



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
September, 12, 2023
7 PM PST

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I. Call to Order

Hammonds

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via sign in sheet

II. Approval of Agenda*

Law

- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike Contingency Programming
- Strike SFS Allocations
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike AAC Travel Mini Grant Allocations
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike TGIF
- Strike ASUCLA Communications Board appointment
- Add Discussion item, UC Regents Engagement
- Add Roque Resolution
- Add Covid-19 Resolution
- Add CSU Tuition Hikes Resolution
- Add Special Presentation from ASUCLA Event Services for Room 17
- Strike Kaitlyn Cui from Appointments

- Katie moves to approve the agenda as amended for 9/12/23, Gabby seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved for 9/12/23.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Law

- Gabby moves to approve the minutes from 8/29/23, Sara seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes are approved from 8/29/23.

IV. Public Comment

Hammonds

- Eliana Sisman: "Hi awesome people, I was your Gen Rep 3 last year and I am a Senior right now and a member of the Disabled Student Union and I am here to speak in favor of the Covid-19 Resolution and some of the issues that we are facing whether it is the lack of resources even though the CDC is saying that we need them. A lot of people who are taking off work from being sick are being penalized for being responsible and not going to work. This is a total failure of the administration and no one seems to be addressing anything even though this is still affecting people. I just think that this is something that is really important for USAC to address. I also want to shout out to all of you but especially to Thyra and Alicia for your work on this resolution. You're awesome and thank you for your help on this. It is wonderful to still be working with you all and doing advocacy on student health, disability rights, and racial justice."
- Tayesha: "So I actually do not go to UCLA, I actually go to UCSB and I am a transfer student and I am here to speak on behalf of the transfer community at UCLA because transfer communities around the UC's need to change and especially by UCLA because you guys are one of the top institutions in the nation and if we can get you guys to treat your transfers right then we can set a precedent for other universities in the nation. You guys lead the pack as being the number 1 university. So when it comes to the issue of financial transparency, I think it is a little ironic that you guys are falling back on things that negatively affect the black community especially when demanding financial transparency of

an office that is run by a black woman and not demanding the same for other offices especially knowing America's history of having black people have a higher standard of showing what is happening financially in their finances to get things done is putting a foul smell in my mouth. So I would like to have some equality going on at your school that if you are going to demand financial transparency from an office run by a black woman that you are going to demand financial transparency from every single office instead of singling one office out. But other than that, I hope you have a great meeting and go transfers."

- Celine: "Good evening everyone. I am a student at UC Davis serving as the External Affairs Vice President for our AS, working alongside Eva as her counterpart and I also hold another position as I am the UC Student Association's President for this year. It is good to see everyone here and the ones that I know already. So I am not only here to introduce myself but also to address the council in how we seek to serve and uplift student bodies. In my position, I have the opportunity to meet students from all across the 9 UC campuses. As student leaders we have to make sure that we are working to close the equity gaps that exist within higher education and constantly question the decisions made on our behalf especially when not all the communities are represented in these spaces. It is important that when they come to us that we not only take the time to listen to their needs but ensure that the action items provided to us are followed through with. This applies to different marginalized communities but the ones that I would like to highlight today are transfer students. For a long time, transfer students have been left out of these spaces. They face more barriers and restrictions than a traditional student does and there are often stigmas against the community college before transferring into a CSU or a UC. Once they are on our campuses, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that we close the equity gap for our peers and students that we serve and to uplift them by removing the red tape that has been on our AS's by our predecessors when they make up 34% of our student population. I ask that we as a collective continue to strive for our transfer populations and find ways to support them by either providing them with the adequate resources or funding and giving them the spaces where they can use these resources as they please especially when you have representation on your table and it is minimal and marginal. It is important that you give them the space and let them speak on their own behalf. If you are looking for a way to support students, come check out our UCSA's campaigns and goals to eliminate the 4 year cap on CalGrant to alleviate the burden different student groups face such as parents, re-entry students, disabled students, and transfer students who may need an extra year to adjust to our campuses. If you are interested in supporting either of these campaigns, please reach out to Eva or Thyra, both of whom are doing amazing work inside of the UC system. Thank you for giving me the space and time to speak and have a great rest of your evening."
- Roger: "Hello, my name is Roger. My pronouns are he/him/his. I am a third year undergraduate at UCLA and I am in the Disabled Student Union. I am here to express my support for the Covid-19 Resolution even though I know it wants to be tabled. I assure you, it is only 12 pages. I think that the lack of protections for students, staff, faculty, and our UCLA Community at large is appalling. I think that it is in line with an equally appalling line across the United States of attempting to ignore Covid-19 out of existence when I can say personally that even though I had a relatively mild case of Covid-19 and it has permanently changed my health for the worse. Not only is Covid-19 a mass death event, it is also a mass disabling event and while I know there will be backlash to increasing our safety and precautions on campus, there will also be a backlash for not doing so. One of those actually brings actual danger to students, staff, and faculty. It is incredibly important that everyone on campus has the ability to focus on their safety and has access to vaccines and tests and other things as needed especially when it comes to masking and other things related. It is not enough to insist that students take these things into their own hands as it is a community care and public safety issue. I hope that you all will support that. Thank you very much."
- Layla: "Hi my name is Layla, and I am here to express my support for the Covid-19 resolution. I am a student worker at ASUCLA and interact with a large portion of the student and faculty population. The lack of Covid-19 safety has made my job significantly harder and every week we have about 3-5 people calling out because they are ill. This leads to pressure from our employers, ASUCLA, to return to work while visibly ill either with Covid or other illnesses. Students and faculty are complaining about long lines while we are understaffed, all while coughing without a mask because there is no actual policy to protect my health, their health, or my employees. I feel like there has been an abandonment from the student government and UCLA. I was infected with Covid-19 for the second time during Week 10 of the spring quarter and my boss was trying to get me to come back to work after 5 days when I was still infected. I did not get sick pay as ASUCLA student workers do not get sick pay and I had to deal with begging professors for extensions for my work or not giving me incomplete assignments even though I was present all quarter and participated

in my classes. Luckily one of my professors advocated for me not to have an incomplete but I cannot say the same for other students who are very much dealing with the same issues. After my second infection, I have chest lining inflammation and now with UCLA not making vaccines or boosters mandatory and I can just say that I am scared. So I just want to give my support for this resolution and I really hope you all pass it.”

- Ryan: “What is up everyone. My name is Ryan Factora. I use he/him pronouns and I currently serve as one of the co-presidents of Samahang Filipino. Samahang Filipino is the largest and oldest Filipinx organization at UCLA representing the Filipinx community and the mother organization coalition. Today I wanted to speak on three agenda items that were proposed, the resolution supporting the Roque family, the Covid-19 resolution, and the discussion on financial transparency. On May 13th, 2022, the Roque family was attacked by Nicholas Weber who yelled racist insults and threats of violence to Nerissa and Gabriel Roque before choking Nerissa and breaking one of Gabriel’s ribs. Throughout the past 18 trials, the Roque family has experienced extreme cases of hostility and neglect from both the Filipino consulate and the US court system including discrimination due to their English speaking ability, lack of financial support from their own government in the Philippines, and even surveillance by a Philippines national police officer who has a record of sexual assault and violence in the Philippines. After a year of discrimination in these systems, the Roque family decided to not proceed with the trial because the hate crime enhancement charge was dropped. Instead they wish to pursue justice outside of the court system. One of these is through the passage of AB1064, a bill that has been pushed by Filipinx community organizations which would expand the definition of a hate crime allowing for them to be properly tried. So Samahang Filipino strongly urges the USAC council to vote in favor of this resolution, to show solidarity with the Roque’s and show support for AB1064. Secondly, I would like to speak in support of a resolution to mandate masking, weekly PCR testing and upcoming Covid-19 boosters and to improve ventilation and reinstate the Covid-19 Task Force. The Covid-19 pandemic has had highly disproportionate effects on the Filipinx community. According to some estimates, despite Filipinx nurses making up only 4% of the nursing population, they constitute up to 30% of the nursing workforce’s deaths from Covid-19. UCLA’s lack of discernible action regarding the Covid-19 pandemic is truly disappointing especially considering the disproportionate impact the pandemic has had and continues to have on communities of color. As a student organization, Samahang Filipino has taken steps to protect our community from Covid-19 by strongly recommending masking at all of our indoor programming. Yet despite these protective measures as an organization, we still have had to cancel several events due to outbreaks of Covid-19 in the community which we believe is indicative of a wider prevailing attitude of Covid revisionism. Common sense administrative changes such as mandating, encouraging, or incentivising vaccines and providing rapid tests to our students would provide the infrastructure of organizations like Samahang Filipino to protect ourselves and the broader campus community. Finally, I would like to speak on the discussion of financial transparency. To my understanding, there is recent controversy surrounding the allocation of discretionary funds to the TSR’s office. I would like to preface by saying that Samahang Filipino unequivocally echoes the voices of other organizations such as one of our ally organizations, the Filipino Transfer Student Partnership in supporting the allocation of these funds. Transfer students at UCLA are disproportionately students of color so racial solidarity is intrinsically tied to transfer solidarity and more concretely the TSR office has historically provided more support to Samahang Filipino, mother organizations, and other communities of color at UCLA than the majority of but not all of the offices in USAC. While I applaud the council’s decision to emphasize financial transparency and equity, I am also wary of sentiments that, to my knowledge, seek to impose targeted non-standardized measures of financial transparency on Thyra’s plans. In response to this, I would like to ask council members to truly and critically reckon with the racial implications of such a measure as an organizer for the strike for safety who has worked to call attention to student and alumni grievances against the community programs office. I am reminded of one citation. One chief complaint of the Afrikan Student Union against the CPO was its allegedly unfair punitive and targeted financial oversight over their access and retention programs which greatly affected project operations, staff, mental health, and institutional trust. While the call for financial transparency may have had good intentions, this particular situation reinforces existing University system ideologies and orientations that have historically hyper surveillanced the political and economic activities of black students at UCLA. To clarify, I am not making any assumptions or accusations. Right now I just wanted to remind you all as council members that your actions and your rhetoric have the capability to sustain or damage relationships and trust between communities, institutions, and student leaders. It is Samahangs Filipinos belief that discussions concerning fiscal transparency and openness should be approached as a universal communal conversation.”
- Rainer: “I am Rainer, I use he/him pronouns. I am the editor-in-chief of Outright News Magazine which is UCLA’s queer news. If you guys haven’t already heard of it, I am just here to express our organization’s support for the

Covid-19 Resolution. Within our spaces, we do things like indoor masking and providing hybrid meeting options. I believe this has very much strengthened and protected our community and it would be a good and necessary thing to extend to our broader UCLA Community because it is an easy way to care for each other by just putting on a mask and getting vaccinated and getting tested regularly and creating a safe environment for all students overall.

- Jasmine: “Hi I am Jasmine, the Secretary General at Anakbayan UCLA. I am here to speak on a resolution in support of the Roque family. For over a year, the Roque family, a working class migrant Filipino family waes subject to surveillance, hospitality, and neglect from both the Filipino and US government. After experiencing verbal and physical assault from Nicholas Weber rather than being able to rely on the US Justice system or the LA Philippines consulate. As Filipino nationals, the Roque family received little material or financial support and attempts to reach out were met with surveillance by the Philippines national police. They got no compensation from their Bureau of Victim services and only \$600 in assistance. Rather it was the community organizations who were able to uplift them in their fight and fundraise over ten thousand dollars and expose the gross negligence of the state throughout their entire journey. Through the US court process with these courts being part of the same US Justice system that has overturned affirmative action and student loan debt cancellation, we must rely on the community and build people power to support our communities in various sectors whether it be migrants, students, workers. The Roque’s have seen the neglect of the state firsthand and are still fighting for True Justice outside the court. This is why I am here in hopes that the council will vote past its resolution and support the Roque’s and assembly bill AB1064 to support both the Filipino Community inside of UCLA and the greater community outside of it.”
- Sam: “Hi, I just wanted to come on really fast and also voice my support for the resolution with the Disabled Student Union to increase Covid protections for students on campus. I am also an ASUCLA worker and the organizer for the Student Labor Advocacy Project and obviously Covid is attacking frontline workers both on campus and around the country and the globe. I think that we as a university have to look out for the marginalized communities and look out for our workers on campus. I know everyone has already said a lot, but I just wanted to voice support for that and also for the Roque Resolution.”
- Denise: “Hello, I am Denise and I am this year’s external assistant director for the Asian Pacific Coalition. I just want to come on here and formally say that as a coalition, we also wanted to speak in support of DSU’s resolution to approve Covid-19m protections for students. Like everyone has said very eloquently on these protections, it is necessary to make sure that marginalized students on campus are safe and that as a community we have a responsibility to take care of one another and these action items will help to do so.”
 - Naomi: “Thank you. Just a quick note that I have. I definitely appreciate you all coming out for public comment and for voicing your concerns and your additional comments for the resolutions tonight. I definitely hope you are all able to stick around for that but I also did want to mention that for council members please make sure before inviting public comment and for those in public comment right now that we look over our bylaws and guiding documents. Specifically Article 6, Section A does state that public comment is for members of the association who are undergraduate at UCLA who wish to address the council on non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the council. The council will limit comments to two minutes per speaker and 30 minutes per entire session time. The time shall be kept by the chair of the board. No speaker may yield their time to another public comment speaker. Just a reminder going forward thank you.”
 - Public comment is closed at 7:35pm.

V. Funding

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| A. Capital Contingency* | Yin |
| A. Contingency Programming* | Yin |
| B. SFS Allocations# | Wong |
| C. SWC Programming Fund Allocations# | Kang |
| - No allocations this week. | |

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. Universal Transit Pass Distribution Presentation Curran
- U-PASS Ordering Your Undergraduate Transit Pass
 - What is U-Pass?
 - Last year, a student led initiative placed the Transit Referendum on the ballot. For a small quarterly fee increase of \$3.30, all undergraduates would have unlimited access to the public transit agencies that serve UCLA.
 - With 93% of students voting in support, the referendum was overwhelmingly approved.
 - All undergraduate students are automatically eligible for the pass with no further purchase necessary.
 - Access to 3 Local Transit Agencies
 - LA Metro Bus and Rail
 - The Big Blue Bus
 - Culver City Bus
 - Access to 4 Long Distance Commuter Services
 - Antelope Valley Transit
 - Santa Clarita Transit
 - Long Beach Transit
 - LADOT Commuter Express
 - Ordering Your U-Pass
 - Follow the Link: <https://tinyurl.com/uclatransit>
 - Complete the Mantorady, one-time metro survey
 - Find the U-Pass option and click on the buy option checkbox.
 - Select your method of survey of delivery, either “pick up” or “mail”
 - Picking up Your U-Pass
 - Living on the Hills: Available for pick up at the Move-In Fair held from 9/20 to 9/23 at the Sunset Village Courtyard or outside of Feast Dining Hall, near Rieber Hall
 - Living in University Apartments: Available for pick up on 9/17 and 9/18 at Gayley Heights and the Weyburn Terrace Courtyard
 - Living Off-Campus: Get U-Pass Delivered: Off-campus residents can have U-Pass mailed directly to their local address. Make sure to include your unit number for those living in an apartment. Pick up at the Central Ticket Office. New Commuter Student Welcome Event: Pick up your pass at the New Commuter Student Welcome Event, held in Pauley Pavilion on Sunday, September 24th.
 - Tips for Using Transit in LA
 1. To Use your new U-Pass, simply tap your card on the farebox everytime you board.
 2. Both Apple Maps and Google Maps offer the ability to map out the quickest routes using public transit.
 3. Download the Transit App. You will be provided with real time updates on where your bus/train is and how crowded it is.
 - Questions?
 - Follow @USACFAC and @BRUINS4BETTERTRANSIT on Instagram to stay up to date on all things transit.
- A. Presentation from ASUCLA Event Services - Room 17 ASUCLA
- Marisa Osbourne: “Hi everybody, my name is Marisa Osbourne and I am the Student Union operations and event services division manager for ASUCLA. We host a lottery for the council for the offices in Room 417 in Kerckhoff Hall. It is the council’s meeting room and we do a special lottery for just the council offices and

so with that I am going to transfer it over to Saahithi who is our lead reservationist and who also manages the reservationist team for ASUCLA as well.”

- Saahithi Kari: “Hi everyone my name is Saahithi and I use she/her pronouns. As Marisa said, I am the lead reservationist for ASUCLA Event Services. Thank you so much for having me tonight. Basically like Marisa said, we are going to be conducting a lottery for Kerckhoff 417 and all that information is going to be sent out to the main email list on the SOLE website for all the USAC organizations specifically the USAC offices so those will get the first priority in the first pass and then after that, USAC organizations are welcome to reserve spots if there are spaces available. Essentially what is going to happen is that an email is going to be sent out and it will contain information about when the lottery will be conducted and that will be happening on September 18th and 19th. There is also a form on that email that will need to be filled out by someone in the office to ensure that you are able to receive a lottery appointment. The email is going to be sent out following this meeting. The google form that is linked on the email will be opening tomorrow at 10 am and it will close on September 15th at 10 am so please make sure to fill it out. The results from that form are going to be sent out at 6pm on September 15th and that will contain information about the lottery appointments. Each office that has signed up to participate in the lottery will get a lottery time slot. We would prefer it if you were able to join the lottery session during that time slot that you are assigned. It is going to be over zoom so you do not need to be on campus in the student union to attend that appointment. However, if that time doesn’t work for you, you are welcome to join the lottery zoom during the day. I have not determined how long the lottery will go on until because traditionally we have done it until 4pm but it might end earlier or later depending on when we start it. Again, I will send out all that information. If you have any questions, feel free to email the reservationists and they will be able to help you.”

VII. Appointments

- A. ~~ASUCLA Communications Board*~~ Hammonds
 - a. ~~Kaitlyn Cui~~
- B. Community Activities Committee* Hammonds
 - a. Zephania Hartojo
 - Megan moves to appoint Zephania Hartojo to the Community Activities Committee, Gabby seconds.
 - By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and Zephania Hartojo is appointed to the Community Activities Committee.
- C. Academic Senate: Undergraduate Council* Sridhar
 - a. Ava Cross
 - Thyra moves to appoint Ava Cross to the Academic Senate: Undergraduate Council, Sara seconds.
 - By vote of 9-0-0, the motion passes and Ava Cross is appointed to the Academic Senate: Undergraduate Council.
- D. TGIF* Curran
 - a. Avery Ngo
 - Evan moves to appoint Avery Ngo to the TGIF Committee, Thyra seconds.
 - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Avery Ngo is appointed to the TGIF committee.

VIII. Officer Reports

- A. President Hammonds
 - I did a Daily Bruin article interview regarding the budget and providing more clarity on that. I also had a meeting regarding sustainability. We had our first executive sustainability committee meeting and just went over the 2020, 2022, 2023 UC policy progress.
 - I attended an Academic Affairs commissioner summer meeting. I was able to introduce myself and talk a bit more about my platforms and answer questions.
 - One of my chief of staffs, Isaac, had a meeting with Monroe to talk about some spaces and ideas for the town halls that my office will be holding in the Fall Quarter and getting some recommendations for some other

events. I had a brief meeting with Sara at the Chancellor's Student Center about some of their upcoming events.

- I had some discussions with Mary Romo about the open house that we have coming up. I am just missing a few people but I have already emailed them about what I need from them. Please get those back to me as soon as possible.
- Thank you all for getting your logo submitted. In addition, I know there was some discussion in various chats about getting the custodial services. So Jessica and I talked about it and we agreed that it would be best if we do a deep clean on the 25th and 26th. They are going to do a deep clean so please make sure your offices have been picked up and tidy it up. They are going to be dusting, cleaning carpets, cleaning windows, all the good stuff.
- The Council of President's is scheduling a meeting for our September meeting. I had my first meeting with my SOLE advisor to get some insights on some events.
- Darnell Hunt asked me to serve on UCLA's downtown programming board so we are planning our first meeting. Currently, Brian McDonald and I are connecting on Thursday to do last minute edits on my True Bruin Welcome speech. I scheduled meetings with academic senate leaderships for fall quarter. My executive assistant and I will be attending those.
- Lastly, there is an app called maya that is really trying to connect students and it has been really popular with incoming students so they have a few clubs and organizations that are using that. For example, Daily Bruin made a page there so we will also have a page on there to highlight some events and try to connect with more of the student body.
- Last but not least, if any student leaders or offices are interested in supporting student arrivals, they are looking for volunteers to pass out fans and water since it is going to be a hot day on that Sunday that we have the block party. I think it is a good idea to have some kind of student government leaders involved so I will go ahead and send the volunteer form in the chat so if you want to send it to your office that would be phenomenal

B. Internal Vice President

Law

- The IVP Office Directors are interviewing for 29 general staff applications we received this week and will be finalizing our office roster before the beginning of fall quarter.
- The IVP Office will be opening our IVP Internship for students to learn more about USAC and how the IVP Office can support students. The application is expected to be open during Week 0 of fall quarter.
- Josh, my amazing AIVP, has recently sent an email to all council members with open appointments. Please look at that email and fill them soon as the fall quarter is quickly approaching. For support with marketing, appointment position information, etc, please reach out to us.
- Our Executive Team, Institutionalized Events Directors, Graphics Directors, and Internship Directors are preparing for EAF and the USAC Open House and creating marketing materials, scheduling shifts, and obtaining table materials.
- The IVP Equity, Transparency, Accessibility Committee will be starting a new Instagram series, posting all agenda items on our Instagram: @uclaivp to better transparency and gain student feedback before USAC Meetings.
- Jonathan, General Representative 3, and I had a very productive conversation with Carina Salazar, the Executive Interim Director of the Career Center about potential collaborations and the soon-to-be-coming professional photo booth at the Career Center.
- Last week I attended a Facilities Commission Access on Board meeting to discuss USAC Resolutions and improvements that USAC Officers could put forward to student initiatives.

C. External Vice President

Jussim

- So the big thing on our agenda right now is the Regents meeting. That is a week from today on Thursday, the agenda just came out so we have reviewing that in my office. Honestly, it is a little dry but I will be giving a brief report on that later on in the discussion tonight. We have also been planning a public comment training where you can learn who the Regents are and why we should engage with them when they come to UCLA. That is being hosted September 14th at 6pm and the link to sign up and the zoom link is in the link tree on the EVP instagram.
- We are planning the attendance at each meeting so we will be giving a report from each of the committees on any actions that they take. Very excited for that initiative. I also read like 200 pages of applications for system-wide leadership positions so that was a little arduous but we made it and we selected student

observers to the regents at the UCOP system wide committee reps, collective bargaining program reps, and student advocates to the regents at this upcoming meeting.

- The UC's Board of Directors September meeting was this past weekend. They took some system-wide actions on the ACA6 and began some work on the five UCSA campaigns .
- We also participated in calling the senate committee on elections and constitution stuff.
- As Naomi mentioned, she and Sonia, the GSA EVP will be meeting on Friday as part of our responsible officers meeting to discuss the quarterly like community safety plan with regards to policing on campus.
- I met with Student Affairs and their student life manager to discuss some Bruins Vote upcoming events including National Voter Registration day on September 19th. Balancing that out with the regents meeting is going to be a little bit tricky but we are hoping to do a little bit of social media pushes and stuff as people are coming back to campus.
- We are preparing a brief that we will be sending to the county to propose new ballot drop-off boxes probably in time for the March primaries. November is a little bit out of the question right now in terms of timing but we are really hoping to have more pedestrian friendly ballot drop-off boxes.
- Last week, I had my university affairs meeting with UCSA where we discussed Central labor organizing.
- I've been having some conversations with the other EVP's and trying to understand differences to each campus with regards to a few things including how we are providing anti-blackness training, unpaid internship courses, and if there is tuition being paid for that kind of thing. Also the distribution of Narcan and Fentanyl test strips. This is important because as of February 2023, every UC-campus but Riverside and Irvine requested Narcan from the government but we don't really know how they are using that or how they are distributing that so we are trying to get a gist of that in preparation for that.
- We are trying to set up a meeting with Dr.Green to continue rewriting Bruin Advocacy Grant guidelines. I want to give a shout out to one of my staffers Emma on that front. The first cycle for the grant comes out September 29th and that is aimed for any events that you would want funding for Weeks 1-5. If you know any organizations that are registered to SOLE that are doing any conferences or events or rallies or anything that has activism related to their club's mission, please encourage them to apply to BAG.
- I am setting up a meeting with Ignite on Thursday and we are going to hopefully continue planning actions for the Regents meetings and furthering the partnership that we began a little bit last year and see how we can continue to fight for SA forensic examinations and more reproductive justice initiatives at UCLA.
- Suajana and I met to discuss the 195 CE internship courses and we are writing a sign on-letter with some pretty cool tasks and I won't spoil it but if you know anyone that has taken a 195 CE course for credit over the summer, please reach out to me.
- I also had some more one-on-ones with my staffers to get a gist of where our projects are going. I finalized my budget and have been setting up a lot of local relations meetings with the local government and community relations team to discuss some stuff that we are doing in Westwood.
- Our local relations team attended the Santa Monica city council meeting and they are trying to limit noise levels for picket lines and we don't really like that. I haven't heard the report back but I can present it next week.
- The last thing is that on Thursday, EVP is participating in a Starbucks United Workers day of action where we will be protesting outside of a starbucks against illegal union busting.

D. [General Representative 1](#)

Pool

- Along with Sara Broukhim, met with the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Housing and Hospitality, Pete Angelis, to discuss multiple dining goals. Happy to report that the meal vouchers will no longer be paper but rather digital in ackerman. Additionally, we agreed to trial run an off-campus meal plan
- Met with my IVP to discuss a welcome week event
- Continuing working on IM goals for commuters
- Exciting news ! It looks like there will no longer be paper meal vouchers and they are all going to be digital which is exciting.

E. [General Representative 2](#)

Lasry

- Met with Bruin commuters to discuss how to better help the Bruin commuter community in terms of affordability and safety.
- Finalized office directors and scheduled a time for our first meeting!

F. [General Representative 3](#)

Valenzuela Mejia

- Currently in Guatemala City, Guatemala for personal reasons

- Reaching out about programming to different stakeholders from organizations on campus to etc. Has not been going bad but will pick up on it once I'm back on campus full-time.
- ARC has been arc-ing but again, shoutout Sara and Megan for their work and collaboration.
- Met with Daniela Cortez and Cuautemoc Frausto of the HSI Initiative and heard the updates they had with regards to the Latinx Resource Center and the work they've been doing for the Latinx Bienvenida as well as the rest of the work being done for HSI.
 - Bienvenida will be taking place on Monday of Week 2 (October 9), not completely finalized but should be about then. Please be there to support the Latinx community and just to enjoy community!
 - My Internal Chief of Staff (Andrea Alvarez) attended a meeting HSI had on Monday about the work that UC Berkeley leaders did with regards to getting a center for Latinx students on campus going, very insightful.
- Met with Jennis and my Bruin Health director (Katelyn Ortega) about concerns regarding the uptick of COVID cases and some actions to recommend to the on-campus task force that she either met with or will be meeting with soon.

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Srihar

- I had a director meeting this past Sunday and I was able to invite some of my fellow USAC Council people to come speak to my directors in their offices, so thank you so much to Jonathan, Jennis, Mason, and Naomi for coming.
- My directors have been continuing to work on individual projects and there are plans to create merch for AAC members. We are planning a EAF social and putting together a board to get to know each other as a first thing of the year.
- We are also finalizing our budget allocations so how much is going to be going to our funds and how much we are going to be paying the members of the office. I am working on finishing up all of my appointments.
- Academic senate appointments are almost complete and then I have to apply for USIE as well and that is my last major appointment.
- I am working with Emma Landry, who is the VP of academic affairs for GSA to continue drafting a proposal on permanent and incomplete notations to eventually bring to the Academic Senate.
- Something else I have been working on a lot recently is with my assistant commissioner, Jonathan, and Roy to try and advocate for private funding. I already mentioned this earlier but private organizations and philanthropic organizations for funding to support the programming.

H. Campus Events Commission

Miller

- CEC and CAC BBash/EAF/RecFest directors all-staff
 - formulating how we are staffing events and making sure we all on the same page
- Bruin Bash: Monday September 25 in LATC
 - promo coming soon we swear
 - opener and headliner both confirmed!!!
 - sponsorships
 - 1 repeat activation from last year, 1 all encompassing welcome week sponsor being handled by learfield, and 1 sponsor we are trying to close our own negotiations with soon
- RecFest (two days this year!): Monday Sept 25 and Tuesday Sept 26
 - in Wilson Plaza (not Drake)
 - sending out decisions for 3 student performers and hopefully a wide array of student vendors
- EAF
 - <https://sa.ucla.edu/Forms/p/EAF20223>
 - waitlisting new sign ups
- CEC fall quarter
 - department budget allocations: budget proposals with my staff, finalizing budget in coming weeks
 - We have a new logo and are getting ready to order new merch :)
 - film screenings and holiday screenings being booked
 - reached out to by Landmark Theater in Westwood as potential alternative to JBT
 - comedian speaker event in the works

- bringing back NoonTunes on Thursday's at... noon at Kerckhoff Patio

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wong

- Hi I'm Arielle, CSC's assistant commissioner! Chia Ying is regrettably unable to be here today because she's on a flight back to LA. She conveys her sincerest apologies for not being able to make the past few USAC meetings due to time clashes with her work, but she's looking forward to seeing you back at the next meeting! There are quite a few updates for today:
- We are in the final stages of reviewing the 22-23 Robert S Michaels Scholarship awards and will be tabulating scores and confirming the list of recipients in the next two weeks.
- Volunteer Day, which is co-organized by CSC and Volunteer Center, has officially opened sign ups! It takes place Sat, 30 Sept of True Bruin Welcome Week. We have over 40 community partner sites and are incorporating service learning reflections to make the experience more meaningful this year. Please encourage your friends to sign up!
- We're also organizing Servocacy Fest in Week 1. This is gonna be a really fun service-themed fair to inspire UCLA students to get involved long-term in service and advocacy work - there will be interactive informative activities put up by over 35 student groups, food and prizes.
- CSC is recruiting new CSC projects, and application closes this Friday. If you know any newly established service groups who might benefit from additional guidance and resources, do encourage them to apply on our Instagram.
- Chia Ying met with CPO representatives from the student risk education committee last week to talk about upcoming year's plans and ways CSC can support the initiatives.
- Our staff have also been preparing for EAF, internship and Alternative Breaks applications, and our service newsletter listserv, all of which will be launched in early Fall.
- We're also really excited for our first in-person Gen Retreat since the pandemic. I've been helping to organize Gen Retreat for our CSC projects in Week 0, and is essentially orientation day for all CSC projects where they learn about CSC Resources, meet CSC Staff and bond with one another.
- Our finance directors are also working on the 23-24 guidelines for 3 funds we're overseeing. This year, we're adding more detailed documentation procedures and a requisition tracking system in our finance processes to increase our financial transparency.

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Verdugo


- ASUCLA Events Meeting
- Budget
- Three resolutions
- Bruin Bash
 - All honoraria will be completed by end of week
- RecFest
- CEC and CAC BBash/EAF/RecFest directors all-staff
- Finishing designs
 - Promo will be uploaded soon
- Budget will be finalized by the end of the week
 - Meeting with Linda soon
- Meeting with Roy on Thursday
- Outreaching to UNICA, ALC atm to collaborate on a Latina gallery
- Outreaching to Andy for stickers that were taken from our door
- Meeting w ASUCLA to update ARC Initiative Guidelines
- Alicia: "I also wanted to bring up on the Council a record of what ASUCLA posted earlier this week, I am not sure if you all got the chance to see that but it was stated that CEC was the only organization that planned Bruin Bash. In response to that, I made it public because it has been an ongoing trend that ASUCLA and other entities often erase the work that I do. It is a collaborative process for CAC and CEC to work on EAF and Bruin Bash. I know from my predecessors even back in 2019 and 2020 like there were incidents behind the scenes where ASUCLA was not informing the student body that it was also a CAC event. I never received an apology and

immediately when I saw it, I went to talk to Fernando about it because I was really upset about what had happened. Then, they also posted that it was a free concert and I just don't think ASUCLA should be spreading misinformation because it is ASUCLA and it is a reliable source to students and the fact that it is mainly run by marginalized students, black, indigenous people of color students and our work is being erased makes it twice as harmful. I just really wanted to say that on the record because that just pushed me over the edge because I will not let the work that my staff do be erased."

K. Facilities Commissioner

Curran

- U-PASS distribution is happening during move-in week:
 - If you live in University Apartments, you can pick up your pass on 9/17 and 9/18 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Gayley Heights and Weyburn Terrace.
 - Hill residents can pick up your pass at the Move-In Fair held from 9/20 – 9/23 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Sunset Village Courtyard or outside of Feast Dining Hall.
 - If you live off campus, you can have U-PASS mailed to a local address, or you can pick up at the Central Ticket Office located next to Pauley Pavilion (open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

More information on how to register for your U-PASS:  [U-Pass Distribution Presentation](#)

Access & Infrastructure:

- We met with UCLA Transportation several times in the past week to discuss U-PASS logistics and distribution. We were excited to officially launch the portal to order your undergraduate transit pass (free of charge!) at www.tinyurl.com/uclatransit.
- Coinciding with the launch of the new transit pass, the Facilities Commission is working on ways to advertise, including:
 - Social media posts
 - Flyers and tabling
 - Short form video content
- We met with UCLA Transportation's BruinAccess Van and parking team to talk about accessibility concerns with van service. Transportation communicated their plan for improving service this next quarter, including through the additions of another van. We're planning followup conversations with the team as the quarter progresses and these new changes are implemented.
- Met with several members of UCOD to discuss the initiatives for our Access on Board project moving forward. These included continuing projects like the establishment of the Disability Cultural Center and MetaMaps to new ideas, like BruinAccess Van improvements, Covid-19 protocols and the creation of a multicultural center.
- Met with several council members and FAC leaders to discuss the Covid-19 Resolution and potential ways to strengthen the resolution's outcomes.

Sustainability:

- Met with several folks from ASUCLA dining services and Reuzzi to discuss strategies to increase utilization of the reusable mug program at Kerckhoff. In the process of setting up a new incentive system where students can redeem rewards like a bakery item after a certain number of uses for a mug.

Appointments:

- Continuing to conduct separate interviews with TGIF applicants between myself and the TGIF Vice Chair, Anya Desai. Had some fantastic applicants so far, one of whom I hope will be here today!

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Broukhim

- I had a meeting with housing about off-campus meal plans with Katie. We are still trying to advocate for that.
- I worked on a presentation for financial transparency that I will be presenting at this meeting. I did that with my executive board and we worked on a couple of graphics advertising for opening positions within the dining halls for students, one of the New York Times subscriptions and I have also been in conversation with the library. I am trying to talk with different faculty across campus.

- I met with some student organizations like Hooligan to talk about their financial situation and see how FSC can help them.

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Kang

- Commissioner Updates
 - Attended IDMT's September meeting
 - They are moving forward with opt-out vaccination policy
 - According to public health/medical professionals on the team, COVID is different from this time last year. They would not say there is a huge surge. There is a consistent rise in cases in LA and hospitalization rates are slightly up, but so far we are ok.
 - Interestingly, when looking at USC as a case study for return to campus, they saw a rise in cases from social events, not classrooms.
 - I let them know that there is opposition from USAC and that they should expect to hear from students.
 - Attended FAC's meeting to discuss COVID-19 resolution
 - SWC wants to help promote a campus culture of community care, to encourage a long-term change in behavior to mask when we are feeling sick/sick in public spaces, and to work with Ashe center to exchange COVID signage to these messages.
 - Planning Transfer Mental Health Event with TSR
 - Attended AAC team's meeting to talk about SWC
- SWC Updates
 - [REMINDER] Save the date: SWC Healthcoming
 - Thursday Week 2, October 12th 3-6pm Wilson Plaza
 - Goat yoga, acai bowls, massages, petting zoo, health resources
 - [REMINDER] Educational opportunity: "Restorative Practice: How to Build Community Through Conversation"
 - Hosted by Semel Healthy Campus Initiative's (HCI) Healthy Climate Committee (HCC)
 - [Register](#) to attend Thursday, September 21, 3:00pm - 5:00pm
 - Training is designed to build communication skills for engaging in difficult conversations and is led by Dr. Julie Shackford-Bradley from UC Berkeley's Restorative Justice Center

N. Transfer Student Representative

Cobbs

- I finally finished my one-on-ones which actually took me out. We talked about some good things. I am really excited. I definitely hired some really cool directors. Something that I wanted to specifically highlight and bring to all of your attention is that I will probably be presenting a USAC internship for transfer students. I still think it is a big issue that I am the only transfer on Council and I am in the TSR's role so I am hoping that will provide more access to transfer students and get more transfers involved in USAC and not just staff position but actual council member positions.
- I am in the process of creating a website for my office so I am really excited for that. I am hoping to put little cute bears everywhere. I was meeting with some of the Latina organizations and I am hoping to do another Día de los Muertos celebration this year.
- I did it with my office last year but I am hoping to do this as one of TSR's initiatives to show support for the HSI initiatives and just to celebrate the latinx community in general. They do comprise the most out of the transfer population so I would implore the rest of you all to start thinking about HSI support as well.
- I also attended the UCSA Board meeting at Berkeley this weekend which if you follow me on Instagram, you saw that it was very fun.
- I love UCSA, surprisingly it is a safe space for the student council. I am hoping that it stays that way. I switched my role in that space. I was in the UC Transfer Affairs office but I switched my role in that space. I am happy to say that there is another transfer there who is from UCLA. His name is William and I will be working with him specifically to see if we can establish the transfer admissions guarantee at UC Berkeley and UCLA which don't have it.
- I am also planning on doing a TSR collaboration with the Black student organizations, primarily ASU to have an event, the Black Panther party which is something that I thought about doing in tandem with the UCSA Board meeting because the Black panther Party was started by community college students. But I also think it

is a way to shed light on the assassination of Bunchy Carter and John Huggins and revitalize the spirit of asking for the renaming of Campbell and proper memorial statues for the two ASU alumni. Especially with this persistence of putting funding towards Powell cat which I am going on the record to show that I am not in opposition to showing support for Powell cat but I do think that it is crazy to prioritize a cat over black students.

- I am finalizing transfer welcome week. Thank you to IVP and SWC for meeting with me to finalize those collaborations.
- You all have probably already seen it already but I am doing a merch contest right now to get some specific TSR merchandise. I am not sure when the last time the TSR office had merch but I found an old shirt and it was very bland and I am hoping to do something cool.
- I created a GroupMe for my office and I am really happy because there are already over a hundred transfer students there.
- I concluded my staff recruitment and we got 86 applications which is so exciting because my goal was 55.
- I was accepted to go to the UC Regents meeting next week and see who I could work with for the next year.
- I had multiple meetings with the Filipino Transfer Apprenticeship because we will be collabing for one of the days of the transfer welcome week.
- I have a meeting scheduled with Gary Clark to go over transfer versus freshman admit enrollment rates because I say that black freshman admits are 10 times more likely to apply to UCLA than black transfers which is concerning and we are trying to close that gap.

O. International Student Representative

Tfayli

- I have been working on a couple of programs. We are working on a program with UCLA dining. It is currently in the works and I don't want to give too much information because a lot of it is tentative but we are planning to launch week 3 of fall quarter.
- We relaunched our social media on Instagram as you guys probably saw and we are planning an infographic program that will give international students a very digestible way to get new information about LA and UCLA.
- We are also planning for the EAF and the USAC open house.

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Orlando: "Hello everyone, hope you all are doing well. Just my standard updates. We are in the process of re-registering groups right now so please don't forget to re-register your office or any other organization you may be a part of. That will be going through Friday of the second week. Also new organization registration will begin week zero so be prepared for that if you want to be starting a new organization. Before I realized that we were adding a CAC appointment today, I was asked to tell you all that the community activities commission fund had lost a committee member and couldn't meet quorum, but now that we have appointed someone, we now meet quorum but we barely make it. There are some other appointments that need to be handled but I am bringing this up because of the CAC annual fund that just went out and closed about two weeks ago and before they can be reviewed, they need to meet Quorum. So we made a quorum today so thank you for that, but just to let you know that we are cutting it close. If they can't make a meeting, they won't meet quorum and it will delay the whole process of CAC funds being disbursed which means then some groups may not be able to start off right at the beginning of the school year so there is a slight concern so please promote the position."
- Lori: "I would love to have as many of you volunteer at the new student welcome. Just talk to Naomi so we can get your collector's item of Gene Block since it is his last year and it is his last student welcome. Just as far as EAF, make sure you guys know what appointments are still left open because this is a huge recruiting day so you can smash it all out and be done with appointments."
- Jonathan: "Hi folks, I hope you all are doing well. A couple things from me first. Jessica sent over your office budget sheets this afternoon. Please feel free to go through those and allocate those items if that is applicable to you. If you would like to meet with us or SGA to go over that and talk about, feel free to just email Fernando or I and we would be happy to set that up. Another thing I have is just a small ask from you all. When you are making your motions, for the sake of our minutes and our historical preservation, particularly

when it comes to appointment, if you could please say the person's full name, the position, and how long they are being appointed for. We have had a couple of instances where that is not really clear and the minutes don't actually tell us what the appointment was. Similar with funding bodies, saying the exact number that is being approved. Speaking of appointments, as we get closer to the school year, it is great to see the Community Activities Committee and TGIF on here. I just want to remind the funding bodies to keep filling the funding body appointments as the year comes. Particularly your budget review director whose main job is to chair the BOD committee, the CS mini and all that kind of stuff. Just a reminder that you cannot release an application or make an allocation until you have guidelines approved by Council so please get that on the agenda as soon as you can and feel free to let Fernando and I know if you have any questions or if you want us to take a look over it and make sure everything is good. Maintenance is conducting its annual walkthrough. They will be going through every single room in both Ackerman and Kerckhoff for code compliance. This is not optional, it is mandatory by the state and the university so that will be coming up. The reason I mention it to you all is just so you know people will be coming around and if you have anything that you think might not be in compliance particularly with the fire code, if you have things hanging from the ceiling or blocking the doors, I would recommend rectifying that sooner than later so that it does not become a thing when they do the actual walkthrough. The other thing is that Employee Appreciation at the store starts tomorrow and you all are considered employees. It is 33% off the entire store and that includes the red tag markdown clearance and the Lululemon collections. Bring your Bruin card and tell them you want to use the employee discount and they will help out with that. Please do the 417 room lottery. We do that one specifically because it is the historical council room so we think you all should have access to it first and it is a great way to solidify an office meeting space before the regular lottery comes around. I do want to remind you all that our first in person council meeting for the year will be on October 3rd. The next meeting we have is week zero but we do not have a room booked so that will be over zoom."

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. [Vote to Approve Capital Contingency Guidelines*](#)

Yin

FINANCE COMMITTEE

To: Undergraduate Students Association Council

From: Lucy Yin, USA Finance Committee Chair

Re: 2023-2024 Capital Contingency Guidelines

Contacts: ficom@usac.ucla.edu

*The Contingency Capital Fund is an auxiliary source of funding for Capital Items only. The Finance Committee works to determine the appropriate allocations for Capital Items. **You must contact FiCom regarding any Capital Items you wish to purchase before filling out an application to ensure that your items are eligible.***

Eligibility

To qualify for USA Contingency Capital Item Funds, you must be a USA Office, Commission or undergraduate student organization currently registered with the Student Organizations, Leadership & Engagement (SOLE) department **with an office in Kerckhoff Hall**. Please contact your SOLE Advisor for more information.

Categories of Capital Items

1. Computer and Peripherals

This line item includes but is not limited to desktop computers, a monitor, lockdown equipment and any applicable hardware upgrades. We will not consider software products for this line item. Printers and copy machines **shall not exceed \$250 per physical office**. We will examine all requests on a case by case basis to best understand the technological needs of each office. Allocations for computers

and peripherals **shall not exceed \$2,250 per group per year.**

2. Furniture [Non-Computer] Equipment

Requests submitted for furniture equipment may include items such as file cabinets, desk(s), chair(s), storage units, etc. We will examine furniture items on a case to case basis to determine the best options for the office.

Application and Fund Details

- **Submitting a Proposal:** Once you have contacted us regarding the items you wish to purchase, please submit an application [here](#).
 - i. Proposals must be turned in at **least 21 days in advance** of when you wish to make purchases.
 - ii. For full consideration, you must include all necessary estimates of the items you wish to purchase.
- **The following items may NOT be purchased with this fund:** i. Laptops, refrigerators, microwaves, televisions, DVD/CD players, digital cameras, camcorders, projectors, and other sound equipment.
 - ii. Final discretion is up to SGA and the Finance Committee.
- **12 Month Rule:**
 - i. Records from the Student Government Accounting office shall be used to review prior requests for capital items funding (ex. If a computer was purchased less than 12 months ago with USA funding, purchase of another computer will not be allowed).
- **All requested items must be documented & housed within the UCLA campus with proper supervision and lockdown:**
 - i. Items must be locked and secured in a student government office in Kerckhoff or in a University office/department/lounge with a written acknowledgement by a university official.
 - ii. Your group will not be eligible to receive funding without the proper supervision and lockdown of the requested equipment.
 - iii. You are able to apply for funding for lockdown equipment, if the office does not have it already, and this equipment shall not exceed \$100
- **Quotes MUST be provided for every item that you would like to purchase:** i. Requests that do not include all invoices, quotes or documentation will **not** be considered.
- **Audits:**
 - i. Organizations may be subject to at least one **audit** of capital items by the Student Government Accounting (SGA) and Finance Committee Office.

DISCLAIMER: Upon release of the funds, allocations for Capital Items will be made on a first come-first served basis. Capital funds are typically made available in December but offices are welcome to apply earlier. These funds, which are made available in late fall quarter 2023, are a subset of surplus funds voted on by Council and thus funding will not be available until surplus funds for capital contingency are voted on and approved. Once the capital funds for the year are depleted, applications for Capital Items will no longer be considered. Capital requests for a particular item may not be made within 12 months of purchase of the same item purchased with Capital Items funding.

- Sara moves to approve the 2023/2024 Capital Contingency Guidelines, Katie seconds.
- By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and the 2023/2024 Capital Contingency Guidelines are approved.

B. [Vote to Approve Contingency Programming Guidelines*](#)

Yin

FINANCE COMMITTEE

To: Undergraduate Students Association Council
From: Lucy Yin, USA Finance Committee Chair
Re: 2023-2024 USA Finance Committee Guidelines
Contact: ficom@usac.ucla.edu

The following caps, maxes, and guidelines are the USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the 2023-2024 year.

All allocations will be made without regard to viewpoint and will be based solely upon viewpoint-neutral criteria. All applications are examined and graded based on quality and detail by three, viewpoint-neutral Ficomm members to determine level of funding required and necessary. Only registered undergraduate student organizations with a signed statement of non-discrimination on file can qualify for USA Contingency Funds. Contact a student organization advisor for more information.

****All forms of electronic payment (i.e. Venmo, Zelle, Cashapp, etc.) will not be reimbursed.**

Due to the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as local and University guidelines, the Finance Committee Chair has the ability to make reasonable changes to Contingency Programming guidelines throughout the year.

At this time, all off-campus in-person events require approval from the organization's SOLE advisor prior to submitting an application, which must be forwarded to usaficom@asucla.ucla.edu**

1. Daily Bruin Advertising, Newsmagazines

Allocation of contingency funding to the Advertising line item shall not exceed the cost of a third of a page Daily Bruin advertisement. The cost of a fourth of a colored page ad in the Daily Bruin for 2021-2022 is **\$500.00 per program**. The Daily Bruin advertising cost shall serve as the cap for all other types of advertising (i.e. newsmagazines).

2. Graphics

Allocation of contingency funding to the Graphics line item shall be limited to **\$500.00 per program**. All graphic designs must include a "Paid for by USAC" logo, and must be submitted with the corresponding application and requisitions. Logos may be found on the following website: <https://usac.ucla.edu/funding/sga/usac-logos/>.

3. T-Shirts

Allocation of the contingency funding to T-Shirts, tank tops, long sleeves or polo shirts must promote the organization, not a specific event and shall be limited to **\$500.00**. **Only one design is permitted per group per academic year, and this design needs to promote the club or organization as a whole (ex: T-shirt saying basketball club instead of saying basketball club's Annual BBQ fundraiser)**. An approved license vendor from the following link must be used:
<https://www.uclalifestyle.com/ucla-licensee-list>

All T-Shirt designs must include a "Paid for by USAC" logo found on the following website:
<https://usac.ucla.edu/funding/sga/usac-logos/>, and design documentation must be submitted with the corresponding application and requisitions.

4. Facilities

Allocation to the Facilities line item shall include, but not be limited to, venue, rental equipment, and hired staff. The Finance Committee shall deem the appropriateness of any additional Facilities line items. Allocation of contingency funding to the Facilities line item shall be limited to **\$750.00 per program.**

5. Honorarium

Allocation of contingency funding to the Honorarium line item shall be limited to **\$500.00 per program.** This cap includes the cost of the honoraria's travel and hotel stay. A performer may receive an honorarium a maximum of *three times per quarter*. The Finance Committee shall record the number of times an honoraria receives a payment from Student Government Accounting. In addition, the Finance Committee will notify Student Government Accounting regarding the ineligibility of the performer at least 5 days prior to the event.

6. Hospitality

Allocation of funding to the Hospitality line item shall be limited to the Punch and Cookie rule except under unique circumstances, such as the attendance of high school or

elementary school students at the program (the punch and cookie rule means one drink and one food item per person attending the event. Ex: one hotdog and one soda per person) If high school or elementary school students will be attending a program sponsored by the USAC Contingency Programming, then the group that receives consideration for contingency funding shall be eligible for hospitality funding as required by California State Law.

No items funded by Contingency can be used in fundraisers. Allocation of Contingency funding to the Hospitality line item shall be limited to **\$500.00 per program.**

7. Supplies

Items essential for the success of an event including but not limited to: utensils, napkins, plates, certain office supplies, and other event-specific needs which shall be allocated for at the discretion of the Finance Committee per our bylaws/guidelines.

Per UCLA's new Sustainability Policy around phasing out [Single-Use Plastics](#), the Finance Committee highly encourages the use of and shall prioritize funding for paper, bamboo, or other reusable/compostable alternatives to single use plastics whenever appropriate. Please consult with the Zero Waste Task Force via the Office of Sustainability (sustainability@ucla.edu) for alternative solutions or exceptions for specific events.

I. Supplies that are not funded

- A. Items included but not limited to charms, pens, trophies, stickers, or other charms and memorabilia do not qualify for supplies funding under the USAC Bylaws.

II. Shipping Costs

- A. Allocation of shipping costs under the supplies category shall be limited to **\$100.00 per event per organization** for virtual events only.
- B. Items that are not funded under the supplies category by the contingency fund (i.e. goodie bags, charms, etc.) may be considered for shipping costs C. The only exception will be the shipping of individual food items which will be considered in the cost of the Food category.

III. E-Supplies

- A. Subscriptions to websites for yearly plans shall be limited to a total of **\$200.00 per organization.**
- B. Only subscriptions to domains and hosting online websites will be

considered for funding at this time. .

8. Parking

Parking costs shall be limited to **five (5) spots per group per event.**

9. Retreats

Allocation of contingency funding for the Retreats line item shall be limited to **\$500.00 for a retreat with less than 15 students in attendance, \$650 for a retreat with 15-25 students in attendance, and \$750 for a retreat with 25+ students in attendance.** Each group or office shall be allowed to receive funding for up to two (2) retreats per quarter. Organizations applying for funding for a retreat are also eligible for a \$200 bonus if the event promotes diversity, inclusion, and quality of outcomes (Ex: a simple bowling retreat might not qualify for this bonus but a bonding trip bringing together diverse communities could qualify). This \$200 bonus is not guaranteed and organizations will need to write an additional paragraph on the application to apply for this bonus which is determined by three, viewpoint neutral Ficom graders.

10. Travel **requires SOLE advisor approval**

- a. Ground Travel:** Ground travel is defined as the usage of an individual's personal vehicle for transportation. Allocations for ground travel shall not exceed the mileage costs calculated at the 'charitable organizations' rate, as suggested by the [Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\)](#). Multiple vehicles shall be calculated at five (5) persons per one (1) vehicle.
- b. Registration:** Allocations for registration fees shall not exceed **\$800.00 per group per event.**
- c. Accommodations:** Allocations for accommodations shall not exceed **\$150.00 per room for up to four (4) rooms** for a maximum total allocation of \$600.00.
- d. Van and Air Travel:** Van rental travel and air travel shall be determined and allocated based on demonstrated need as evaluated by the USAC Finance Committee.
 - i. The Finance Committee shall use online resources in determining the actual amount allocated to each organization.
 - ii. If the applicant's travel is local travel (within 250 miles of the UCLA campus) then the travel must be made with University vehicles or as deemed appropriate by the Finance Committee and the Student Government Accounting (SGA) office.
 - iii. Allocation of contingency funding for air travel shall be limited to *twice per year* for each office or group.

11. Discretionary

The discretionary powers of the USAC Finance Committee Chairperson, in determining funding for an undergraduate registered student organization or student government office/commission, shall be set at a cap of **\$800.00 per program.** The Finance Committee Chairperson shall determine the appropriate times to use his/her discretionary powers. In addition, the Finance Committee Chairperson must submit a paragraph of explanation to the USAC President and Internal Vice President at least one day prior to the following USAC meeting to be kept on file. The paragraph must explain the inherent need to use his/her discretionary powers.

12. Summer Contingency Funds

The maximum total allocation that an undergraduate registered student organization or student government office/commission may receive during the Summer Contingency period shall be **\$1000.00 per event**.

13. Exceptions

Exceptions may be given to the above line items that are inherent and essential to the program, except the Discretionary Powers of the USAC Finance Committee Chairperson.

14. Event Date Changes

Changes to an event's date must get prior approval from the USAC Finance Committee Chair in order for allocated funding to apply, and the inherent nature of the event must remain the same.

15. Audits

Any application submitted to Contingency Programming Fund may be subject to an audit to determine whether funds have been used properly. Student groups will be given at least **2 days** notice prior to their event, and will have **5 days** after their event date to respond with the necessary materials. Failing an audit will result in the withdrawal of allocated funds for that specific event.

16. Questions/Concerns

Email ficom@usac.ucla.edu for any questions or concerns regarding Contingency Funding. If you are unsure if your event or intended purchases would qualify for funding please do not hesitate to reach out and inquire!

- Sara moves to approve the 2023/2024 Contingency Programming Guidelines, Evan seconds.
- By vote of 9-0-0, the motion passes and the 2023/2024 Contingency Programming Guidelines are approved.

C. Discussion on Financial Transparency

Broukhim

- Sara: "I am going to keep it short and sweet but I just wanted to discuss this a little bit more from the last meeting. So the FSC came up with a little presentation on financial transparency just to shed a little more light on what my office hopes to do this year. So the goal of this presentation is to provide UCLA students with greater financial transparency for USAC finances and to make this process run a bit more smoothly and efficiently as compared to previous years or just to improve our financial processes in general. IMportant information that we hope to provide is that we will be looking back at the last USAC fiscal year and this upcoming school year to provide greater transparency on both ends for last year. Some people have been reelected and so any information will be helpful to publish for students. It is important to keep a record of invoices, receipts, and any budgetary spreadsheets that you have. We also hope to provide more financial transparency by talking with each office and seeing if there are any plans currently on what each office plans to spend their money on. I know a lot of offices don't have that information yet but for some offices with existing programs, we could cover that stuff and then publish that information. So there would be a few platforms in which we would publish. First one would be Instagram, but the second one is we hope to get the financial expenditure viewer up and running. So to give you guys a quick rundown on what that is, all the USAC financial information from 2002 to basically the middle of covid when it was stopped being updated but it provides a lot of information on big picture stuff for the budget. So this provides a wordle on what the most spent things are. You can search for specific things and different expenditures will come up. You can also look across divisions and departments and stuff like that. I think the best part of this is that you can view a graph of everything and I think that will be super helpful for students to see to give them information. Then there is also going to be more with the bylaw change that was passed about the financial responsibility oversight board because the board hasn't met yet and we are just waiting on a few more appointments. Once the board has met, I will be able to give more information on what is entailed by financial transparency. I just want to make sure we have a meeting fully to discuss that. The board is me, the budget review director,

representative from the office of the president, and a representative from the IVP office. We are also having meetings with Linda from SGA and then we are working with them to look over current data. The last slide is just services that FSC hopes to provide this year to make funding a little bit easier. We are planning on holding office hours for clubs to use that office for financial assistance whether that is helping with a REQ form or how to navigate funding bodies. We will also do some workshops on these topics and help to condense information and data for students. We hope to publicize upcoming deadlines for funding bodies. Any questions or concerns?"

- Thyra: "I have a brief question. Is there a way in all this financial transparency to add a distinction between things that would explicitly benefit transfers and freshman admits and of course like the general breakdown of what a transfer student is for example like a CC transfer, or university transfer, former foster youth, or system impacted for each office? I hope that makes sense."
- Sara: "Let's see if I understand. Do you mean like to see what funds are being dedicated to the transfer community and stuff like that or like providing more resources to those students?"
- Thyra: "I mean just on that database thing that you pulled up but anybody could pull up a social event that was explicitly marketed and benefiting for a freshman and not a transfer student, is there a way for it to be more specific about that?"
- Sara: "That's a really good question. So how it worked before is that we basically have to recode the current data and how we did that was information was taken off of REQ's that were filled out by previous accountants that are no longer at UCLA so really what we have to do is go through first how the accountants are labeling stuff at UCLA and then hopefully give a little bit more information than before because it was vague. Before it was just labeled as an event which doesn't tell us that much but I don't know if we can look into the extent of how much money is allocated to different groups within the transfer community. I can talk to my coding person that I am working with to see if that is possible, however I think it is definitely possible to provide specific tabs for the transfer community in general and then I can see how in-depth we go into that. Also for resources, I think we are thinking of targeting specific communities so we would love to do one for transfers or previous fosters or commuters which I think is going to be a big one. I hope that answered your question."

D. Discussion on UC Regents Engagement

Jussim

- Eva: "Hi everyone, I am really glad to talk to you all today about the upcoming Regents meeting that is being held on the 19th through the 21st at UCLA at the Luskin Conference Center. I will be there all three days as will a lot of my members from my office who will be reporting on any decisions that they are making. I really hope you all can join us there. That being said, I wanted to share a little bit about my initial thoughts on the agenda that came out as well as ways that you and your offices can really get involved and have a better understanding of what our policy makers do and what that process looks like. If you literally google UC Regents meeting, there is a wonderful website by them that has all of the information that I have frankly ever learned about them. Beyond my engagements with them, I highly encourage you also to do your own research there but I looked through the agenda and the biggest item on the agenda will pretty much be the initial budget discussions. The regents are presenting their budget for the University of California which they will then finalize by November at the meeting that is also happening at UCLA. So it is super important that we go and show out and we want the regents to prioritize the budgetary concerns and then some other things on the agenda that I thought are at least interesting to EVP and some work that we are doing. On Wednesday there is going to be an update of off-campus opportunities as part of their academic affairs committee. I don't know what that means but normally as they approach the day of the meeting, they end up putting more hyperlinks on their agenda documents on the website, so we might know more what that means as we get closer to the 19th but for now when I hear off-campus opportunities that can mean a lot of things that are really good to talk about. On Wednesday as well, the compliance and audit committee is also going over the California Community Safety plan so Naomi will be there for that discussion that we are going to have with Sonia later this week. Additionally on Wednesday, the public engagement and development committee will be going over its state and federal government relations reports. The UC's reports here do not always align

with what the students actually want because at the end of the day the UC is trying to make money and that does mean at the expense of students especially with things like tuition costs and things like that so I think that will be super important to see what the university is supporting when it comes to legislation on both the state and federal level. I also really wanted to emphasize for those of you all that are doing housing actions or activism in your offices, Scott Weiner is a state senator for the Bay Area and he is actually coming to that meeting. I don't know what they are going to discuss but I do know that he is a pretty prominent leader in California state politics when it comes to housing law so I am really looking forward to that. If you are a fan of housing advocacy or Scott Weiner, I highly encourage you to attend that meeting as well. On Thursday there is going to be a multi-year company update on workforce goals and that is also a little confusing to me but clearly that is a labor thing and that is something that we want to keep an eye on. So those are just some of the highlights of the agenda and now I want to go into a little bit of a discussion about how you can give public comments. So to express to the Regents at this meeting where they are going to go over a draft budget what things you think they should be prioritizing in their budget for the entire University of California which obviously does include some line items specifically for UCLA. Public comment can be done in person or you can call in over the phone. You can also do a written public comment that is passed around to them on paper beforehand. You do not have to be there in person, however all public comments do need to be submitted in advance. I really do highly encourage you to go in person. It is pretty powerful and remarkable to speak with a bunch of your peers. Public comments are limited to three minutes and you basically have to sign up before 5pm the day prior to the day that you wish to give public comment and you can do that at the link that I just dropped which actually includes a bunch of other information about public comment. The sign up link is at the very top. In this link you will provide your name, phone number, and the matter that you wish to discuss. They do prefer that these comments are relevant to the agenda or things that the regents fall in their territory so I always try my best to make my comment related to what they are saying. I encourage you to make it very clear and explicit because they might give it a little bit more attention which sucks to say but that is how they work especially when there is no guarantee that everyone who signs up is actually able to address the regents. Furthermore if you are providing your phone, you get to enter into a call list and that is a little bit more complicated but there is more information about that on the website and that is a great option for those of you who want to give public comment but aren't at UCLA. They will try to attempt to accommodate everyone who signs up to public comment but that doesn't always happen because it is 30 minutes of public comment and each one is capped at three minutes and they can go over that time but my point of bringing that up is that they are selective and they can silence people when they get tired of hearing something a lot which again is just a sign of really powerful student mobilization."

- Thyra: "This might be a dumb question but what is the difference between a person just showing up and giving public comment and the student advocate to the regents?"
- Eva: "For those who don't know, that is a person who gets chosen to have a guaranteed public comment slot for four minutes to address anything that they want so while the regents might be selective about public comments for being relevant to the agenda, the student advocate gets to really talk about whatever they want. I believe that they get to speak on Thursday. I would say that the main difference is freedom of expression a little bit more."

E. [Roque Resolution*](#)

Verdugo



A Resolution in Support of the Roque Family

Sponsors:

Alicia Verdugo, *Cultural Affairs Commissioner*

Naomi Hammonds, *President*
Thyra Cobbs, *Transfer Student Representative*

Supporting Organizations:
Samahang Pilipino
Anakbayan at UCLA
Kappa Psi Epsilon Delta Chapter

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2022 the Roque family was attacked by a white man who physically assaulted and verbally harassed them; and

WHEREAS, the attacker, Nicholas Weber, yelled racist insults and threats of violence before choking Nerisa Roque and fracturing Gabriel Roque's rib; and

WHEREAS, the family walked away from this experience deeply traumatized and fearing for their future safety as victims amidst the rising Anti-Asian hate crimes in the country; and

WHEREAS, the attack on the Roque family was part and parcel of a lengthy history of Asian hate within the United States that has been exacerbated by both the Trump era and the COVID-19 pandemic, which is exemplified by a 339% increase in anti-Asian hate crimes from 2020-2021¹; and

WHEREAS, to attend 18 court hearings, the Roques, a working class Filipino migrant family, had to miss work days, losing out on wages; and

WHEREAS, in need of counseling, health, and financial resources following the attack, the family asked for support from the Philippine Consulate and LA County Bureau of Victim Services to little avail; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Consulate brought a Philippine National Police officer who had a record of sexual assault and violence in the Philippines to surveil the community and family during dialogues between the Consulate and the Roques; and

WHEREAS, the Roque family received only \$600 after over a year of submitting documents for Assistance to Nationals (ATN). Despite overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) like the Roques sending back \$36.14 Billion in remittances in 2022 alone², only 10% of the budget of the Department of Migrant workers tasked to assist OFWs was actually used in 2023³; and

WHEREAS, throughout the trial process, members of the Roque family were belittled due to their English-speaking abilities, and were either not provided translators or given translators who misrepresented what the family was trying to express; and

WHEREAS, in response to the neglect shown by both the Philippine Consulate and the U.S. court system, community organizations rallied behind the Roque family, providing economic, moral, and material support, including organizations at UCLA such as Anakabayan at UCLA, Samahang Pilipino, and Kappa Psi Epsilon; and

WHEREAS, it was only through the support of the community that the family could pursue the court case at all and access the economic, legal, mental, and physical health support needed following the attack; and

WHEREAS, individuals within the Philippine Consulate and U.S. court system accused the Roque family and supporting community organizations of seeking personal financial and social benefit due to their mass mobilization and community fundraising; and

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<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/anti-asian-hate-crimes-increased-339-percent-nationwide-last-year-repo-rcna14282>

² <https://www.rappler.com/business/ofw-remittances-january-december-2022/>

³ <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2023/08/13/2288272/only-305-percent-national-budget-utilized-dbm>

WHEREAS, after over a year of repeated postponement of court dates, constant re-traumatizing of the Roque family, and discrimination due to the family's migrant Filipino background, the Roques have decided not to proceed with the trial due to dissatisfaction with their treatment at court and the dropping of the hate crime enhancement from the charges; and

WHEREAS, it is because of this mistreatment that the Roque family has no choice but to continue their fight for justice outside of the court system through community organizing.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Associated Council stands in solidarity with the Roque family and their supporting community organizations as they pursue justice for themselves and other victims of hate crimes; and

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Associated Council supports the advocacy of organizations such as NAFCON in advocating for the AB1064 bill⁴ to ensure that hate crimes are properly charged; and

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Associated Council urges community members to donate to the Roque Family, and other victims of hate crimes through organizations such as Samahang Pilipino, Anakbayan at UCLA, and NAFCON; and

FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Associated Council urges students, community members, and the University to fight back against systemic Asian hate, anti-Blackness, and all forms of racism through interracial solidarity, grassroots advocacy, and mutual care in order to protect our communities and create institutional change.

- Sujana: "I just wanted to say that this resolution is very important. I was a part of a class this past spring quarter where students were assigned to do volunteer work with local Asian American organizing groups and one of the campaigns that students were assigned to was the Justice for the Roque's Family campaign and so I know that it is a very timely and important issue. This has really mobilized the local Asian American community so you know hopefully everyone votes in favor of it because it is an important issue so thank you Alicia for bringing it to the table."
- Thyra moves to approve the resolution put forth by Samahang Pilipino for the Resolution of the Roque Family, Sara seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the Resolution of the Roque Family is approved.

F. [Covid-19 Resolution*](#)

Verdugo

A Resolution to Mandate Masking, Weekly PCR testing, and Upcoming COVID-19 Boosters, and to Improve Ventilation, and Reinstate the COVID-19 Task Force

Sponsors:

Alicia Verdugo, *Cultural Affairs Commissioner*
Thyra Cobbs, *Transfer Student Representative*
Sujana Sridhar, *Academic Affairs Commissioner*

Supporting Organizations:

Disabled Student Union
Afrikan Student Union
OutWrite Newsmagazine
Disability Peer Mentoring Project
Students Stop Tech Addiction Together
Samahang Pilipino
Student Labor Advocacy Project
Students for Justice in Palestine
Asian Pacific Coalition

⁴ <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB1064/id/2758231>

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IDEAS at UCLA

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Association Council's highest priority is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the students, faculty, and staff, and

WHEREAS, lack of universal masking mandates for indoor spaces and crowded outdoor spaces at school leads to thousands of student, staff, and faculty absences due to illness, having a significant negative impact on learning, livelihoods, and health, and⁵

WHEREAS, state, local, federal, and global levels of COVID are severely undercounted and underreported due to the dismantling of COVID tracking, testing, and reporting, with wastewater data being the most accurate representation of current COVID population levels, and⁶

WHEREAS, the UC system and the state, local, and federal levels of government are denying the severity of the pandemic, while students, faculty, and staff are forced to go to school and work without layered protective mitigation measures in place, and

WHEREAS, UCLA has a "strong recommendation for masks" indoors,⁷ but has ordered almost all departments to remove masking signage that clearly states that recommendation, as well as forbidding individual departments and groups from requiring masks in their spaces for the sake of 'equity' and the political optics of 'normal.' UCLA cannot claim it is prioritizing the health and safety of its constituents when it prevents departments and groups from requiring masks, and certainly not when UCLA isn't consistent in its own messaging, and

WHEREAS, due to waning immunity from previous COVID vaccines and constant variant mutations, and that immunity provided by vaccine doses wanes quickly,⁸ repeated and timely updated COVID vaccinations for the population are vital and call for urgent messaging. However, the University of California has not promoted nor informed its constituents enough about the new XBB 1.5 booster, nor mandated its students, faculty, and staff to get the XBB 1.5 new booster that will be coming out, and

WHEREAS, the University of Southern California (USC) made a "COVID-19 General Update" announcement last week on September 1, 2023 that was dispersed to the all of its constituents, indicating that USC is still monitoring COVID-19, continuing to provide free Rapid Testing to its constituents at multiple locations, as well as continuing to perform wastewater tracking, alerts, and mandatory testing when COVID-19 is detected in the wastewater, all in addition to reminding its constituents about flu and COVID-19 vaccinations and promising updates on the upcoming XBB 1.5 booster,⁹

WHEREAS, this marks the sixth consecutive week of increases in reported COVID transmission in Los Angeles County up 20% from the previous week,^{10,11} which is an undercount according to wastewater data indicating levels higher than 63% of the days of the pandemic thus far, and¹²

WHEREAS, "a significant proportion of COVID-19 transmission is asymptomatic or presymptomatic – potentially as high as 60%"^{13,14} and "Rapid COVID tests miss 90% of asymptomatic cases" with single administration versus serial testing multiple times over the course of multiple days,¹⁵ indicating the need for consistent, accurate testing to be available and administered, as well as universal masking, and

⁵ <https://time.com/6231516/universal-masking-in-school-works-new-data-shows-how-well/>

⁶ <https://youtu.be/YkqAmg63ZSs?t=1580>

⁷ <https://covid-19.ucla.edu/wear-your-face-mask/#:~:text=Indoors,campus%20and%20at%20UCLA%20facilities.>

⁸ <https://time.com/6276552/covid-19-vaccine-immunity-wanes/>

⁹ <https://coronavirus.usc.edu/2023/09/01/covid-19-general-update-9-1-23/>

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<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubdetail.cfm?unit=media&ou=ph&prog=media&cur=cur&prid=4497&row=25&start=1>

¹¹ <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/data/#>

¹² <https://biobot.io/data/>

¹³ <https://abcnews.go.com/Health/covid-transmission-asymptomatic/story?id=84599810>

¹⁴ <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2774707>

¹⁵ <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-02254-9>

WHEREAS, the discontinuation of mandated weekly PCR testing and easily accessible vending machines for PCR test drop-offs is very dangerous to the UCLA community, as well as not processing PCR tests on the weekends or sending out automated isolation instructions and resource information immediately on the processing of the PCR test such that students have had to wait until three days later (“one business day”) to receive instructions if the test returns, which is nowhere near timely enough to reduce transmission, and

WHEREAS, there has been high demand for free rapid antigen tests on The Hill and through Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center (ASHE), and UCLA’s response to the high demand for free rapid tests when they were available was to stop distributing rapid tests on The Hill and to create an appointment barrier through ASHE, and

WHEREAS, in response to rising cases and transmission, Morris Brown, a historically Black college university in Atlanta, Georgia, is requiring all students and employees to wear face masks, maintain physical distance, fill out symptom monitoring, use contact tracing, and limit large gatherings,¹⁶ and UCLA as a supposed “top university” is failing to protect its constituents in comparison to Morris Brown, and

WHEREAS, in response to rising cases and transmission, health care company Kaiser Permanente has also reintroduced mask mandates in the Santa Rosa hospital and medical offices for all people, as well as New York’s United Health Services, Auburn Community Hospital, and Upstate Medical’s hospitals in Syracuse,¹⁷ but UCLA has decided to remove its mask mandate in healthcare following LACDPH’s August 11th rescindment of the healthcare mask mandate, and

WHEREAS, untracked, circulating COVID-19 leads to more viral mutations and immune-evasive variants such as EG.5 and the highly mutated BA.2.86 variant, where the lack of surveillance and mitigations to stop spread has led to the World Health Organization admitting it is deeply concerned that there is not enough rapid information being shared to truly track and respond to COVID-19 in a timely manner, and¹⁸

WHEREAS, the long-term risks of reinfection are common, and data shows “a consistent pattern of increased likelihood of hospitalization, cardiovascular effects, clotting and other blood disorders, diabetes, fatigue, gastrointestinal distress, kidney damage, mental health effects such as depression, musculoskeletal damage, neurological deficits, and pulmonary damage with each episode,” and¹⁹

WHEREAS, anybody who has previously been infected with any strain of COVID-19 is at heightened risk for severe illness from COVID-19 for asymptomatic, mild, moderate, and severe cases,²⁰ and is therefore encompassed within the heightened risk population that includes those who are immunocompromised, chronically ill, disabled, are a racial or ethnic minority, hold intersectional identity, have mood disorders, and²¹

WHEREAS, 27.9% of all American adults who have known to previously had COVID, and 14.9% of all American adults, have Long-COVID²², according to the last eight weeks of the U.S Census Bureau’s Phase 3.9 Household Pulse Survey, which has a sample size of hundreds of thousands of people, and

WHEREAS, the Biden administration has amassed over 1.1 million deaths from COVID-19 during its term, which by its own and all reasonable standards is a horrific failure to fulfill the most basic responsibilities of government.^{23,24} The federal

¹⁶ https://www.instagram.com/p/CwLcj0qAeWZ/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

¹⁷ <https://www.newsweek.com/mask-mandates-return-list-places-restrictions-1823069>

¹⁸ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KkUdFBB5Ac>

¹⁹ <https://www.harvardmagazine.com/2022/12/covid-reinfection>

²⁰ <https://www.yalemedicine.org/conditions/long-covid-post-acute-sequelae-of-sars-cov-2-infection-pasc>

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[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#:~:text=Having%20mood%20disorders%2C%20including%20depression,of%20Mental%20Health%20\(NIMH\)%20Depression](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#:~:text=Having%20mood%20disorders%2C%20including%20depression,of%20Mental%20Health%20(NIMH)%20Depression)

²² https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/hhp/#/?measures=LONGCOVID_1

²³ <https://twitter.com/JoeBiden/status/1319446692236791814>

²⁴ <https://covid19.who.int/region/amro/country/us>

government continues to pretend the pandemic is not a threat anymore to the public at large while continuing to take their own internal precautions, and^{25,26}

WHEREAS, wealthy and powerful people are continuing to protect themselves from COVID, while many of them seek to strip away COVID protections from everyone else, especially poor people, working class people, disabled people, Black, Brown, Indigenous, and people of color,²⁷ and

WHEREAS, student workers counted as ‘Casual/Restricted’ or ‘Per Diem’ do not typically receive sick pay or sick leave for illness and when they do it is based on accrual which suggests someone must earn the right to be able to be sick and also survive, placing extreme hardship on students who depend on their job, and Teaching Assistants (TAs) do not receive adequate sick pay or sick leave either as they are not full-time employees, and

WHEREAS, Residential Assistants in particular are not provided adequate sick leave or sick pay²⁸ and with UCLA making isolation housing extremely inaccessible, Residential Assistants and other ResLife and Housing workers should not be expected to perform their duties while they themselves are sick, and

WHEREAS, former UC President Janet A. Napolitano issued an executive order March 16, 2020 providing all employees with 128 hours of paid administrative leave specifically for COVID-19 related reasons,²⁹ but no further sick leave/pay provisions were made for the past three years, and

WHEREAS, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund that distributed grants to students that demonstrated financial need through their 2021/2022 FAFSA or Dream Act, although minimal, was extremely beneficial to students who received the grants, but the Fund was not active for the 2022-2023 academic year,³⁰ and

WHEREAS, the University’s COVID-19 denialist Task Force “Infectious Diseases Management Team,” has removed the need for a negative COVID test to end isolation as well as reducing isolation time to 5 days, citing guidelines of that were originally instituted by the Center of Disease Control (CDC) directly after airline companies lobbied to reduce the 10-day quarantine to 5 days, a reduction not supported by infectious disease transmission and health science but rather a push to open the flight industry,^{31,32} and

WHEREAS, UCLA’s decision to follow the reduced isolation guidelines from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) when noting that LACDPH “strongly recommends”³³ testing negative for COVID-19 prior to leaving isolation reflects UCLA’s unwillingness to be proactive in reducing transmission, and

WHEREAS, UCLA’s claim that there are “isolation and quarantine spaces available to students living in on-campus housing... as space permits”²⁹ suggests readily available isolation and quarantine spaces, but isolation housing in the 2022-2023 academic year was frequently overwhelmed, and for the upcoming 2023-2024 academic year there has been word from ResLife meetings that there will only be SIX rooms on the same floor as non-isolating rooms (total occupancy = 18) available in De Neve Birch for

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/02/04/statement-by-president-joe-biden-on-90000-american-deaths-from-covid-19/>

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<https://www.c-span.org/video/?c5078296/white-house-covid-testing-protocols-place-israeli-delegation-members-test-positive>

²⁷ <https://slate.com/technology/2023/01/davos-covid-precaution-uv-lights-air-filters.html>

²⁸ <https://reslife.ucla.edu/employment/resident-assistant-job-description>

²⁹ <https://ucla.app.box.com/v/exec-order-paid-leave>

³⁰ <https://financialaid.ucla.edu/higher-education-emergency-relief-fund-heerf3-faq>

³¹ <https://www.cnn.com/2021/12/23/airline-industry-pushes-cdc-to-cut-breakthrough-covid-quarantine-time.html>

³² <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-02026-x>

³³

https://ucla.app.box.com/s/ytuwjy4j3ntmvfuexfga6jxmwsu6ghd?utm_source=1136640395&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BruinPost&utm_content=isolation-sop

over 14,000 Hill-dorming students, with no isolation housing to be made available to off-campus University-owned apartments, and

WHEREAS, ASHE does not provide Paxlovid, Veklury, Lagevrio, or any other antivirals or medications widely used to help treat initial COVID-19 severity, even though it is recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC)³⁴ for those who are at risk, and since ‘at-risk’ includes racial and ethnic minorities, LGBTQIA+ identity, individuals with mood disorders, individuals who’ve previously had COVID (including asymptomatic cases which they may not be aware of) and individuals with Attention Hyper Deficit Disorder, ‘at-risk’ encompasses a significant portion of the population,^{35,36} and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), following CDC guidelines, recommends a MINIMUM of 6 air changes per hour, and “In California, Title 24-2019 Energy Efficiency Standards now require a MERV 13 or higher filter for schools with mechanical ventilation systems.”³⁷ As mentioned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency “Transmission of COVID-19 from inhalation of virus in the air can occur at distances greater than six feet. Particles from an infected person can move throughout an entire room or indoor space. The particles can also linger in the air after a person has left the room – they can remain airborne for hours in some cases,”³⁸ but UCLA still has poor ventilation in many of the older buildings on our 103-year old campus, on The Hill, and in University-owned off-campus housing,³⁹ and

WHEREAS, UCLA claims it provides portable air purifiers for multi-occupancy rooms,⁴⁰ but dorm rooms count as multiple-occupancy rooms, and UCLA does not provide air purification to dorm rooms on or off campus, and

WHEREAS, classic hall dorms do not have individual HVAC systems or private bathrooms, both of which reduce transmission risk but are attainable only at a high economical expense which is an example of another wealth and health inequity,⁴¹ and

WHEREAS, UCLA has not made clear to students, staff, and faculty the proper usage and placement of the air purifiers they do provide, and when individuals have contacted UCLA multiple times to identify air purifiers that need new filters, UCLA has failed to respond or address the problem, and

WHEREAS, UCLA’s Ventilation Systems page does not state it is evaluating, upgrading, or has upgraded any of the off-campus University-owned apartments which student transfers occupy the majority of, and for a population that is majority BIPOC and both frequently overlooked and underrepresented, this displays direct neglect of a significant portion of UCLA’s population, and³⁰

WHEREAS, UCLA is quietly discontinuing its Mask Distribution to departments as of July 1, 2023, and will be liquidating their remaining inventory through December 15, 2023,⁴² when they should be continuing operations and even expanding distributions by making masks such as KN95s and KF94s available in addition to the N95s they offer. This is due to how NIOSH testing is made for white male faces and KN95 and KF94 masks offer better fit for many non-white-male individuals, and protection is

³⁴ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-care/outpatient-treatment-overview.html>

³⁵ https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-care/underlyingconditions.html#anchor_1618433687270

³⁶ <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/covid19/pulse/long-covid.htm>

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https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCPHP/DEODC/EHLB/IAQ/CDPH%20Document%20Library/School_ventilation_and_filtration_ADA.pdf

³⁸ <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/indoor-air-and-coronavirus-covid-19>

³⁹ <https://adminvc.ucla.edu/building-ventilation-assessment-status>

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<https://adminvc.ucla.edu/ucla-ventilation-systems-faq#:~:text=For%20recirculating%20air%20systems%2C%20UCLA,are%20based%20on%20maximum%20occupancy.>

⁴¹ <https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/new-students/classic-residence-hall>

⁴² <https://ehs.ucla.edu/ucla-mask-distribution>

maximized when respirators are high quality and well-fitting for the wearer since surgical masks offer some protection but not nearly as much as respirators,^{43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50} and

WHEREAS, the Disabled Students Union, the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC), and Mother Organizations have been advocating for hybrid learning for more than two years, and have demonstrated that hybrid learning is popular with UCLA students by getting more than 30,000 signatures on petitions for hybrid learning⁵¹ and building a coalition of organizations representing most UCLA students for the Strike For Our Safety which had hybrid learning as a central demand, and⁵²

WHEREAS, UCLA's complete disregard for disabled students' concerns and retention by ignoring the previous USAC resolution calling for the removal of punitive notations and other efforts by disabled and allied student advocates furthers the oppression of disabled students,⁵³ especially those from diverse backgrounds, as well as not acknowledging the continuing mental and physical health of students and the intense emotional and physical burdens of the COVID-19 pandemic, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC urges the University of California Los Angeles to reintroduce a universal mask mandate for indoor and crowded outdoor spaces, including University affiliated transportation such as BruinBus, Bruin Access, Safe Ride, etc., and display signage at the entryways for every building and transportation vehicle to accurately represent policy, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC urges the University of California Los Angeles to resume its Mask Distribution operations for departments and provide N95, KN95, and KF94 respirator masks, as well as make those masks available FOR FREE in high foot traffic areas such as on The Hill, on off-campus University-owned housing, transportation vehicles, etc., including in locations already named by UCLA such as Ackerman Union, John Wooden Center, etc., since it is the University's duty to ensure that protective respirators are accessible to all its constituents, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC asks the University of California Los Angeles to mandate its students, faculty and staff to acquire their XBB 1.5 boosters by November 1st, which can include the mRNA boosters as well as Novavax, and to mandate subsequent COVID boosters within the shortest time frame possible after release, while also understanding that there are some individuals that qualify for medical exemption due to chronic illness, disability, and pre-existing health conditions, and to be inclusive of those identities, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC asks the University of California Los Angeles will bring back the COVID-19 Task Force Team, and recognize that the Mother Organizations are advocating for representation for all of us to advocate for our respective communities, and also to ensure that UCLA is being held accountable for all actions it takes that contradict epidemiology, and

⁴³ https://macsphere.mcmaster.ca/bitstream/11375/28032/2/Sheikh_Fatima_202208_MSc.pdf

⁴⁴ <https://academic.oup.com/annweh/article/53/3/297/173431?login=true>

⁴⁵ <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/16126767/>

⁴⁶ <https://brieflands.com/articles/healthscope-62884.html>

⁴⁷ <https://ehjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/1476-069X-10-17>

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https://www.researchgate.net/publication/6470259_Racial_Differences_in_Respirator_Fit_Testing_A_Pilot_Study_of_Whether_American_Fit_Panels_are_Representative_of_Chinese_Faces

⁴⁹ <https://www.axios.com/2022/01/11/n95-mask-protection-covid>

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<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/commentary-wear-respirator-not-cloth-or-surgical-mask-protect-against-respiratory-viruses>

⁵¹ <https://www.change.org/p/ucla-stop-endangering-us-let-disabled-bruins-learn-remotely> +

<https://www.change.org/p/strike-for-our-safety-support-a-permanent-hybrid-learning-option-at-ucla>

⁵² <https://femmamagazine.com/strike-for-our-safety-protesting-the-push-for-in-person-classes/> (the Mother Orgs + the DSU represent UCLA's students of color and queer and disabled students, who comprise a majority of the student body, and the Strike For Our Safety received tremendous support from democratically elected USAC officers)

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<https://usac.ucla.edu/docs/resolution.2022-05-22.Resolution%20For%20The%20Removal%20of%20Punitive%20Notations%20From%20Student%20Transcripts%20.pdf>

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC urges the University of California Los Angeles to reinstate the discontinued PCR vending machines and drop off sites, especially the ones on The Hill and in high foot traffic areas on campus, expand PCR vending machines and drop off sites to be easily accessible to off-campus University-owned housing, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC urges the University of California Los Angeles to process PCR tests on the weekends, and to send out automated isolation instructions and resource information immediately on the receipt of positive test as well as multiple different avenues for automated messaging based on the answers to the survey UCLA sends out, such that students do not have to wait a full business day for their individual case to be reviewed to receive timely assistance, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC urges the University of California Los Angeles to provide easily accessible Rapid Antigen Tests on-site for all University-owned housing and through Ashe with no appointment barrier,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC urges that University of California Los Angeles should place N95, KN95, and KF94 respirators and PCR and rapid testing kits in identity-based resource centers, including but not limited to, the UCLA LGBTQ CRC, Black Bruins Resource Center, Bruins Resource Center, Veterans Resource Center, Latinx Resource Center, Transfer Students Center, American Indian Studies Center, Hillel, the soon-to-be Disability Cultural Center and Pacific Islands' Community Center, as well as the Student Activities Center (SAC), and Kerckhoff Hall, as both SAC and Kerckhoff house diverse student groups and organizations, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will urge the University of California Los Angeles to reinstate wastewater tracking and public reporting, as well as building alerts for viral presence in sewage that require residents to get tested within two days as before, as well as publicly reinstating, providing, and regularly updating the UCLA COVID-19 tracking data and graph, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will urge the University of California Los Angeles to provide the UCLA COVID-19 On-Site Case Notification with the COVID-19 case location dashboard to ALL of its constituents, not just the bare minimum mandatory notification to only employees, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC urges the University of California Los Angeles to reinforce the isolation guidelines for those who test positive for COVID-19 by reinstituting the requirement of a minimum of 1-2 Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs/rapids) to end isolation,⁵⁴ and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will urge the University of California Los Angeles to recognize that providing only 6 isolation rooms in De Neve Birch on the *same floor as non-isolation rooms* for all of The Hill is unacceptable, especially considering that COVID-19 is not the only transmissible virus that would also call for isolation. The University must provide enough isolation and quarantine housing for ALL University-owned housing constituents, with AT LEAST the minimum amount of housing that the previous isolation buildings, De Neve Evergreen, Gayley Heights, etc., provided, and ideally expanding past those capacities since isolation housing was frequently overflowing the past two years, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will urge the University of California Los Angeles to establish and maintain CADPH's ventilation recommendations in all UCLA owned buildings, including all University-owned housing, to get to the recommended 6 minimum air changes per hour in non-healthcare environments (12 recommended for healthcare environments),^{55,56,57} and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will urge the University of California Los Angeles to stay true to their claims of providing and maintaining air filters to supplement clean air delivery rate to multi-occupancy rooms, providing air filters to all university-owned housing where there is no HVAC available and where UCLA has not upgraded their ventilation system to MERV 13 yet, and to educate students, staff, and faculty on the proper usage and placement of provided air purifiers, and

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<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/safety-communications/home-covid-19-antigen-tests-take-steps-reduce-your-risk-false-negative-results-fda-safety>

⁵⁵ <https://time.com/6206343/schools-ventilation-covid-19-air-quality/>

⁵⁶ <https://www.ed.gov/improving-ventilation-schools-colleges-and-universities-prevent-covid-19>

⁵⁷ <https://peoplescdc.org/2022/09/23/ventilation-for-coronavirus-in-schools/>

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will urge the University of California to reinstate takeout dining options for main food halls such as De Neve, Epicuria at Covel, and Bruin Plate on The Hill in recognition of the high risk of indoor dining, as COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses are aerosolized, as mentioned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will urge the University of California Los Angeles to provide a variety of antiviral medications through UCLA ASHE center, including but not limited to, Paxlovid, Veklury, Lagevrio, and more, as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC)¹⁸ for those who are at risk, and since ‘at-risk’ includes racial and ethnic minorities, LGBTQIA+ identity, individuals with mood disorders, and individuals with Attention Hyper Deficit Disorder, ‘at-risk’ encompasses a significant portion of the population, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will urge the University of California to provide sick pay, Paid Time Off, and sick leave for illness to student workers, Residential Assistants, Teaching Assistants, and all other University workers who do not currently have those policies in place in their job contract, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will pressure the University of California Los Angeles to work with students, academic workers, lecturers and the Academic Senate to instate universal access for all students in their education and for all academic workers, lecturers and professors in their work, and that includes hybrid access to lectures, discussions, seminars, labs, and every other form of teaching, which includes video recordings that can be accessible through BruinCast and Zoom recordings, etc., and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will pressure the University of California Los Angeles to implement the changes called for in the previous, unanimously passed USAC resolution calling for changes to the usage and removal process of punitive notations, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC asks the University of California Los Angeles to recognize that many members of the UCLA community are enduring Long-COVID, will work with UCLA students, workers, and faculty to develop policies and programs upholding the rights and advancing the wellbeing of people at UCLA and beyond who are suffering from Long-COVID,⁵⁸ including but not limited to providing good-quality patient-centered care and all necessary accommodations and supports for all UCLA students, workers, and faculty with Long-COVID, as well as engaging in community-based research on Long-COVID, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will urge the University of California Los Angeles to follow Volume 2 of the United States Department of Education’s COVID-19 Handbook to “plan ahead to avoid disruptions in learning and make the student learning experience as seamless as possible, using the preparation measures and strategies outlined,”⁵⁹ as all of UCLA’s mitigation and response strategies should have never been decreased and require additional measures, and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will urge UCLA to follow the U.S. Department of Education’s insistence that “Consistent with CDC guidance, [schools must] prioritize offering in-person learning to all students by implementing layered prevention strategies from the very start of the school year. This includes helping everyone eligible to get vaccinated, universal and correct indoor masking, improving ventilation, physical distancing to the maximum extent possible, implementing screening testing programs, contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, and more.”³⁸ and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC urges the University of California Los Angeles to not collectively sacrifice the safety and health of their constituents for political and economic means under the guise of a propagandic “normal,” and that USAC will not stand by as UCLA quietly abandons its population, and

FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC, in collaboration with the Disabled Students Union, Disability Justice Committee and other advocacy groups, will advocate for COVID protections and accessible learning through measures including

⁵⁸ <https://www.bestcolleges.com/news/what-college-students-need-to-know-about-long-covid/>

⁵⁹ <https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus/supporting-students-during-covid-19-pandemic#:~:text=Though%20COVID%2D19%20outbreaks%20have,similar%20to%20community%20transmission%20levels.>

but not limited to policy and legal advocacy, campus organizing, and making all of our events as COVID-safe and accessible as possible.

- Sujana: “First, thank you so much to Gwen and everyone else at DSU who I know was involved in putting this resolution together as well as Thyra and Alicia for supporting the resolution and bringing me on board. Obviously, I was brought on as a co-sponsor later in the meeting and I guess I would like to explain what compelled me to make this decision to co-sponsor and to echo what is being expressed. I honestly just think that the last part of the resolution sums it up really perfectly. You know it may sound a little doomsday-esque and it may sound a little scary bit in a way I think it just perfectly encapsulates the fact that we have all become numb and indifferent to what is going on and especially the fact that it targets a group of people who can’t always speak for themselves and I think something that really concerned me and I expressed this to Thyra as well was the fact that without a third co-sponsor, they couldn’t even bring this resolution to the meeting and the ability to elevate these voices is really important and it would be a shame if they weren’t even able to bring that to the table and even that is the perfect symbol of the larger situation that is going on and how easy it is to pretend that this doesn’t even exist. I mean obviously it is a very scary and uncomfortable conversation to have had. I know that I feel the same way but the fact that we can put the conversation to the site is a massive privilege. I have peers that I see on social media who are really suffering not only like permanently physically but they just can’t do the things that they want to do and they can’t attend classes and they can’t hang out with friends and peers. It can feel very lonely and abandoned and I think that is such a shame so that is why I really want to share support for this. Obviously there are many considerations to be had but I just think that needs to be put to the side for the reality of the situation and to help people. That is how I feel.”
- Alicia: “You are going to make me cry. That was said so beautifully. I really felt that from the bottom of your heart. I want to give big props to Gwen for reading that. I really think that it is so strong that you came here to read it and have the platform to speak about it today. I do want to say that I feel like I forgot that there are a lot of demands on this and it is extremely thorough and extremely detailed and it would be a dream to have all of these met but like if we could have at least one thing, I think it does help. Even if you are hesitant to vote because you feel like this is too much for you, please do. I think it is pretty common to know that the UCLA Administration is probably not going to care so if we could get at least one of the things that we are asking and demanding for. I think it is great to show that USAc cares and will do anything to get anything we can get from the institution that was not built to serve us.”
- Gabby: “Hi, firstly, I just want to say thank you so much for reading that and for bringing this resolution to us. I seriously appreciate you taking your time to read it to us today. Personally, I know this is really annoying and it could be frustrating but I would like to table the resolution just because there are things that I don’t know enough about that I would like to look into a little more. I don’t know if anyone agrees with me on that but I would like to look a little bit more into that before signing on to it.”
- Katie: “Yeah, thank you so much for taking the time to read this resolution to us and you know I agree with Gabby. I think that first of all there is so much information here that is really shocking to me you know and it is honestly really disappointing and I’m glad you guys brought it to attention because especially the lack of isolation rooms is really disappointing that UCLA is only providing six. I think we really need to encourage them more but I think just in terms of passing the resolution today, I think it would be a good idea to table it mostly because we want this resolution to be passed with as much honesty and publicity that we can get with a lot of integrity. If we pass it when most people in council don’t have the opportunity to see it, it is going to come off to the student body as a decision that was made hastily and we don’t want that. We want them to know that people are in agreement with this and the importance of this resolution and what it entails. I just think that tabling it might be a good idea that way we can all come back and be in agreement as one student body.”
- Evan: “Yeah, I just wanted to start off and echo the sentiment that a lot of other people have had in just really acknowledging the tremendous amount of effort and work that members of our council, Alicia and Thyra, and the disabled student union have really put into crafting this resolution. I think it really reflects in its final product. It is so cohesive and comprehensive and really gives a great understanding of the current state of Covid and really the effects on the communities that you know are often neglected during crises. I think that throughout my own experience with

USAC, I have seen a lot of really different types of resolutions passed by the council with varying degrees of success at their implementation. Oftentimes, our USAC resolutions pass as powerful statements that validate the concerns of the student body and other times they can become really great road maps to tackle particular issues that unite the student body. I am kind of concerned that this resolution might be written and turn into more of the former which is a statement of incredibly valuable needs of a community with very little ability to really be implemented. I have a couple of suggestions that could hopefully turn the resolution away from a statement of values and towards a more concrete and actionable plan that we could proceed together with the UCLA administration and with the mother organization. I think my first suggestion is that resolutions are just more effective when they are short and they are concise. I think that we really need to think about what audience we are writing this resolution for whether it is administration or the student body. It is very unlikely that they are going to be reading this entire document so just making sure that we have the most important things there. Kind of on a similar note, there are really a lot of things that we are asking for and that therefore let it be resolved section can be a little bit overwhelming to the casual reader. I would highly recommend that DSU and the co-authors kind of work together to see what priorities they can demand from UCLA. The way that I have thought about it and discussed with my team is that you know you could really create maybe two separate lists. One for more of the realistic demands that you are making and one for the priority demands for the disabled community and then you can combine these two works and really work to find an actionable solution that is both important and can actually be changed through student advocacy. My final thought is just about the inclusion of the mask mandate. I think as an able-bodied individual, I really want to understand that my perspective is not the same as somebody who is at an elevated risk of Covid-19 in its long term effects and just trying to think of it a little bit more strategically. I think that my recommendation for us is to just reflect on the reality and you know local officials whether or not it is the removal of the mask mandate at LA County Hospitals all the way up to the CDC and federal officials are really operating as if you know Covid doesn't exist. Something I don't personally agree with but I think it is a reality that we definitely have to confront when it comes to a mass mandate. What we are going to say in this resolution does very little to actually affect what those policies are. UCLA is going to be looking towards organizations for their precedents but I think the one thing that we do know from a mask mandate is it would be really unpopular with the student body so the question that I would really want DSU and the supporting council members to think about is do we really risk alienating the student body against all of the groups that are in this resolution for something that isn't currently realistic just at our current point in time. I also think that is something that I would really like to come back to as the school year progresses and we can get more information and more data if the situation gets worse. I think as USAC we can absolutely be in support of the mask mandate but it might come with some harm because of some of the demands that are on there. My recommendation for what we could do moving forward is that I agree with the points that Katie and Gabby have made just because of the last minute addition to the agenda. I think that we should probably table this to be transparent to the student body. I think it is probably not a great look if we do move forward with a vote. Those are my ideas. Again I am just a single individual but at least in my reading of it, I really want to make sure that we have something that is an actionable plan that comes out of this."

- Alicia: "I do not think that we should table this because our next council meeting is on the 26th which means week zero which means that Bruin Bash and EAF would have happened and Welcome Week is going to be a really dangerous week for Covid infections and other illnesses like the FLU so I don't think we should table it. From my experience in council, if you guys think you want to table it, I feel like you might want to say no to the resolution and the fact that DSU came and a student came to read it and all the data is there with all the resources that you need to check that data. If you want to have an extra five minutes I think we could do that for you to look at the data and check whatever you need to. I don't think tabling would be the best option because the school year will start in two weeks by our next meeting and if we want to get any of these demands met and not prioritize some more than others because at the end of the day they all contribute towards our health and well-being. I think that doing this while we can is important. I think it says something when you are going to vote in favor of this because it's not that you only care for disabled students, you care for every single person at UCLA and Los Angeles and about their health and how Covid impacts them. So that is my two cents."
- Thyra: "Similarly to Alicia and I am guessing Gwen, I would like to implore you all to not table this vote. Obviously people are going to put forth motions however they see fit. I can't really remember everything that has been mentioned by Evan. I believe it was Gabby and Katie but we did include the student body in this. There were over five student organizations that showed support for this resolution including three of the biggest student organizations that are on the mother organization coalition specifically. Organizations like MEChA that represent a large portion of UCLA's

community in addition to the other student orgs that showed support for this that aren't on the Mother Organization Coalition but generally represent some of the most marginalized communities on campus. In addition to the support on the resolution, there were also specific students from DSU that came to speak about their experiences with Covid and as a transfer student who got Covid before I transferred to UCLA I do think that it is important for us to recognize that Covid is literally a pandemic and it is a health crisis. For us to be the student council of UCLA not supporting the Disabled Student Union in a resolution that talks about all those different health hazards in an holistic way, I understand that there may be concerns that the resolution is too expansive but Covid is also expansive. There are so many politics into why UCLA has chosen to just perpetuate white supremacy through health and the pandemics. They way that they are responding to Covid and understanding all of the different things that Gwen mentioned in the resolution. I also think it is important for us as a student council to recognize our privilege as able-bodied council members but also a lot of council members here today are not a part of those communities that are directly severely impacted by Covid-19 so it is just a matter of positionality. As a person who is black and who is a low-income first generation you know transfer students like myself are mostly impacted by Covid-19 and I don't feel comfortable putting this resolution on pause because of how long the resolution is or just the general sentiment that this hasn't been presented to the general student body. I think what is kind of revealing in that sentiment is that this resolution was presented to students who are more marginalized and so I may be making assumptions but it sounds like you are wanting the resolution to be shown to more privileged and conservative people. I would just ask you all to be considerate of that and the language and the sentiments that you are putting out into the space can be additionally harmful especially because we spend so much time putting different perspectives into this resolution especially transfer student perspectives and just general POC perspectives so I would just ask you all to consider that and this discussion about tabling the resolution later."

- Gwen: "I don't know if I am allowed to respond to things but I would like to echo what Alicia and Thyra said. I am biased but I definitely understand that this resolution came in late but to really continue what Alicia and Thyra have been saying, there is a time constraint because school is about to start up and the next meeting is when school is already started so that is the issue. Part of the reason why it is so detailed and thorough is because we are really trying to cover all those bases and like Alicia said, when presenting these resolutions to UCLA administration and stuff there are varying degrees of success on what they will actually do and that is part of the reason why it is so detailed. I think Evan, you were talking about action items and I tried to detail as much as I could specific action items and that is kind of exactly why this is so long because I was trying to provide that feedback for the general populace and then also give those specific items. I am totally happy to go into any of those items."
- Sujana: "I mean I know and I think we are going to vote on whether or not to table it is going to happen. I would just like to offer this as something to reflect on and I think something that also informs my vote. I think one thing I want to echo is the idea of what we ran on and the promises that were made and the responsibilities that we have I think is one thing to consider. It was also mentioned that there are two types of resolutions that can be had. To simplify what was explained greatly but like you have one very actionable and another one being perhaps more idealistic and I think in considering that, if we can even get one thing from this resolution that would be massive and it would be an acknowledgment at least that Covid-19 is real and it exists and just trying to speak it out of existence does not work. It can seem less actionable to certain people but I think regardless this is something that is very strong to hold ourselves to and work towards and try to make UCLA more perfect. Anyways, this is coming out all scrambled but hopefully I tried to make myself clear."
- Thyra: "I am sorry one more comment but I also want to acknowledge that of the supporting organizations we have representation from black orgs, latinx orgs, and asian orgs so that is a lot of cultural diversity that I personally haven't seen from a USAC resolution. I have been on council for a while, not as much as Alicia, Naomi, or Sara but that is a lot of different people from different communities coming together. This is a resolution that presents cross-cultural solidarity so I am just going to throw that out there too."
- Sara: "I just want to start by saying thank you for coming to read that and bring all the hard work and effort. One of my main concerns is one of the let it be resolved, specifically the one that requires a booster, I would strongly encourage that we change the language because it is really an issue for me of like, I don't know if I am thinking too much into this but literally the legality of like requiring students to do something like that. I personally don't know if I would feel comfortable with that. I also wanted to hear your thoughts on that specific point."

- Gwen: “Yeah, so basically the way I worded it that way is because previously UCLA has actually mandated a booster and they have been mandating the original series of vaccinations and then all the subsequent vaccinations as well. They have been doing that and obviously there has been a lot of pushback on that and that is partially why they are changing some of the protocols. The reason why I wanted to be inclusive with things like medical exemption and stuff is because you know there are people who can’t physically get the vaccine because there are people who have vaccine injuries or they have chronic illness or disability that would interact with vaccines which is really important. You can’t just say let’s mandate this booster and you are going to have a heart problem or something like that. I think what is important to recognize is the politics of covid and what is going on in everyone’s minds. I also see that as a major failure of the federal government as well because they let politics get in the way. We have so many vaccinations that are required by UCLA already. You are required to get your flu shot right and Covid is multiple times more deadly than the flu so that is also something to just think about. I understand if you would want to try to alter some of the wording in a way that is USAC asking UCLA to do this. I don’t think UCLA is going to 100% follow through if that makes sense.”
- Katie: “I agree with Sara that the language might just be seen as pretty strict. I don’t know among the student body and just circling back to what Evan said and what Gabby said, I think that in terms of this resolution we really want to make sure when we pass it that the student body knows that this is a real valid opinion that we have because it is really important that you know we deal with this issue and explain and show that UCLA has a real concern about how important the pandemic is. I just think that what Sara pointed out about how there are some things that could be improved with the resolution and just some wording here and there might make it a little bit easier to read and comes off just a little bit more supportive of the student body in regards to Covid. Just like Evan was saying, you know like really outline the most important thing that this resolution wants, like what is the number one goal of this resolution and I just think that tabling would be a really good opportunity to make this resolution strong and for there not to be any pushback from council. And also to just really all be unanimously in agreement, we should give the student body plenty of time to look at it. I think it would be a great success if we all came into agreement and had a strong singular opinion that the student body has had plenty of access to look at. Also I just think that the student body that I am referencing is everyone, not just the people who spoke today who were all in favor of this resolution.”
- Jennis: “Hi everyone, I wasn’t here for the beginning of today’s reading because I am with my family on a trip right now and I know this is really important and given my role I want to have a say. I am really unsure on how to proceed but it sounds like the resolution is more than wanting it to be a practical and implementable thing, it is more like a statement of solidarity with POC students and students with disabilities. I am okay with voting in favor of it tonight. I wonder what we could do because there is the essence of time. I thought about what would be the impact of like waiting on this for next week but also I do think that it would be a good step in the right direction so that we can start to produce publicity material or something and it would give us time to spread the news of what we are asking of people before they return to campus. I understand the concerns of stakeholders of the resolution and I would be okay voting even knowing that some of the questions don’t feel possible. From the short time that I have been on the Infectious Disease Management Team, it sounds like they make their decisions based on LA County and also Federal policy and they also look towards UC Berkeley a lot. So these are the things that are not going to drastically change from a USAC resolution. But I do think that the point of the resolution is the statement and the sentiment and the solidarity so I think in a sense we could vote on this and maybe what we could do is have a meeting with all of the stakeholders with all of the student leaders and figure out a practical plan of implementation. Maybe we could schedule a meeting with the chairs of the IDMT and bring the resolution to them and we could always decide the priorities afterwards. I think after we approve the resolution that is an option. It doesn’t have to be perfect before we approve it.”
- Thyra: “Yeah, I just wanted to come back like a full circle moment. I really just want to come back to what Evan was saying. It is a resolution and a lot of the things that are mentioned here are not set in stone. It is really up to us as council member to show our support and to make a lot of these things happen so it is not like by tomorrow after we vote, everybody has to go out and get boosters. If it is a crazy thing to just think that because we are showing our support for DSU we are making all of this absolute and final. It is a work in progress with everything else that we advocate for. I would really really really really like you all to think about who you all are referring to as the student body. That is very problematic especially because we have had so many people of color and so many marginalized students come and talk to council and we keep having this student body phrase thrown around. I have to question what student body you are referring to especially when some of us here have advocated for more funding and there was no talk about the student body in that regard so would want to show the same consistency in that.”

- Sara: "I have a quick question because I understand the concerns of wanting to get this passed before school but also the other concerns of council members. Is it possible to have an emergency meeting? Like I know we all probably don't want to but next Tuesday so there is more time or is that not a thing?"
- Naomi: "Yes, we could have a special meeting. I just would want people to be cognizant of other people's commitments. It is c sesh but that is a potential possibility."
- Gwen: "Yeah, just really quickly, next week is when the UC Regents meeting is so a lot of people are going to be here and it is also when people start to move in. I want to echo Thyra because you should very much consider that over 90% of the non-white organization population at UCLA have seen this resolution and so I think you need to be really careful about how you are talking about the student body. I know there are lots of Asians at the school but like APC encompasses thousands and thousands of students in the schools. I think 35% of our student body is Asian. If you want to figure out how we present things to the administration when we say this is a resolution and here are the changes that we want made. I think like passing this and then being committed to these things in terms of the sentiment of helping everybody. If you are worried about representing your student body, I invite you to reflect on what you think your student body is."
- Naomi: "I am sorry, I am at the point where I need a motion. If you have any other comments please speak now or forever hold your peace but we are moving forward."
- Jonathan moves to vote on the resolution titled a Resolution to Mandate Masking, Weekly PCR Testing, and Upcoming Covid-19 Boosters, and to Improve Ventilation, and Reinstate the Covid-19 Task Force, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 6-0-6, the motion does not pass and the resolution does not get approved.

G. [Resolution Against CSU Tuition Hikes*](#)

Verdugo

A Resolution Against CSU Tuition Hikes

Sponsor:

Alicia Verdugo, Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Co-Sponsors:

Naomi Hammonds, President

Mason Miller, Campus Events Commissioner

Sujana Sridhar, Academic Affairs Commissioner

Supporting Organizations:

M.E.Ch.A. de UCLA

IDEAS at UCLA

Samahang Pilipino

WHEREAS, the University of California Los Angeles' Undergraduate Students Association Council stand in solidarity with students, workers, youth, and faculty under the California State University's system against the increases on tuition and for the basic needs of nearly half a million students, and

WHEREAS, the CSU Board of Trustees (BoT) will be taking a vote from today, September 12th 2023, to tomorrow, September 13th, 2023, to decide on a system-wide annual 6% tuition increase for the next five years. Therefore, this would create a \$2,000 increase by the 2028 school year not accounting for any further increases to top that, and

WHEREAS, this means that the proposed tuition increase begins the academic year starting in 2024-25 with a \$342 increase for undergraduate students. The CSU stated in the proposal that 60% of students would not be affected by the proposal, due to their

tuition being covered by financial aid. The proposal plans the tuition increase would continue into the 2028-29 academic year, in which tuition will cost \$7,682 for undergraduate students. Currently, tuition costs \$5,742⁶⁰, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees claims that the proposal is imperative to continue offering “students to have a high quality education”⁶¹

WHEREAS, About 60% of the system’s 460,000 students who have their full tuition covered through grants, scholarships and waivers will continue to have their costs covered, officials said. And over five years, the system plans to earmark \$280 million of the money raised from tuition increases for financial aid⁶², and

WHEREAS, this is a harmful narrative to portray when it contributes to the erasure of thousands of migrant, working-class, parenting, previously incarcerated, commuter, QTBIPOC+, and more marginalized communities that students are a part of. These students will face the short end of the stick when it comes to their education, and retention rates are at risk of dropping amid these fee increases during an economic crisis, and

WHEREAS, the CSU neglects that even with financial aid, the majority of that support only goes to tuition and it is not enough to feed, house, provide healthcare, and transport for these students amongst more needs, and

WHEREAS, many California families’ income remains largely stagnant despite inflation increasing³ and thus an annual, inflation-based tuition increase presents a difficult challenge to students and their families to keep up; and

WHEREAS, students will be forced to take out loans, work multiple jobs, delay their educational journey, and potentially prevent them from graduating or pursuing a higher degree in order to pay for a higher cost of attendance, and

WHEREAS, higher education is a luxury to many of the students that make all CSUs successful and accredited. Working-class, Black, Indigenous, and people of color are those who make these universities incredible educational institutions, and

WHEREAS, raising tuition further discourages youth and other students across generations from pursuing education, and adds on to the hardships so many low-income, first generation communities of color endure, and

WHEREAS, the CSU centering connections with the military and weapon corporations in their capitalistic and profit-driven goals while students go hungry, unhoused, indebted, and disabled without health care in an ongoing pandemic, and

WHEREAS, California’s Master Plan for Higher Education in 1960 was made with the state’s intention to commit to a tuition-free public education; that higher education is a social good, not a profit-driven enterprise, and

WHEREAS, this took a turn for the worse, and the Reagan administration pushed to cut state funding for California’s public colleges to racially and capitalistically mass incarcerate, and he began student debt in the state of California⁶³,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students’ Association Council stands in solidarity with students across the CSU in firmly and unequivocally opposing any and all tuition hikes.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students’ Association Council calls on the CSU to instead divest itself completely from institutions and systems of policing, military expansion, and global violence and oppressions and instead reinvest public and student funds directly back into the CSU community of faculty, staff, students, and workers.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, we denounce in solidarity the increase of the privatization of our public education.

⁶⁰https://dailytitan.com/news/csu-board-of-trustees-to-vote-on-tuition-increase/article_ca4ef90e-5044-11ee-8117-b7d102013fe4.html

⁶¹ <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-09-06/csu-stands-by-controversial-6-tuition-hike-plan-ahead-of-vote>

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⁶³ <https://theintercept.com/2022/08/25/student-loans-debt-reagan/>

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students' Association Council calls on the UC, CCC, and CSU systems, as well as California's elected leaders in the Governor's Office and Legislature, alike to work together under the leadership of students and workers to develop these systems as educational and employment institutions that are not only publicly-funded, but publicly-led and focused on the public welfare.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students' Association Council recognizes that an attack on students and workers somewhere, is an an attack on students and workers everywhere.

FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED, that our strength as students is our solidarity and on behalf of the students of the University of California at Los Angeles, the Undergraduate Students' Association Council will fight against tuition hikes and student/worker-funded greed and oppression now, today, and forever.

- Megan moves to approve a Resolution Against CSU Hikes, Sara seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and A Resolution Against CSU Hikes is approved.

XI. Adjournment

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 11:15pm.

Good and Welfare;

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