. She has been really supportive.
- I need to publish my Books for the Bruins application soon and we will be publishing that this week so I can have the full list of applicants for that before going into the school year.
- I was able to get my director of campus relations in on a meeting with the facilities commission where we discussed the last council meeting.
- I was able to connect with lots of dog handlers for the midterm stress relief weekdays. Some people responded but I will be emailing more.

H. Campus Events Commission

Miller

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wong

- Working on reviewing applications for Robert S Michaels Scholarship Awards 2022-2023
- Working with Volunteer Center on Volunteer Day and Servocacy Fest (9/30)
- Urgently calling for CAC Annual Appointments, as the funding committee needs to start reviewing applications by end of August.

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Verdugo

- Have been doing 1:1s with each series, admin, and ARC
  - Setting up the new year, dispersing budget for series
  - Set dates for hiring
  - Set dates for directors and all-staff retreat
  - Creating all-staff 23-24 slack
  - Created budget tracker
  - Hiring a new chief of staff
  - Reaching out to webmaster to set up our website again
  - Having all-exec meetings bi-weekly
- Finalizing receipts for some cash advances of the previous year
- Beginning to start booking spaces
- Met with Thyra (TSR) to discuss collaborations
- Drafting new guidelines for ARC Fund
- Finalized timeline for ARC apps

K. Facilities Commissioner

Curran

**Access & Infrastructure:**

- Publicly launched our STC4All Ambassador program in close collaboration with UCLA Government Community Relations. The Ambassador program is open to all students passionate about improving public transportation on campus, specifically through the creation of a UCLA station on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor and a direct transfer to the D-Line. Find more about the program by [clicking here](#).
- Recorded a short segment for KPFK (public radio based in Studio City) Soul Rebel Radio program. We discussed the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, the importance of student involvement in the planning process, and why other Angelenos should care about a project of this magnitude. We were invited to return to the program at any time to provide updates on our advocacy efforts.
- Drafted a support letter on CA Assembly Bill 645 which would permit the piloting of speed cameras in school zones and on streets with a history of fatal collisions. The letter will be presented and voted upon today during council, it's also attached here: [Support Safer Streets with the Passage of AB 645](#)

- Met with the Alumni Scholars Association to discuss a potential Powell Cat Memorial. We shifted our focus away from a physical statue or mural and instead want to leverage people's connection with the cat to support either the library or mental health services. You can learn more about the specifics of the proposal here: [Powell Cat Memorial SPARK Campaign](#)
- Attended the CD5 Interim Housing town hall. A group of 20 or so homeowners disrupted the meeting, alleging the project would disrupt neighborhood character or lower property values. It's critical students continue to voice their support for such projects and necessary housing isn't canceled due to the loud opposition of a small minority of the community.
- Attended the University Committee on Disability (UCOD) monthly meeting. Our discussion focused mainly on logistics for Disability Awareness Week. We're excited to further the Facilities Commissions involvement in the week and are planning on highlighting the intersections between disability justice and environmentalism.
- Presented at the ASUCLA Services Committee about the Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center and the possibility of running a student fee to support a multicultural center on campus. More information will be presented formally to council soon, you can find a link to the presentation we gave here: [LSDCC/Referendum Info Slides](#)
- Met with Mia Terry, Disability Justice Coordinator for the UC Students Association (UCSA) to discuss UC-wide efforts to establish DCCs at every campus. Are in the preliminary stages of building student support to lobby the Regents and fast track the proposal.
- Met with members of the Disability Peer Mentoring Program and Academic Affairs Commissioner (AAC) Sujana Sridhar about the current state of the program and areas where USAC can support. Both FAC and AAC will have at least one member represented on the peer mentoring program's steering committee.

#### **Sustainability:**

- Met with Michael Schneider, founder of advocacy group Streets For All to discuss their Destruction for Nada campaign and the Healthy Streets Ballot Initiative. Destruction for Nada is an ongoing effort to end the dangerous and destructive practice of freeway widenings in Los Angeles county. The Healthy Streets Ballot Initiative will be voted on this March and if passed would require the City of Los Angeles to follow its own mobility plan which they passed in 2015. This means the city would be required by law to implement new bus routes, bike lanes, and safer streets when they resurface a road.

#### **Appointments:**

- Had our first The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) meeting with my newly appointed Vice Chair Anya Desai and Fernando Perez from Student Government Services (SGS). Our discussions include ways to change the website/application process and the creation of a new application tracking form that will increase the funds transparency. Anya and I are scheduling a follow up to continue working on concrete improvements to TGIF and hire out the remaining committee.
- Posted a new advertising graphic for the remaining FAC appointments. Continuing targeted outreach to fill certain committees, like TGIF and the Student Activities Center Board of Governors (SACBOG).

#### **Internal/Administrative:**

- I've spent the past two weeks creating new organizational structures that can hopefully help us support each project team better. The most significant of these efforts was the creation of 3 new to-do lists where we keep live updates on what we're working on and are simultaneously creating a log of previous accomplishments. Already has helped with the delegation of work within the Commission.

L. [Financial Supports Commissioner](#)

Broukhim

M. [Student Wellness Commissioner](#)

Kang

- Commissioner Updates
  - Unable to attend today's meeting, proxy Assistant Commissioner Becca
  - Attended Student Organizing Summit, worked on developing the Acquire UCSA campaign for the year, SHIELD
  - Brainstormed harm reduction efforts with IVP, will collab with EVP + Drug Free Schools appointment
- SWC Updates
  - Repainted our office! Re-designing Peer Support Lounge space

- Tabling at New Student Orientation with Semel Healthy Campus Initiative

N. Transfer Student Representative

Cobbs

- I met with the TSR's from UC Davis and UC Santa Barbara via zoom which was actually really sad. I feel like I advocate for improving the transfer climate at UCLA so much that I forget that UCLA transfers are very privileged considering the other UC transfer experiences but it was nice to give them a framework to work from.
- I went to SOS with everyone else and I met other UC Transfers which was great. I sat on the panel that Naomi mentioned earlier that triple CP power to the Black Transfer Panel. I love talking with incoming transfers.
- I took a class this summer called Latinx immigration policies and my professor was a grad student who is really interested in the undocumented experience so I am excited to work with her. We are doing an undocumented transfer art series.
- We are also talking about EVP initiatives on Assembly Bill 1749 which would remove the requirements that prospective transfers have to get to the UC and make them the same as the CSU which would just make everybody's life easier.
- I met with a SOLE advisor and we finalized our events for welcome week. I am really excited about that.
- I finalized my office staff finally so I am really excited about that
- I am also thinking about starting a transfer book club and I got a lot of interest in it so that is a good thing.

O. International Student Representative

Tfayli

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Orlando: "Hello everyone, hope you all are doing well. I am sorry that I have not been here recently. Some personal things have come up so I have had to miss these but I am glad to be back. I do have some updates. Starting next week, the community activities commission and the community service fund. CAC will be accepting community service applications. This is the ten thousand dollars annual funds. If your organization does community service and it is applying don't forget to meet with your SOLE advisor first. That application is due next week. Re-registration will be starting early September and we will run through Friday of the second week of the quarter. If you are thinking about starting a new group, now is the time to schedule an appointment with the SOLE advisor for more information. I had a hallway conversation with Thyra not too long ago but we also discussed transfers community service projects that center around transfer students so I will be passing her along a list of groups that are doing that kind of community service. If you are interested in any kind of group, you can always reach out to me."
- Jessica: "Just a few updates that I wanted to go over quickly. Just passed along the message from our director of student media who wanted to check in on your Communications Board Appointment so hopefully you all have applications that have been coming in for that. If not, please let me know so that I can pass that along to her so we could try to get more student engagement for those particular appointments. Additionally, I just wanted to update you all that we are having some work done on the wireless network in Kerckhoff. Basically, it is a building-wide upgrade that the campus is doing. This has been ongoing for some time but in order to help aid them in determining where the weak spots are in the building, my team is going to put together a survey to send out to you all and hopefully OSAC can help identify specific offices in Kerckhoff and whether or not you are able to pick up on all of the UCLA wifi networks so look out for that later this week. We got to come up with the questions and put all the information in there and we will be distributing if you can help us pass it around. Aside from that we are still working on the fiscal year closing. We are wrapping up outstanding requisition forms that were from the prior fiscal year and SGA has been working really hard to get in contact with as many students as possible to try to reconcile missing receipts or other documents that need to be turned in so hopefully we will have that all wrapped up this week. Then we can start meeting with you all individually to set up your budgets for your office accounts. Just in general, we really wanted to do another round of training for your chief of staff and finance directors. Basically all the onboarding that we did for you all as officers. A lot of that information is really helpful to your teams. Last quick reminder is that as we go into the next fiscal year in terms of funding bodies, every funding body is going to need to update their funding guidelines and bring them forward to council for approval and then also update your applications for the current year so just keep that in mind as you start working on those things. Also please let Jonathan,

Fernando, or myself know about funding deadlines so that we can update the funding calendar that we have posted on the USAC website.”

## **IX. Old Business**

- A. [ARC Bylaw Change\\*](#) Broukhim
- Jonathan moves to approve the ARC Bylaw Change, Sara seconds.
  - By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and the ARC Bylaw Changes are approved.

## **X. New Business**

- A. [Transferring Discretionary Funds\\*](#) Law
- Megan moves to table this business matter until next week’s meeting, Jonathan seconds.
  - By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and the business item is moved until next week.
- B. [Financial Oversight Responsibility Board Bylaw Change\\*](#) Hammonds
- CRC vote of 3-0-0
  - Tabled until next week because needs to be on the agenda for a week prior to voting.
- C. [Organizational Sign-On for Speed Camera Pilot “Support Safer Streets with the Passage of AB 645”\\*](#) Curran

August 3, 2023

Dear (representative),

I am writing on behalf of the UCLA Undergraduate Students Associated Council Facilities Commission in support of California Assembly Bill 645<sup>1</sup>, currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee and set for hearing August 21, 2023. **AB 645 authorizes a five-year speed safety system pilot program** in San Jose, Oakland, Los Angeles, Glendale, Long Beach, and San Francisco to enforce speed limits with a limited number of cameras based on a city's population. The pilot program would be restricted to take place on safety corridors<sup>2</sup>, streets with high incidence rates of exhibitions of speed, and school zones. AB 645 **establishes fines for speeding over 11 mph**, taking definitive action to reduce vehicle-related injuries and deaths while firmly protecting privacy, addressing equity concerns, and directing excess revenue towards traffic calming measures. I urge (representative) to voice (his/her) support for this bill and its overarching goal to promote public safety on the deadliest roads of California.

AB 645 is of particular concern to UCLA where students encounter dangerous vehicle behavior and inadequate transportation infrastructure in their everyday lives. Specifically, AB 645 will affect Westwood Blvd, a street adjacent to UCLA’s campus which is listed on Los Angeles’ High Injury Roadways – **the 6% of Los Angeles roads that account for 70% of traffic injuries and fatalities**. Reckless driving behavior also endangers school zones within UCLA’s City Council District and caused tragic accidents. In April of 2023, a mother walking her six year old son to school was killed and her son critically injured by a speeding, impaired driver<sup>3</sup>. Passage of the speed safety pilot program will provide immediate relief to the dangerous conditions and establish a pathway toward long-term improvements of other streets of concern after the pilot program concludes. Additionally, excess revenue may be used to correct the lack of traffic calming measures, fostering a safer active transportation environment for over 50,000 UCLA students and faculty and surrounding communities.

Although privacy concerns have been raised in response to AB 645, the bill creates stringent confidentiality measures to protect personal data. Speed safety cameras are designed to **photograph only the rear license plate of vehicles which are speeding above 11 mph**, excluding the window of the vehicle. **Facial recognition technology is explicitly prohibited**. Photographic evidence obtained from a speed safety system that does not contain evidence of a speeding violation must be destroyed within five business days. Additionally, AB 645 prohibits the use of speed safety system data for any purpose other than traffic enforcement and requires the destruction of the data within 60 days of issuing a notice of violation or final disposition of the citation.

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<sup>1</sup> [Bill Text as Amended](#) - AB-645 Vehicles: Speed Safety System Pilot Program. July 14, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> [California Vehicle Code, Section 22358.7](#).

<sup>3</sup> LA Times. [“Mom killed, child injured walking to L.A. school.”](#) April 25, 2023

AB 645 addresses economic and racial equity in its text. Due to poor street design, traffic injuries fatalities occur at higher rates in low income communities of color<sup>4</sup>. Consequently, the speed safety system pilot program may be implemented in low income areas at a higher rate than middle or high-income areas. As a response, activists have raised concerns that low-income communities may bear an unfair economic burden. In response, **finest and penalties will be reduced 80% for indigent persons, and by 50% for individuals up to 250% above the federal poverty level.** Additionally, the bill would require a city or county participating in the pilot program to submit a Speed Safety Impact Report prior to and following implementation. The report will evaluate the program's impact on street safety and its economic impact on the communities where a speed safety system is utilized. The report will be developed collaboratively with relevant local stakeholder organizations, including racial equity, privacy protection, and economic justice groups.

It is critical to note that the speed safety system pilot program was created as an alternative to traditional enforcement methods that have had a well-documented disparate impact on communities of color. Providing an alternative to police traffic stops by establishing speed safety system cameras will reduce police presence while still offering an effective solution to reducing injuries and deaths in high injury networks.

As this bill continues to be discussed, amended, and voted upon, the UCLA Undergraduate Students Associated Council Facilities Commission encourages (representative) to support AB 645 and uphold the principles of public safety it puts forth.

Sincerely,

[insert USAC signature]

- Eva moves to approve the organizational sign on letter for a Speed Camera Pilot, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and USAC collectively signs on to the organizational letter.

D. [Discussion about Powell Cat Memorial and Potential SPARK Campaigns for Service Programs](#)

Curran

**Background:**

- [Petition](#): Following the death of Powell Cat, over 4,000 students signed on to a petition requesting some form of memorial.
- [LA Times Article](#): The story ended up on the LA Times, with Powell Cat being celebrated as an informal mascot/icon of UCLA. Many students explain the connection between Powell Cat and their mental health or feeling of comfort on campus.

**Proposed Campaign:**

In the spirit of Powell Cat, our office is in initial conversations with the Alumni Scholars Club (ASC) to launch a SPARK campaign. Our campaign would focus on the legacy Powell Cat represented, with less focus on a physical monument or statue. We would specifically be targeting recently graduating alums who may have had a personal connection with Powell Cat.

The two areas we had discussed supporting and are most in line with the narratives of Powell Cat are either the library or mental health services, such as CAPS or RISE. This is where we're looking for the thoughts and opinions of Council members most. Once we decide a path to pursue, we'll schedule meetings with the relevant organization to identify and address specific programmatic needs.

I could see potential in using a physical memorial to increase/incentivize donations. For instance, if we raised \$10,000 for services we'd create a mural for Powell Cat, if we raise \$20,000 we could commission a statue, etc (arbitrary numbers). The physical memorial is the part of this campaign that the Facilities Commission is least interested in and are happy to rethink/move in a different direction.

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<sup>4</sup> Morency, Patrick et al. 2012. "Neighborhood Social Inequalities in Road Traffic Injuries: The Influence of Traffic Volume and Road Design." *American Journal of Public Health* 102(6): 1112-19. [Link](#);  
Brozen, Madeline, and Annaleigh Yahata Ekman. 2020. "The Need to Prioritize Black Lives in LA's Traffic Safety Efforts." [Link](#).

### **On Carter-Huggins Hall:**

While the process for renaming Campbell hall to honor Bunchy Carter and John Huggins is different from this proposed SPARK Campaign, it's another item that's top priority for the Facilities Commission. AVC Michael Beck is currently forming an Honoric Namings Committee which I've been actively advocating for a USAC representative on. The renaming conversation would be handled in this committee who will hopefully meet for the first time this Fall.

Besides the renaming initiative, our Commission is fully committed to supporting any memorial or other monuments to recognize the incredible advocacy work and tragic assassination of these two leaders. I feel strongly these two initiatives can be pursued in tandem and I welcome collaboration on either.

I wanted to bring these both to Council to get reflections, feedback and comments. We're more than happy to adjust our direction in response to suggestions.

- Evan: "Just to give you guys a quick background about Powell Cat. This was a discussion that has been happening before I was the facilities commissioner, I just kind of picked it up with ASC which is the ALumni Scholars Club. Personally, I don't really care, I never really had a great relationship with the powell cat. It is not something that I am particularly passionate about and I don't really care about the memorial part of it but we shifted our focus towards using Powell cat as this symbol of mental health or the library instead of focusing on getting funding for a memorial of some sort. We would rather use that money for programmatic needs either for mental health or for like CAPS or RISE or for that library but I had a great conversation with Thyra and we really just want to make sure we are prioritizing the renaming of Carter Huggins Hall. That is also something that my commission has been very much aware of. We have already done outreach to the Assistant Vice Chancellor Michael Beck and he is forming the Honoring Naming Committee that is going to be in charge of renaming Carter Huggins Hall so that is going to be a conversation that we are prioritizing moving forward. Out of respect, I want to table this conversation until we have our initial conversations with VC Beck but I also want Thyra to be able to comment."
- Thyra: "Just for some context, on the last council there was some council members who had advocated for a Powell cat statue which like no shade to Powell cat like anybody who you know suffered from any psychological distress after the cat passed away but I felt like the proposal was largely anti-black considering that for awhile black students have been advocating for proper memorial statutes for Bunchy Carter and John Huggins who were Black panthers and ASU staff members. They were killed on campus in Campbell Hall during an ASU meeting. There were over 5,000 students who had signed a petition to not only get those memorial statues but to rename Campbell Hall so it feels very disheartening to see that the campus would rather put forth effort for a cat that passed away rather than two black students who passed away and put their lives on the line to advocate for racial equity for all people not just black people. So that was largely my sentiments around this and I am pretty sure you all saw that like when POC students were showing up for the Powell cat ceremonies and stuff outside of Powell and I think that is inherently disrespectful to the black community and to the history of black student leadership in general."
- Evan moves to table this discussion until the next meeting, Eva seconds.
- By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and the business item is tabled until next week.

E. [Resolution Against the Appropriation Bill for FY 24 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies\\*](#)

Jussim

**A RESOLUTION AGAINST BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS BILLS FOR FY 24 THAT CUT FEDERAL FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Primary Sponsor:**

*Eva Jussim, External Vice President*

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*Sujana Sridhar, Academic Affairs Commissioner*  
*Thyra Cobbs, Transfer Student Representative*  
*Jonathan Valenzuela Mejia, General Representative 3*  
*Evan Curran, Facilities Commissioner*  
*Gabby Lasry, General Representative 2*  
*Sara Broukhim, Financial Supports Commissioner*  
*Megan Law, Internal Vice President*  
*Jennis Kang, Student Wellness Commissioner*  
*Alicia Verdugo, Cultural Affairs Commissioner*  
*Mason Miller, Campus Events Commissioner*

**WHEREAS**, a significant portion of higher education students rely on money from Federal Work-Study (FWS) programs as well as Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, federal financial assistance is critical towards making it more accessible to achieve a higher education; and,

**WHEREAS**, the House Appropriations Committee's Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (HHS-ED) Subcommittee plans to eliminate federal work-study programs and SEOG grants. The Senate Appropriations committee has already cut \$10 million each from FWS and FSEOG grants for fiscal year 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, the House Committee on Appropriations' bill proposes to eliminate all \$1.2B in funding for Federal Work Study, which would eliminate work-based assistance to 660,000 students nationwide;<sup>5</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, the House Committee on Appropriations' bill proposes to cut \$910 million in funding for Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, which would eliminate need-based financial aid for 1.7 million students nationwide;<sup>6</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, the Senate Committee on Appropriations' bill proposes to cut both FWS and SEOG by \$10 million each; and,

**WHEREAS**, approximately 72% of undergraduate students at the University of California, Los Angeles receive one or more financial aid including grants, scholarships, and loans;<sup>7</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, around 4500 UCLA undergraduate students received funding from SEOG grants in academic year 2023-2024; and,<sup>8</sup>

**WHEREAS**, approximately 1500 undergraduate students had federal work-studies in the academic year 2022-2023;<sup>9</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, UCLA is set to lose over \$5 million in federal funding for higher education with the cut to these programs;<sup>10</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, programs such as federal work-study programs and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants allow for many lower-income students to have the opportunity to receive higher education; and,

<sup>5</sup><https://democrats-appropriations.house.gov/news/press-releases/house-republican-funding-bill-kicks-teachers-out-of-classrooms-takes-away-job#:~:text=The%20bill%20eliminates%20funding%20for%20Federal%20Work%20Study%20cut,assistance%20to%20660%2C000%20students%20nationwide>

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> <https://financialaid.ucla.edu/file/970fce0e-463f-42cd-9b9e-0b390272d185>

<sup>8</sup> [https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiMjhhYTZhZjAtZTg4NC00MWIyLTg1MDktMzllMDlmYmlyZTYxIiwidCI6IjQ0NjhhZWU2LTQwNDItNDkyNC05ODVhLTk4N2EyYmIxNGUyMCIslmMiOiJF9&mkt\\_tok=NjAzLVVSYy0xMjcAAAGNcMspnYeq\\_G1GUO4KgOLsPCjEGcJkuB1LC6PMRfCA--pg7tkpG6mH4cZptKZ9SG-V01RUkXbln13ojPDT8n7onV3GRZ7m5uhZRwhY6JrV5Tw](https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiMjhhYTZhZjAtZTg4NC00MWIyLTg1MDktMzllMDlmYmlyZTYxIiwidCI6IjQ0NjhhZWU2LTQwNDItNDkyNC05ODVhLTk4N2EyYmIxNGUyMCIslmMiOiJF9&mkt_tok=NjAzLVVSYy0xMjcAAAGNcMspnYeq_G1GUO4KgOLsPCjEGcJkuB1LC6PMRfCA--pg7tkpG6mH4cZptKZ9SG-V01RUkXbln13ojPDT8n7onV3GRZ7m5uhZRwhY6JrV5Tw)

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of this council to support the financial and educational prosperity of UCLA students and students nationwide; and,

**WHEREAS**, UCLA' Federal Government Relations, the UC Office of the President's Federal Government Relations team, the California State Universities, and California Community Colleges, and the many other universities across the country are actively engaged in this important issue; and,

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council does not support the House of Representatives' efforts to eliminate the Federal Work Study program as well as the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program; and,

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council proposes that the Appropriations Committees, in Conference, fights to strengthen these federal student aid programs.

**THEREFORE LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED**, that the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council emphasizes the importance of federal financial assistance and encourages students to engage with their local representatives' offices or place a call to prevent funding reductions.

- Eva moves to approve the resolution, Jonthan seconds.
- By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and the resolution is approved.

F. ~~Personal Financial Matter@~~ Jussim

G. Election Code Proposed Changes@ Jussim

- Eva: "So this discussion was born out of our constitutional review committee meeting that we most recently held. We really discussed the elections code and you know wya to politely suggest amendments to the future elections board chair. If you have any suggestions I think the editing access to the document is on."

## **XI. Adjournment**

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 10:05pm.

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\* Indicates Action Item  
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