



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
September, 26, 2023  
7 PM PST

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## **I. Call to Order**

Hammonds

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

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

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

Law

- Strike TGIF Allocations
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike SFS Allocations
- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike TGMF Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Add appointment for Sharon Kim CS Mini Fund
- Add appointment for Olivia Pacheco for the Academic Senate: Academic Programs Review Committee
- Add appointment for Matthew Reale for Academic Senate: Faculty Executive Committee
- Add appointment for Sophic Suh for Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly
- Add appointment for Melina Reyes for John Wooden Center Board of Directors
- Add appointment for Jiorden King for the Student Initiated Outreach Committee
  
- Eva motions to approve the agenda as amended, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

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

Law

- Public comment is opened at 7:11pm.
  
- Juni Learning: "Hello, my name is Juni. I am here on behalf of the Con Brio String Orchestra and we just wanted to highlight and bring up to CAC and specifically the ARC fund that we have been having trouble with getting our REQ forms from last spring signed and if they are not signed by this week, we will not receive our funding according to

SGA and we just really wanted to highlight that and urge CAC to sign those and also just to reply to our emails because they have not replied since June. Thank you.”

- Alicia: “Hey, I am sorry that this happened. I am not sure why this is happening but I can check into it right now and sign off anything that you need. Can you send it to my email? It is [culturalaffairs@usac.ucla.edu](mailto:culturalaffairs@usac.ucla.edu).”
- John Luke Piegras: “Hello, I am the current external vice president for Swipe Out Hunger and I was just wanting to make a quick public comment about the DSU resolution and specifically to express Swipeout Hunger’s hope that the resolution is unanimously passed. I just wanted to acknowledge that I think anyone who works with administrators as students, a lot of the time, our power is really in our platform and because of that ability to have clear and unambiguous messages is really the only chance that we have at administrators taking up our concerns at all. DSU is trying to bring up a concern that disabled students don’t feel protected on this campus and I am concerned that without unanimous support from USAC, administrators won’t feel pressured to do anything about this issue at all and so i would urge every member of USAC to vote in favor of the DSU resolution.”
- Public comment is closed at 7:15pm.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Hammonds

#### **V. Funding**

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| A. <del>Capital Contingency*</del>   | Yin     |
| A. <u>Contingency Programming*</u>   | Yin     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Total Request: \$44,556.00</li><li>- Allocation: \$14,645.00 for 52 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity</li><li>- Jonathan moves to allocate \$14,645.00 to 52 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity, Katie seconds.</li><li>- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Contingency Programming is approved.</li></ul> |         |
| B. <del>SFS Allocations#</del>   | Wong    |
| C. <del>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</del>  | Kang    |
| D. <del>Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#</del>  | Jussim  |
| E. <del>ASRF Allocations#</del>  | Sridhar |
| F. <del>AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#</del>   | Sridhar |
| G. <del>ARC Allocations#</del>   | Verdugo |
| H. <del>TGIF#</del>  | Curran  |

#### **VI. Special Presentation**

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| A. <a href="#">USAC Funding Authorization Sheet</a> | Perez |
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#### **VII. Appointments**

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| A. <u>ASUCLA Board of Communications*</u>   | Hammonds |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Kaitlyn Cui<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Tabled until next meeting.</li></ul></li></ul>  |          |
| B. <u>CS Mini Fund*</u>   | Hammonds |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Erina Ghazarian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Tabled until next meeting.</li></ul></li><li>b. Sharon Kim<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Megan moves to appoint Sharon Kim to the CS Mini Fund, Katie seconds.</li><li>- By vote of 13-0-0, the motion passes and Sharon Kim is appointed to the CS Mini Fund.</li></ul></li></ul> |          |
| C. <u>Academic Senate: Academic Programs Review Committee*</u>  | Sridhar  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Olivia Pacheco</li></ul>   |          |

- Megan moves to appoint Olivia Pacheco to the Academic Senate: Academic Programs Review Committee, Chia seconds.
  - By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and Olivia Pacheco is appointed to the Academic Senate: Academic Programs Review Committee.
- D. Academic Senate: Faculty Executive Committee\* Sridhar
- a. Matthew Reale
    - Matthew Reale requested that his application be removed.
- E. Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly\* Sridhar
- a. Sophia Suh
    - Sujana moves to appoint Sophia Suh to the Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly, Thyra seconds.
    - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and Sophia Suh is appointed to the Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly.
- F. John Wooden Center Board of Directors# Curran
- a. Melina Reyes
    - No opposition, passes as a content item.
- G. Student Initiated Outreach Committee (SIOC)\* Broukhim
- a. Jiorden King
    - Tabled until next meeting.

## **VIII. Officer Reports**

- A. President Hammonds
- I gave an address at the Chancellor's welcome so that was a fun opportunity and I had a great time. I was able to talk to a bunch of students and some of the administration.
  - I also got a chance to speak at the new commuter student welcome and it was a really great turnout and so I am happy that the commuters came. They offered free parking for the commuters that did come and they also provided food.
  - Besides that, I have been going to a lot of events. Shoutout to Mason and Alicia for Bruin Bash. After the artists activities fair, I gave a presentation to campus tours, bruin ambassadors and other groups about what USAC is to better their explanations in their tours so that one is all about one of my platforms about getting more integration into campus life for USAC.
  - I had Transfer Palooza and I saw Thyra and some other folks and got to mingle with transfers.
  - I also went to the out of state student welcome and that was really fun.
- B. Internal Vice President Law
- ARC interviews
  - Gen staff decisions
  - Internship applications
  - Week 3 workshop with Thyra
- C. External Vice President Jussim
- Main thing right now is EAF and the open house tomorrow. I am super excited for that.
  - I also wanted to highlight the Bruin Advocacy Grant Application is due on Friday and we will have the post up after the guidelines get approved later on during council. I really hope you all read those documents so it can be a speedy approval.
  - Our fellowship application is open until Saturday the 30th and that is super great for anyone who is looking to get into USAC or EVP or advocacy. It is specifically geared for incoming first years and first year transfers so please share that around.
  - We are also setting up meetings with the North Westwood neighborhood council and some other local entities to improve our local relations there.

D. General Representative 1

Pool

- This week we started advertising Jonathan's great idea of doing an internship program with the general representatives offices so all props to him.
- It is going to be really exciting talking to people about the work that we do.
- I am also trying to fill up the rest of my office and I am working to make publications for increasing UCLA dining student workers. Just trying to get the word out about that.

E. General Representative 2

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F. General Representative 3

Valenzuela Mejia

- Returned to the US, visited the USAC setup for EAF but had work so was unable to set up something for GR3 and I thank Katie and Gabby for promoting our internship and joint offices!
- Internship applications for Gen Rep are officially out! Excited to discuss
- The General Representative Offices and the Mystery of the Missing iPad
  - Was delivered to SGA? For some reason in JULY. Currently figuring out how to get that back and talked to the student workers there in the office, given that Capital Contingency funds were used for that purchase of GR technology, I want to make this situation clear.
- Met with Sujana and Adam to discuss collaboration when it comes to my platforms, specifically for Bruin Worldwide
  - We would collaborate for support for International Exchange students and provide them resources, as well as advocating for further support for these students given that outgoing UCLA students are generally well supported when abroad.
  - Also discussed with them about the dual degree initiative, will be contacting the point person at UC Berkeley to further find out information about that
- Sujana and I will be meeting with Senator Aanya Schoetz of UC Berkeley's ASUC and members of that council to discuss collaboration efforts between our bodies in early October, mainly for a Books for Bruins equivalent amongst other efforts.
  - If you'd like to join those conversations please let me know.
- Continued ARC interviews, Megan (meggy) carries and appreciates Sara as well as always <3 for their work helping get to appointments.
- Met with most of my directors to discuss goals and work for the quarter! Excited for my small but mighty team working together to get as much together as possible. Will be meeting with the rest by next week.
- Tomorrow for the USAC Open House, excited to have my executive there and some directors and just inform the student body about our work!
- Continued discussions with the HSI Initiative to determine networks of support for the initiative and for Hispanic/Latine students on campus
  - Latinx Bienvenida is on October 9th, 4-6pm. I highly recommend coming at least for a bit to demonstrate your support. I will be present the entire time.
  - My office will be tabling for the event. If you'd like to collaborate for that, also let me know.
- Attending the UCEAP welcome for incoming exchange students, looking forward to supporting and helping those students with support, especially with the hopeful programs to happen
- Attended the meeting with Michael Beck with other USAC members. An insightful experience.

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Srihar

- We are launching the Books for Bruins application tomorrow and that application will remain open for two weeks before we finalize the list of scholarships so it would be great to have that application publicized and historically Books for Bruins has had a lot of demand and we have already received some DM's for people looking to apply to the scholarship. We are hoping to help as many students as we can.
- I am hiring again for three directors. One director got an internship full time offer for the fall and the other two just fell through so I am hiring for three positions.
- One of these positions is for Director of Growing Roots which is my platform for USAC relations that works to provide fiscal support and advocacy support for USAC.
- The journal staff member application is live and will be posted by the end of the week.
- I was at EAF today and that was really great to meet a lot of my directors for the first time in person.

- I am actively meeting with ASUCLA leadership to advance private grant making. I am figuring out strategies on how to make it a good process.

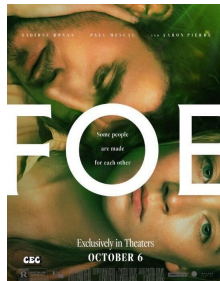
#### H. Campus Events Commission

Miller

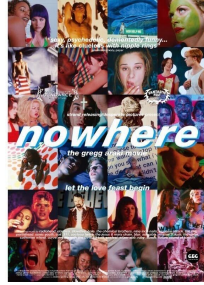
- RECFEST HAPPENED
- BRUIN BASH HAPPENED
  - Postmates sponsorship: looking to expand opportunities even more next year and beyond to continually expand the honorarium budget for BBash
- EAF HAPPENED
  - over 700 clubs (not including greek life, departments, and club sports)
- directors meeting: welcome week recap and future planning
- CEC IS HIRING
  - apps opened today and close Oct 4th at 11:59pm
  - % staffs are hiring, check out [www.uclacec.com](http://www.uclacec.com)
- Upcoming CEC events:
  - “EARTH SESSIONS” CONCERT
    - Sunday, Oct 1st, 3pm @ Sunset Rec
    - collaboration between Intersectional Environmentalist, the Common Experience, and CEC
    - speakers: Earthgang and Leah Thomas (author of The Intersectional Environmentalist, also doing a book signing!)
    - performing artist TBA
    - fun activities and activations tbd



- “FOE” EARLY FILMS SCREENING
  - Wednesday, Oct 4th, 7:30pm @ Landmark Theater (in Westwood!)
  - early screening of Foe (2023) starring Saoirse Ronan and Paul Mescal



- “NOWHERE” FILMS SCREENING AND Q+A
  - Thursday, Oct 5th, 7:00pm @ James Bridges Theater
  - screening of the newly restored Nowhere (1997) followed by a Q&A from director Gregg Araki and stars Jimmy Duval and Nathan Bexton



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- “CAT PERSON” FILMS SCREENING AND Q+A
  - Wednesday, Oct 11th, 6:30pm @ The Landmark Westwood
- screening of Cat Person (2023), starring Emilia Jones and Nicholas Braun, followed by a Q&A from the film's director, Susanna Fogel

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wong

- Volunteer Day is happening this Saturday! We're almost all signed up but there's a couple of slots left if anyone's still interested! Registration Link <https://volunteer.ucla.edu/day>
  - 2 big changes:
    - This year adding pre-service and post-service questions to encourage reflection & a service education worksheet, Site Leader Training today. Idea is to encourage intentionality in volunteering, understand the impact of their work
- Finalizing our details for Servocracy Fest next Wed. 36+ student orgs, this is gonna be a really fun service-themed fair on social justice issues, inspiring 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, CSC-personalized tote bags, baseball caps, Austyn's Food Truck.
- Set up our CSC Service Listserv
  - Receive a monthly newsletter sharing latest volunteer opportunities, events organized by your fellow student service groups and LA non-profits, underutilized resources for service groups (transportation, funding), reminders on funding deadlines, service award scholarships opportunities, and an abundance more!
- Internship Application is open until Week 2.
- Alternative Breaks Application - one week service learning trip over Spring Break
- Gen Retreat for CSC projects is happening tomorrow - entire day of workshops, ending with bonfire with project representatives. Had some trouble with the budget but shout out to Jessica for helping out.
- Center for Community Engagement reached out to us for hosting a screening "Reimagining Safety" Documentary - Film and Activism Workshop, advocacy meeting with them
- Advocacy Team started planning for a Teach-In on October 16: World Food Day

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Verdugo

- Successfully finished Bruin Bash, EAF, and RecFest
- Our applications dropped, close oct1st
- Meeting tomorrow with my directors
- WoW next wednesday
- DCT to Little Ethiopia was decided for fall quarter's tour!
- Booked all our spaces, including dates for HHC

K. Facilities Commissioner

Curran

- USAC open house: Kerckhoff Hall 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
  - Come meet the Facilities Commissioner and the executive board on floor 3, room 300B. Chat about FAC's vision for the future, our projects, TGIF, the application and so much more!
- Thursday (9/28) and Friday (9/29) the Facilities Commission will be flyering on Bruin Walk and answering any questions students might have about U-Pass.

- Our fall FAC applications are due Friday, October 6th at midnight! If you know someone passionate about sustainability, transportation and infrastructure, or accessibility send them our way!

#### **Access & Infrastructure:**

- Our Transportation, Equity and Access team has been intimately involved in the U-Pass distribution process. We had folks helping with the signup and pick-up process and during the Move-In Fair on the Hill. So far, our undergraduate population has ordered over 15,000 passes!
- I attended an ASUCLA Board of Directors meeting for their Ad-Hoc committee. This year's focus will be on creating an expansion to the student union that would house a multicultural center, study rooms and meditation space. ASUCLA would work with USAC and GSA to run a combined referendum.
- I attended a Campus Facilities Coordinating Commission (CFCC) meeting with Naomi. We discussed a variety of topics, including an improved Covid-19 response (especially on The Hill and for events) and the importance of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.
- I met with the chair of the University Committee on Disability (UCOD) to discuss Covid-19 response and the upcoming Disability Pride Week. FAC is collaborating with UCOD on a couple of events throughout the week, with more information coming out soon!
- I met with representatives from the Disabled Student Union (DSU) to make changes to the Covid-19 Resolution. We were able to better organize the resolution and divide it into pieces that were much easier to delegate to specific offices and administrators.

#### **Sustainability:**

- Bruin Bazaar hosted their first event of the school year at RecFest! It was very successful, we got a lot of interest in future events and the work that the commission does.

#### **Appointments:**

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

- We tabled at Enormous Activities Fair!
- As our teams return to campus, we're taking a short break on meetings to give everyone the opportunity to get settled. We're planning on restarting general and committee meetings in Week 2!

#### L. Financial Supports Commissioner Broukhim

- Thank you so much Mason and Alicia for all that you guys did. I heard amazing things about Bruin Bash.
- FSC has spent an absurd amount of time on our board and we opened staff applications today.
- We are planning our first board bonding retreat to Joshua Tree.
- We are setting up meetings with specific organizations on campus like Vernon Resource Center and orgs to see how we can help support them.

#### M. Student Wellness Commissioner Kang

- IDMT's 9/22 [Bruin Post: COVID-19 Updates](#)
- Starting 9/25, every U.S. household can [place an order](#) to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to their home
- Questions to IDMT Regarding COVID-19 Resources
  - PCR testing will still be available free of charge:
    - Ackerman Union, south entrance, UCLA Bookstore
    - Haines Hall, west entrance
    - Pauley Pavilion, north side, adjacent to Bruin Walk
    - Neuroscience Building, west entrance
  - Rapid testing available for purchase:
    - Ackerman Union (A Level) – vending machine
    - Haines Hall (west entrance) – vending machine
    - Neuroscience Building (west entrance) – vending machine
    - Ackerman Union Student Store
    - Bruin Health Pharmacy
  - Wastewater testing:
    - Reimplementation would need to be discussed by the IDMT and approved by the [Emergency Management Policy Group](#)
  - How were these COVID resources funded?

- UCLA's campus budget. Previously, "COVID-19 related programs/supplies was largely informed by the national, state and local emergency declarations which were all lifted in early 2023" so "any increased funding for COVID-19 efforts must now come at the expense of other UCLA budget items/priorities."
- 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

N. Transfer Student Representative

Cobbs

- I served as a UC Regent this past week. I got to meet President Drake and I also got to meet the UC GPC President and his name is Ryan and he is a disabled transfer student so that was really cool and empowering to see transfer students in grad school and still be involved with leadership.
- I met with Megan and Orlando from SOLE to talk about a collaboration that TSR and IVP are going to have during the transfer welcome week. We are going to be doing an introduction to leadership but also giving space to the current transfer serving clubs on campus and having a centralized space for them.
- I met with some people from UNICA to talk about creating a Central American Transfer week which I am really excited about. It would be in collaboration with AfroLatinx Connection and I am really big on black and brown solidarity so I am really excited to see how this turns out.
- I am planning a position that I created in my office for the Directorship for Transfer Mental Health. I don't think that this has ever been done at least here at UCLA and throughout the UC system so it is very interesting to see how it is coming together.
- Transfer Mental Health Awareness Week is going to be a UC wide event and each TSR is going to have their own different transfer mental health awareness week and we are going to advocate for specific caps and mental health services overall in the UC system. It is also to call attention to the anti-transfer climate at each UC and how it can have a large impact on our academic success at the UC system.
- I have a meeting with the Armenian Student Association this weekend and they presented a resolution to council last year about the Armenian Genocide and unfortunately they let me know that I was the only council member that helped them out after they presented that resolution but hoping to continue that collaboration. I helped them host their first transfer networking and resource fair.

O. International Student Representative

Tfayli

- We are still working on the dining program with UCLA dining and that is set to launch in a couple of weeks. Our tentative date is week 3, week 4 is the latest.
- I attended the Dashew International Students Welcome which was very fun. I got to meet a lot of very nice people. I met with Jonathan and Jessica to discuss a couple of program ideas related to International Education initiatives and we are thinking of launching a program specifically for exchange students with more information to come.
- I met with Gabby like a week ago and we talked about a possible event that we were thinking of launching.
- I am meeting with some counselors from CAPS to discuss some healing spaces for international students facing distress because of things going on in their countries.
- I am meeting with the communications coordinator from the Dashew Center and we are going to talk about the ISR and ASIA relationship going forward and we are also discussing the ISR website which we are thinking of taking down and lastly we are launching an internship program specifically tailored to social media/marketing.

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Orlando: "Hi everyone. It is nice to see campus a little bit more as I slide back in myself. As a reminder we are currently re-registering registered campus organizations. If you haven't re-registered your organization please do so. This week we also started registration for new organizations. This will end on Friday of the second week of fall quarter so please get your application in if you haven't already. Another update has two parts. The first part is this Thursday, the Campus Programs Committee regular fund and the Campus Programs Committee youth fund, the first one is \$8,500 and the second one is \$9,500. The first one funds on campus programs with youth programming and that application is due Thursday. The second part is that this

committee is lacking members. It has 4 slots for the undergraduate committee and it currently only has one slot filled. It will still accept applications this Thursday but because of the lack of committee members, there is going to be a delay in the review process. If you know anyone please encourage them to apply for this committee assignment and hopefully we can get someone on the agenda for next week. Finally as it was stated, I met with Thyra and Megan this week to discuss transfer student programming. Just a little background, back in the day SOLE would offer a series of workshops for new and returning student leaders and the organizations ranging from funding to programming, drivers training, etc and through the years we have offered these new workshops to students who wouldn't show up. So this year we are looking for more intentional types of workshops that center around communities and this year we decided to look into it again and instead of working on our own, we reached out to THyra and then Megan to help us put on a transfer workshop this year. Hopefully it will be a sort of blueprint for future collaborations with other communities. I do know that SOLE has two advisors which directly affects the type of advising that organizations are getting so please reach out to me if you have any questions or problems."

- Jessica: "Hello, looking forward to seeing you all at the open house tomorrow. Hopefully it will be a really great turnout. I am really excited and we have a lot of great signage, activities and food so hopefully everybody has a good time and gets to know you all as our student government leaders. The main update that I wanted to share with you all today, some of you all may be aware already but we are formally hiring a new Student Union Director for ASUCLA. Her name is Pamela Lewis and she is going to be starting next week so we are really excited. If you have met with ROy recently or worked with him, he has been in the interim filling the position while we searched for someone to fill it and so now we finally have a new team member so I just wanted to share that with you all. We will be in contact to set up some meetings to do some meet and greets. I will see if she can make it to your first in person council meeting."
- Jonathan: "Hey, hi, hello folks. Welcome back to many of you. It is wild to see all the people around again and it is going to take some getting used to after an empty campus all summer. If you could respond to Jack from the SGS email as soon as you can with your regular staff meetings and or director meetings with the day and time and place. SGS staff are going to be coming around to do minor training for your staff on things that we did for your training in the spring but are things that you directors need to know how to do as well. For example, filling out a REQ form or a maintenance form or contracts and all that kind of stuff. It will be a great refresher for you as well. So please respond to that as soon as you can so we can schedule that. Open house is tomorrow so please tag ASUCLA so we can repost that on our instagram. Just give them the tag and they will repost it automatically. If you have any questions or concerns, Mary will be around starting around 9 am in Kerckhoff setting up. If you have yet to do your office budget allocation sheet that Jessica sent to you, that will need to be completed and submitted to SGA before you can access your money and just another reminder of this funding sheet that we introduced. I think that it would be really good for your transparency and a lot of you ran on that. It is for students to see and track the funding. If you have yet to bring your funding guidelines, I see we have three on the agenda tonight, please remember to bring those guidelines to council for approval before you open any applications or before you do anything with the fund at all, those need to be approved first. Your first meeting back in person is also your Title IX mandatory training for your employment as an ASUCLA employee. That starts at 6pm sharp so please do be there a little earlier since we have the room starting from 5:30pm. We will be in the Bruin Viewpoint room, the one that we are always in. Also another reminder that the week after that you have the mandatory CARE training at 6pm before the meeting as well. Let me know if you have any questions."

## **IX. Old Business**

- A. [A Resolution to Ensure UCLA's Health, Safety, and Wellness in Response to COVID-19\\*](#)

Verdugo

### **A Resolution to Ensure UCLA's Health, Safety, and Wellness in Response to COVID-19**

#### **Sponsors:**

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

#### **Co-Sponsors:**

**Supporting Organizations:**

Disabled Student Union  
OutWrite Newsmagazine  
FEM Newsmagazine  
Jewish Voice for Peace at UCLA  
Students for Justice in Palestine  
Student Labor Advocacy Project  
Students for Socialism at UCLA  
Samahang Pilipino  
Pacific Island's Student Association  
Student Wellness Commission's Student Education and Research of Contemporary Health  
Afrikan Student Union  
Afro-Latinx Connection  
UCLA Swipe Out Hunger  
M.E.Ch.A. de UCLA

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**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, and<sup>1</sup>

**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, and<sup>2</sup>

**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**, 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," and<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://time.com/6231516/universal-masking-in-school-works-new-data-shows-how-well/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://youtu.be/YkqAmg63ZSs?t=1580>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.harvardmagazine.com/2022/12/covid-reinfection>

**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,<sup>4</sup> 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, and<sup>5</sup>

**WHEREAS**, BIPOC make up close to 65% of UCLA's undergraduate population alone, and therefore most of UCLA's undergraduate population is at heightened risk just based off of demographic data,<sup>6</sup> and

**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,<sup>7</sup> 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, and<sup>8</sup>

**WHEREAS**, 27.9% of all American adults who have known to previously had COVID, and 14.9% of all American adults, have Long-COVID<sup>9</sup>, 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 as a reminder, 7-10% more of the U.S. population is expected to become infected in the next six weeks, meaning 2% of the entire US population will be permanently disabled, AKA 6.7 million people becoming permanently disabled from COVID-19 and needing longer term care,<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11,12</sup> The federal 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<sup>13,14</sup>

## **SECTION I: MASKING and PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, UCLA has a "strong recommendation for masks" indoors,<sup>15</sup> 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.' At the start of the school year, UCLA is now putting scant amounts of signage back up, but not everywhere. UCLA cannot claim it is prioritizing the health and safety of its

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<sup>4</sup> <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)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.ucla.edu/about/facts-and-figures>

<sup>7</sup> <https://slate.com/technology/2023/01/davos-covid-precaution-uv-lights-air-filters.html>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KkUdFBB5Ac>

<sup>9</sup> [https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/hhp/#/?measures=LONGCOVID\\_1](https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/hhp/#/?measures=LONGCOVID_1)

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2022/12/happy-new-year-2023.html>

<sup>11</sup> <https://twitter.com/JoeBiden/status/1319446692236791814>

<sup>12</sup> <https://covid19.who.int/region/amro/country/us>

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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/>

<sup>14</sup>

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

<sup>15</sup> <https://covid-19.ucla.edu/wear-your-face-mask/#:~:text=Indoors,campus%20and%20at%20UCLA%20facilities>.

constituents when it prevents departments and groups from requiring masks, and certainly not when UCLA isn't consistent in its own messaging, 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,<sup>16</sup> 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,<sup>17</sup> but UCLA has decided to remove its mask mandate in healthcare following LACDPH's August 11th rescindment of the healthcare mask mandate, and

**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.<sup>18</sup> The Sep 22, 2023 email mentions that masks are still available, but doesn't mention that the distribution program is ending, and this is an obfuscation of vital information. UCLA should be continuing Mask Distribution 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 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,<sup>19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26</sup> and

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, in conjunction with The Emergency Management Policy Group, the Infectious Disease Management Task Force, and UCLA Transportation, we demand the reintroduction of a mask mandate and increased availability of personal protective equipment, and

**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 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

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<sup>16</sup> [https://www.instagram.com/p/CwLcj0qAeWZ/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/CwLcj0qAeWZ/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)

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

<sup>18</sup> <https://ehs.ucla.edu/ucla-mask-distribution>

<sup>19</sup> [https://macsphere.mcmaster.ca/bitstream/11375/28032/2/Sheikh\\_Fatima\\_202208\\_MSc.pdf](https://macsphere.mcmaster.ca/bitstream/11375/28032/2/Sheikh_Fatima_202208_MSc.pdf)

<sup>20</sup> <https://academic.oup.com/annweh/article/53/3/297/173431?login=true>

<sup>21</sup> <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/16126767/>

<sup>22</sup> <https://brieflands.com/articles/healthscope-62884.html>

<sup>23</sup> <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](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)

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.axios.com/2022/01/11/n95-mask-protection-covid>

<sup>26</sup>

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

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.

## SECTION II: TESTING

**WHEREAS**, wastewater is very high in Los Angeles, reporting increases in COVID transmission in Los Angeles County,<sup>27,28</sup> which is an undercount according to wastewater data indicating levels higher than 63% of the days of the pandemic thus far, and<sup>29</sup>

**WHEREAS**, wastewater levels of COVID-19 are extremely high in the United States at large, where “U.S. COVID infections are hovering near levels of the pandemic’s first peak in 2020, and approaching the Delta peak of late 2021, according to wastewater surveillance and modeling by forecasters. Viral wastewater levels are not far behind all of the pandemic’s 2020 peaks except for one—the initial peak of March 2020, which they’ve already surpassed. And they lag just slightly [behind] levels seen during the deadly Delta peak of late 2021, according to Biobot Analytics, which monitors such data for the federal government. A forecast issued this week by Jay Weiland, a leading COVID modeler, came to the same conclusions. On Thursday, Weiland estimated that 650,000 Americans are becoming infected daily, with 1 in 51 Americans currently infected with COVID. An additional 7% to 10% of the U.S. population will be infected over the next month and a half, Weiland predicted.”<sup>30</sup> and at the peak of testing and reporting, the CDC still estimated that only ~25% of COVID-19 cases were reported,<sup>31</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, “a significant proportion of COVID-19 transmission is asymptomatic or presymptomatic – potentially as high as 60%”<sup>32,33</sup> and “Rapid COVID tests miss 90% of asymptomatic cases” with single administration versus serial testing multiple times over the course of multiple days,<sup>34</sup> indicating the need for consistent, accurate testing to be available and administered, as well as universal masking, and

**WHEREAS**, the discontinuation of mandated weekly PCR testing and of many of the 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**, UCLA has been providing free PCR testing by providing an open basket of PCR tests, and also through the following avenue: “Any student, staff, faculty or approved non-affiliates with an active BruinCard can receive up to two self-test kits each week using the vending machines available on campus. BruinCards automatically receive a weekly credit to be used to purchase COVID-19 tests from these dedicated machines. Credits will not be valid at any other vending machines or for any other use.”<sup>35</sup> UCLA should continue to keep this system active, 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

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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>

<sup>28</sup> <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/data/#>

<sup>29</sup> <https://biobot.io/data/>

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<https://fortune.com/well/2023/09/16/united-states-covid-levels-approach-first-pandemic-peak-2020-who-urges-vaccination-boosters-high-risk/>

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/burden.html>

<sup>32</sup> <https://abcnews.go.com/Health/covid-transmission-asymptomatic/story?id=84599810>

<sup>33</sup> <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2774707>

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-02254-9>

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.studenthealth.ucla.edu/covid-19-self-test-options-campus>

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** in conjunction with The Emergency Management Policy Group, the Infectious Disease Management Task Force, UCLA Housing and the Arthur Ashe Center, we demand the expansion of both PCR and Rapid testing in residential areas and on campus, and reintroduce waste water testing for all residential buildings, and

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the USAC urges the University of California Los Angeles to continue to provide the existing PCR vending machines and drop-off sites and processing, continue the free provision of these tests for UCLA constituents and non-affiliates, 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, broadcast the availability of free PCRs, 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 free Rapid Antigen Tests available to all UCLA constituents through BruinCard access, which includes providing tests on-site for all University-owned housing at the front desks for each Hall on the Hill, as well as off-campus University-owned housing at the front desk, as well as making all Rapid Test Vending Machine locations free of charge (Ackerman Union A Level, Haines Hall, Pauley Pavilion, Neuroscience Building, Ackerman Union Student Store, Bruin Health Pharmacy), and

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**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the USAC will urge the University of California Los Angeles to reinstate wastewater tracking and public reporting, expand wastewater tracking to off-campus housing, as well as building alerts for viral presence in sewage that require residents to get tested within 24 hrs as before, as well as publicly reinstating, providing, and regularly updating the UCLA COVID-19 tracking data and graph.

### **SECTION III: VACCINES and MEDICATION**

**WHEREAS**, due to waning immunity from previous COVID vaccines and constant variant mutations, and that immunity provided by vaccine doses wanes quickly,<sup>36</sup> repeated and timely updated COVID vaccinations for the population are vital and call for urgent messaging. On September 12, 2023, the Center of Disease Control (CDC) “is now recommending updated COVID-19

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<sup>36</sup> <https://time.com/6276552/covid-19-vaccine-immunity-wanes/>

vaccination for everyone 6 months and older to better protect you and your loved ones.”<sup>37</sup> The new vaccine is meant to replace the initial primary series of vaccination for COVID-19, since the immunity provided from the initial primary series has waned enough to be not effective enough against the new variants, and is therefore not a ‘booster.’<sup>38</sup> However, the University of California has not informed its constituents enough about the new XBB 1.5 COVID-19 vaccine in terms of the availability of both Moderna, Pfizer, AND Novavax, nor stated or updated their systems to reflect that unless students, faculty, and staff to get the new COVID vaccine, then they are NOT up-to-date, per the CDC, and

**WHEREAS**, the University of California Los Angeles, as well as the UC wide system, already requires an annual influenza vaccination, as well as Tuberculosis screening, Measles, Mumps, Tdap, Rubella and Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccinations for all of its constituents, and the UC system has required COVID-19 vaccinations in the past, along with religious and medical exemption,<sup>39</sup> 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)<sup>40</sup> 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,<sup>41,42</sup> and

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED** in conjunction with The Emergency Management Policy Group, the Infectious Disease Management Task Force, and the Arthur Ashe Center, we demand the annual requirement of the most recent COVID-19 vaccinations and provisions of life saving antiviral medications, and

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the USAC asks the University of California Los Angeles to mandate its students, faculty and staff to acquire their updated COVID-19 vaccinations by November 1st, as UCLA has mandated COVID-19 vaccinations in the past already, and to *provide* the vaccines to their constituents at little to no cost (significantly less than \$150-\$200). This is because delays in vaccine rollout and insurance systems changing actively hinders people trying to get vaccinated, and paying out of pocket for vaccines, hoping insurance will reimburse them, is simply not possible for many people.<sup>43</sup> Additionally, since vaccination availability is paramount, and that the vaccines options include Moderna, Pfizer, and Novavax, and to mandate and provide subsequent COVID-19 vaccines 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 will urge the University of California Los Angeles to provide at free to next-to-no-cost 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)<sup>40</sup> for those who are at risk, and since ‘at-risk’ includes racial and ethnic minorities, LGBTQIA+ identity, individuals with mood disorders, individuals with previous COVID cases, and individuals with Attention Hyper Deficit Disorder, ‘at-risk’ encompasses a significant portion of the population.

#### **SECTION IV: HOUSING and ISOLATION**

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<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2023/09/12/1199003441/cdc-advisers-back-broad-rollout-out-of-new-covid-boosters>

<sup>38</sup>

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-takes-action-updated-mrna-covid-19-vaccines-better-protect-against-currently-circulating>

<sup>39</sup> <https://immunizationrequirement.ucla.edu/>

<sup>40</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-care/outpatient-treatment-overview.html>

<sup>41</sup> [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-care/underlyingconditions.html#anchor\\_1618433687270](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-care/underlyingconditions.html#anchor_1618433687270)

<sup>42</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/covid19/pulse/long-covid.htm>

<sup>43</sup>

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/new-covid-vaccine-2023-delays-appointment-canceled-insurance-problems-rcna111475>

**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,<sup>44,45</sup> 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"<sup>46</sup> 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"<sup>46</sup> 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 over 14,000 Hill-dorming students, with no isolation housing to be made available to off-campus University-owned apartments, and

**WHEREAS**, UCLA claims it provides portable air purifiers for multi-occupancy rooms,<sup>47</sup> 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,<sup>48</sup> 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

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** in conjunction with The Emergency Management Policy Group, the Infectious Disease Management Task Force, Facilities Management, UCLA Housing and Residential Life, we demand the expansion of on-campus isolation beds, changes to isolation policies, maintenance of air filters in multi-occupancy rooms and the reintroduction of takeout dining options, 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) 24 hours apart to end isolation,<sup>49</sup> 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

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<sup>44</sup> <https://www.cnn.com/2021/12/23/airline-industry-pushes-cdc-to-cut-breakthrough-covid-quarantine-time.html>

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-02026-x>

<sup>46</sup> [https://ucla.app.box.com/s/ytuwjy4j3ntmvfuexfga6jxmwsu6ghd?utm\\_source=1136640395&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=BruinPost&utm\\_content=isolation-sop](https://ucla.app.box.com/s/ytuwjy4j3ntmvfuexfga6jxmwsu6ghd?utm_source=1136640395&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BruinPost&utm_content=isolation-sop)

<sup>47</sup>

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

<sup>48</sup> <https://portal.housing.ucla.edu/new-students/classic-residence-hall>

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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>

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the USAC will urge the University of California Los Angeles to provide meal delivery services to those in isolation in addition to consistent monitoring of student well-being, 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

**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 Covell, 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.

## **SECTION V: ACCESSIBILITY to EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Disabled Students Union, the USAC, and many 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 learning<sup>50</sup> and building a coalition of organizations representing most UCLA students for the Strike For Our Safety which had hybrid learning as a central demand, and<sup>51</sup>

**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,<sup>52</sup> 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**, in conjunction with Erin Sanders O'Leary, Vice Provost Teaching and Learning; Monroe Gordon Jr., Vice Chancellor Student Affairs; and the Academic Senate; we demand the expansion of BruinCast and subsequent hybrid learning access, and

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the USAC will pressure the University of California Los Angeles to work closely with students, academic workers, lecturers and the Academic Senate to instate the following: recorded and live streamed lectures, discussions, and labs, arts, and performing arts where possible, such as through BruinCast and Zoom, and for labs, arts, and performing arts, which can be difficult to implement online, to offer multiple dates/make-up options, and

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the USAC re-urges the University of California Los Angeles administration to implement the changes previously called for in the resolution passed through USAC in the 2021-2022 academic year,<sup>53</sup> 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,<sup>52</sup> and

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<sup>50</sup> <https://www.change.org/p/ucla-stop-endangering-us-let-disabled-b Bruins-learn-remotely> + <https://www.change.org/p/strike-for-our-safety-support-a-permanent-hybrid-learning-option-at-ucla>

<sup>51</sup> <https://femmagazine.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)

<sup>52</sup>

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

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<https://usac.ucla.edu/docs/resolution.2022-02-01.A%20Resolution%20Supporting%20Remote%20Learning%20Options.pdf>

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the USAC urges the University of California Los Angeles to mandate the finalized Disability Inclusion Training for ALL educators (professors, lecturers, TAs),<sup>54</sup> regardless of tenure status or length of employment.

## **SECTION VI: COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION, and TRANSPARENCY**

**WHEREAS**, notifications to the UCLA community from the Infectious Diseases Management Team have not been timely enough, and the content of these notifications is misleading. Messaging in an email on Sep 22, 2023 at 1:00 PM to the Bruin Community mentions handwashing before masking in relation to protection from an aerosolized disease. Additionally, IDMT does not cite their sources in terms of ‘severity remaining low’ for COVID-19, and as wastewater levels are mentioned in previous sections, actual COVID-19 levels are something the IDMT is not reporting on, and

**WHEREAS**, in the Sep 22, 2023 email, it mentions that for students who test positive for COVID-19, “The Exposure Management Team will provide students with an individualized assessment, including instructions on isolation and further testing, and will notify individuals identified as close contacts (as capacity allows).” Isolation housing is not mentioned in this email at all. This lack of transparency is unfair to the student body, especially when this email has been sent out after many students have already moved-in, and the start of the school year is within a week, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, in conjunction with Mary Osako, Vice Chancellor Strategic Communications; The Emergency Management Policy Group, and the Infectious Disease Management Task Force, we demand the expansion of on-campus isolation beds, changes to isolation policies, maintenance of air filters in multi-occupancy rooms and the reintroduction of takeout dining options, and

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the USAC urges the University of California Los Angeles to update all of their websites that have outdated policies and information, as misinformation sows confusion, and

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the USAC asks the University of California Los Angeles to expand the Infectious Disease Management Taskforce to implement the data tracking and reporting updates that the previous COVID-19 Task Force had handled, as well as expand the UCLA Exposure Management Team to handle caseload, and to include students in the meetings and decisions being made, especially making an effort to include marginalized groups, and

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**, the USAC urges the University of California Los Angeles to prioritize the messaging of high-quality, consistent, universal masking being effective against airborne viruses such as COVID-19, with handwashing being important but not the number one prevention strategy.

## **SECTION VII: LONG TERM VENTILATION UPGRADES**

**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.”<sup>55</sup> 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,”<sup>56</sup> 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,<sup>57</sup> 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,<sup>57</sup> 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, and

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<sup>54</sup> <https://bruinlearn.ucla.edu/courses/167390>

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[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCDC/DEODC/EHLB/IAQ/CDPH%20Document%20Library/School\\_ventilation\\_and\\_filtration\\_ADA.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCDC/DEODC/EHLB/IAQ/CDPH%20Document%20Library/School_ventilation_and_filtration_ADA.pdf)

<sup>56</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/indoor-air-and-coronavirus-covid-19>

<sup>57</sup> <https://adminvc.ucla.edu/building-ventilation-assessment-status>

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** in conjunction with The Emergency Management Policy Group, the Infectious Disease Management Task Force, Facilities Management, UCLA Housing and Residential Life, we demand upgrades and maintenance of air filters in multi-occupancy rooms in residential and campus buildings, 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).<sup>58,59,60</sup>

## **SECTION VIII: FAIR LABOR STANDARDS and COMPENSATION**

**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 pay<sup>61</sup> 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,<sup>62</sup> 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,<sup>63</sup> and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** in conjunction with ASUCLA Leadership, Roy Champawat, Student Union Director and Pouria Abbassi, ASUCLA CEO; Residential Life and Housing, we demand accommodations for students and faculty on sick leave and compensation for all UCLA and ASUCLA workers, 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 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,<sup>64</sup> including but not limited to providing good-quality patient-centered care and all necessary accommodations and support for all UCLA students, workers, and faculty with Long-COVID, as well as engaging in community-based research on Long-COVID, and

**FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED**

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<sup>58</sup> <https://time.com/6206343/schools-ventilation-covid-19-air-quality/>

<sup>59</sup> <https://www.ed.gov/improving-ventilation-schools-colleges-and-universities-prevent-covid-19>

<sup>60</sup> <https://peoplescdc.org/2022/09/23/ventilation-for-coronavirus-in-schools/>

<sup>61</sup> <https://reslife.ucla.edu/employment/resident-assistant-job-description>

<sup>62</sup> <https://ucla.app.box.com/v/exec-order-paid-leave>

<sup>63</sup> <https://financialaid.ucla.edu/higher-education-emergency-relief-fund-heerf3-faq>

<sup>64</sup> <https://www.bestcolleges.com/news/what-college-students-need-to-know-about-long-covid/>

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."<sup>59</sup> 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

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

- Gwen: "Nice to see everybody. I did a lot of work on this resolution with a couple different council members to kind of reorganize the resolution so it definitely looks very different from the previous two versions that have been presented. Mostly, it was just reorganization so that the resolution can just be in a more digestible format. I mean it has tabs on the left so you can see the overview of the entire document. Partially why it hadn't been organized previously like this in previous meetings is because of my own relatively new entry into the USAC space and we didn't have much clarity in terms of how resolutions were able to be presented in terms of their format. The overview we largely kept the same and there are not really any changes. It is still talking about the University's responsibility to their constituents and how there are widespread state, local, federal, and global levels of Covid regulations. Cases are being severely undercounted and underreported and not being represented accurately so therefore there are a lot of policy decisions being made that aren't even based on accuracy. If we keep scrolling down then, it brings us to a section one which is about unmasking and personal protective equipment and we organized all of the whereas and therefore let it be resolved sections together. Section two is on testing and we didn't really change much of the wording there. It calls on specific teams to take action. Right here where it says, let it be resolved that the USAC urges UCLA to provide easily accessible, etc, we actually ended up just listing out all of the locations that UCLA said in their recent post. We made other changes and feel free to read over it. I would be happy to take any questions or comments."
- Evan: "I first off wanted to thank Gwen for the incredible work that she has put into this resolution week after week and especially this version of it. The collaboration that we were able to do to reorganize it to give everybody a little more of an insight into what our thought process was and what the resolution entails. WE have divided up all of the information into all of these different chunks like Gwen has mentioned and they are directed at specific administrations. I know that I had raised a concern at the first council meeting that this resolution was a little bit long and so what we can do with this new version of it is that you can take the first part of it and be able to send it to the administration that it falls under. This makes it a little more manageable because there you are sending a four or five page document to a team and they are more likely to read that. I really cannot give my highest praises to Gwen. I think she has done a fantastic job and that is all I got to say."
- Sujana moves to approve the Resolution to Ensure UCLA's health, safety, and wellness in response to Covid-19, Thyra seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the resolution is approved.

## **X. New Business**

### A. [2023-2024 Bruin Advocacy Grant Guidelines \(1\) \(2\)\\*](#)

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#### Bruin Advocacy Grant Guidelines

Last Updated: September 2023

#### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Bruin Advocacy Grant is to provide Bruins with the financial support necessary to

organize and advocate for issues within political, social, and economic institutions of importance to them. Historically, the Bruin Advocacy Grant prioritized lobbying interests — restricting programming, education, and organizing efforts, by predominantly people of color, from being adequately funded. By revisiting and expanding the existing Bruin Advocacy Grant, we are making it our objective to fund interests which are beyond the lobbying sector. We, at the EVP office, acknowledge the diversity of issues impacting students and understand that advocacy can look different for different groups. Conclusively, we aim to make it easier for Bruins to access money for advocacy in order to attain their goals.

Advocacy which is eligible for funding from the Bruin Advocacy Grant can look like, but is not limited to:

- a. Attending or organizing actions, marches or protests
- b. Attending conferences
- c. Lobbying public officials, decisionmakers, or stakeholders
- d. Community organizing
- e. Educational programming
- f. Digital organizing

A more detailed description and breakdown of the events and items that the Bruin Advocacy Grant can fund is detailed below. Please access the BAG application [here](#). Please access the guidelines and application to serve on the BAG committee [here](#). **For all questions or concerns, please email [evp.grants@usac.ucla.edu](mailto:evp.grants@usac.ucla.edu).**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** Due to changing circumstances surrounding public health guidelines, funding for in-person travel is NOT guaranteed. As such, we are discouraging all non-essential travel in favor of engagement that can be done virtually. If the applicant still wishes to apply for funding for in-person travel, please include a safety plan/analysis for the event. All applications will still be considered on a case by case basis.

## **BACKGROUND:**

### **The Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC)**

The Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) is comprised of fifteen (15) elected undergraduate members and their respective offices. USAC serves as the governing body of the Undergraduate Student Association (USA) membership, which consists of all UCLA undergraduate students.

### **The Office of the External Vice President**

The Office of the External Vice President (EVP) is one of the fifteen elected offices within USAC. The EVP office serves as the home of UCLA advocacy, striving to elevate and agitate the needs of the UCLA community at the university, local, state, and federal levels.

### **Bruin Advocacy Grant Committee**

The Bruin Advocacy Grant Committee is formed before each school year during the Spring Quarter of the previous school year. The BAG committee serves as the governing body of the fund by deliberating and determining allocations for applications. Members of the committee will be required to attend hearings for the Bruin Advocacy Grant, actively participate in deliberations, and determine allocation of funds during two

quarterly cycles, for a total of six hearing cycles during the school year. The number of hearings may vary depending on the number of applicants during each cycle. A more detailed description of the composition and governance of the committee can be found in the “Hearings” section.

### **Bruin Advocacy Grant History**

In years past, the Bruin Advocacy Grant enforced requirements for the application which made the funding pool inaccessible to UCLA’s most marginalized communities. In an effort to combat these barriers, the EVP office has both expanded its funding pool and reformed its guidelines and requirements in order to ensure the grant is managed fairly and equitably. The purpose of the grant remains the same (to support Bruin advocacy), and the changes implemented for the 2020 school year are based on the following:

#### *Greater need for openness and accessibility of funds and advocacy resources.*

- a. The Bruin Advocacy Grant has expanded its definition of *advocacy* to be inclusive of efforts beyond lobbying including: attending conferences, attending protests and other organized movements, hosting conferences or protests/organized movements, funding for advocacy related supplies (listed under funding guidelines).
- b. The application includes a section allowing for applicants to request funding for items outside of those listed in the guidelines, to be handled on a case by case basis.
- c. The application includes a section for applicants to indicate if they would like to access further advocacy related resources through the Office of the External Vice President, outside of the Bruin Advocacy Grant funding pool.

#### *Increasing accountability to UCLA’s marginalized communities.*

- a. In order to decentralize and redistribute decision making powers, the fund allocations will be determined by the Bruin Advocacy Grant Committee rather than the USAC External Vice President alone. The committee will consist of 3 members, as well as 2 positions available to student leaders outside of the student government space. No experience with finance is necessary to apply to serve on the committee.
- b. Hearings are held with the intention of clarifying ambiguities within the application and to allow students to directly advocate their needs to the committee.

#### *Transparency of funds.*

- a. In addition to applicants receiving their individual allocations, all of the allocations from each cycle will be publicly released through the Student Government Accounting (SGA) Budget Report.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

#### **Individual**

- a. Individuals applying must be undergraduate students.
- b. Any individual applying to the Bruin Advocacy Grant must be a UCLA student enrolled in at least 8 quarter units.
- c. If an individual applies, they must be in good academic standing and uphold at least a 2.0 or greater GPA and not be on academic probation.

#### **Student Organizations**

- a. The student organization applying for the Bruin Advocacy Grant must be a UCLA registered campus organization completed through the Student Organization, Leadership & Engagement (SOLE) office.
- b. Registered student organizations must have three (3) signatories and an anti-discrimination form on file with

the SOLE office.

- c. Student organizations can apply more than once per year, but they cannot apply twice in a single funding cycle.
  - i. Subsidiary organizations housed under larger organizations are allowed to apply during the same cycle.
  - ii. If multiple organizations are applying for funds for the same co-organized event, second submissions will only be considered for funding after all other submissions are considered and if the cycle's funds have not been exceeded.

### **FUNDING GUIDELINES:**

The Bruin Advocacy Grant provides funding for the following (in no particular order of importance):

#### **Attending a conference**

- a. Conferences describe a large gathering organized by a reputable group or movement for the purpose of discussing, networking, training, preparing for actionable advocacy, or the conference must align with a cause that the applicant identifies with. The conference must uphold UCLA's mission and values as a land grant institution, as designated by [UCLA's Principles of Community](#).
- b. Conferences must have taken place and ended on or before Monday of Week 10 of the Spring quarter following the disbursement of funds.
- c. BAG accounts for: *Food, lodging, travel (ground transportation, airfare, or gas reimbursements)*
  - i. *Please include the following documentation with application: Budget sheet, hotel booking, travel quotes, itinerary, conference agenda, list of attendees.*
  - ii. *Note: BAG does NOT cover membership fees, only fees to attend the conference. BAG does NOT account for international travel.*

#### **Hosting a conference on UCLA's campus or in the greater Los Angeles area**

- a. Conferences describe a large gathering organized by a group or movement for the purpose of discussing, networking, training, preparing for actionable advocacy, or the conference must align with a cause that the applicant identifies with. The conference must uphold UCLA's mission and values as a land grant institution, as designated by [UCLA's Principles of Community](#).
- b. *BAG accounts for: Facility/venue costs, food and travel (ground transportation or gas reimbursements) within the Los Angeles area.*
  - i. *Please include the following documentation with application: Budget sheet, venue quotes, travel quotes, catering or food quotes, itinerary, conference agenda, list of attendees.*

#### **Attending an organized movement**

- a. Organized movements are defined as protests, marches, and other organized actions/gatherings with the intention of applying pressure to political, social, and economic institutions. The movement must uphold UCLA's mission and values as a land grant institution, as designated by [UCLA's Principles of Community](#).
- b. Any protest or organized in-person action funded by the Bruin Advocacy Grant is required to have a safety plan in place for participants which includes the presence of legal observers and trained law enforcement liaisons. We recommend that organizers contact the National Lawyers Guild in order to request that their legal observers attend the event in question.
- c. *BAG accounts for: Food and/or travel (ground transportation, airfare, or gas reimbursements)*
  - i. *Please include the following documentation with application: Budget sheet, travel quotes, catering or food quotes, itinerary, conference agenda, list of attendees.*

#### **Organizing a movement/action on campus or in the Los Angeles Area**

- a. Organized actions are defined as protests, marches, and other organized actions/gatherings with the intention of applying pressure to political, social, and economic institutions.
- b. Any protest or organized in-person action funded by the Bruin Advocacy Grant is required to have a safety plan in place for participants which includes the presence of legal observers and trained law enforcement liaisons. We recommend that organizers contact the National Lawyers Guild in order to request that their legal observers attend the event in question.
- c. *BAG accounts for: Facility/venue costs, food, travel (ground transportation, airfare, or gas reimbursements). Include proper quotes and other fees in application.*
  - i. *Please include the following documentation with application: Budget sheet, venue quotes, travel quotes, catering or food quotes, itinerary, conference agenda, list of attendees.*

### **Lobbying**

- a. Lobbying is defined as in person visits which seek to influence politicians or public officials on an issue at the university (UC Regents or UCOP), local (Los Angeles), state (California based), and national (Washington DC based) levels.
- b. *BAG accounts for: Food, lodging, travel (ground transportation, airfare, or gas reimbursements), registration fees.*
  - i. *Please include the following documentation with application: Budget sheet, hotel booking, travel quotes, itinerary, conference agenda, list of attendees.*

### **Program Supplies**

- a. Program supplies are defined as expenses outside of food, lodging, travel, and facilities. BAG accounts for:
  - i. *Incentives*
    1. When at all possible, we encourage applicants to seek incentives in the form of gift cards or merchandise through the ASUCLA store. An individual cannot receive an incentive over \$75 each.
  - ii. *T shirts*
    1. When at all possible, we encourage applicants to order T-shirts through Bruin Custom Print.
  - iii. *Honorarium*
    1. When at all possible, we encourage applicants to factor in travel and lodging for your guest into the honorarium.
    2. Please include the following documentation with the application: *Speaker's [W-9 Form](#), and the [ASUCLA Honorarium Contract](#).*
  - iv. *Advertising/graphics*
    1. All ads and graphics must be submitted with the application. Graphics will be reviewed before receiving approval for funding based on neutral-viewpoint criteria.

### **Other items**

Applicants will have the option to ask for funding for items outside of the listed line items in order to make the fund as accessible as possible to the different advocacy needs of our students. Requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Bruin Advocacy Grant Hearing Committee. Please include the Budget Sheet and necessary quotes.

### **SUBMISSION AND REVIEW:**

In order to receive funding from the Bruin Advocacy Grant, all submissions must include a completed application with all supporting documentation by the cycle deadline. Supporting documentation will vary depending on what the applicant is requesting funds for.

1. Please refer to the funding guidelines for specific requirements about supporting documentation.
2. Please list an active email when submitting an application. If the committee requests further documentation, the applicant must submit the additional documentation within 72 hours of the committee request.
3. Once all applications have been reviewed, applicants will be notified via email of the hearing schedule and will be required to sign up for a slot, done on a first come, first serve basis. If you are unable to meet during the given times, please email [evp.grants@usac.ucla.edu](mailto:evp.grants@usac.ucla.edu) so we can accommodate.
  - a. Hearings will take place in the week following the end of the cycle, and allocations will be emailed to applicants a week after the cycle deadline.
4. Applications will be reviewed on a viewpoint neutral basis and allocations are to be made such that no organization is discriminated against based on its views, nor is any related programmatic activity discriminated against based on the views of its sponsors or participants, per USA Bylaws Article VII(C)(7)(a) and (b)(i).

*We encourage applicants to apply to other funding sources in addition to the Bruin Advocacy Grant. We cannot guarantee that BAG will be able to fully fund all of the advocacy needs of our applicant pool.*

#### **DEADLINES:**

Please adhere to the following guidelines for submitting your application:

BRUIN ADVOCACY GRANT SUBMISSION DEADLINES 2023-2024			
	Submission Date	Hearing Dates	Decisions Released
Fall Deadlines	<i>If your event takes place between week 1-week 5:</i>  <b>1st cycle: 9/29/2023</b> Friday of Fall, Week 0	Fall, Week 1	Sunday of Week 2
	<i>If your event takes place between week 5-week 10:</i>  <b>2nd cycle: 10/20/2023</b> Friday of Fall, Week 3	Fall, Week 4	Sunday of Week 5
Winter Deadlines	<i>If your event takes place between week 1-week 5:</i>  <b>1st cycle: 11/24/2023</b> Friday of Fall, Week 8	Fall, Week 9	Sunday of Week 10
	<i>If your event takes place between week 5-week 10:</i>  <b>2nd cycle: 1/26/2024</b> Friday of Winter, Week 3	Winter, Week 4	Sunday of Week 5
Spring Deadlines	<i>If your event takes place between week 1-week 5:</i>  <b>1st cycle: 3/1/2024</b> Friday of Winter, Week 8	Winter, Week 9	Sunday of Week 10

	<i>If your event takes place between week 5-week 10:</i>  <b>2nd cycle: 4/19/2024</b> Friday of Spring, Week 3	<b>Spring, Week 4</b>	<b>Sunday of Week 5</b>
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### **HEARINGS:**

The purpose of the hearing process is to clarify any existing ambiguities in the application, and to give applicants the opportunity to directly advocate their needs to the committee. The hearing process will be conducted and overseen by the Bruin Advocacy Grant Funding Committee.

### **COMPOSITION OF THE BRUIN ADVOCACY GRANT COMMITTEE**

The Bruin Advocacy Grant Hearing Committee shall be composed of five student voting members as follows:

- a. The Director of Campus Partnerships in the Office of the External Vice President
- b. Two (2) undergraduate students appointed by the Mother Organization Coalition
- c. Two (2) undergraduate students elected by groups registered as “advocacy” undergraduate student organizations under SOLE
  - a. Student must have knowledge about advocacy (grassroots or at the university, local, state, or federal levels)

### **ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The Committee shall have one officer: a Chair

The Chair is responsible for approving all funding requisition forms to be submitted to Student Government Accounting. The Chair shall preside at all meetings and hearings of the BAG Committee, acting as facilitator and holding meetings to the agenda in a timely manner.

At the beginning of each term in office, the BAG Committee will take nominations and volunteers for Chair (if the USAC EVP chooses to relegate the position). For this year, the Director of Campus Partnerships in the Office of the External Vice President will serve as the chair.

### **FORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Bruin Advocacy Grant Committee is formed on a yearly basis during the Spring quarter of the year. Applications to serve on the committee will be released through the USAC Programming Funds Page.

### **TERMS OF OFFICE**

Each serving member of the BAG Committee shall be appointed for one (1) year. Student terms will begin during Fall Quarter of the year and end at the end of Spring Quarter of the following year. The Chair shall serve in this role for (1) year. Committee members may serve more than one consecutive term as long as they are re-appointed each year according to these guidelines. The total number of terms they may serve is not limited.

### **MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS**

All student members of the BAG Committee must be registered (full or part-time) UCLA students during their term of office. Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA to serve on the BAG Committee, and must remain about a 2.0 GPA during their term in office.

### **MEMBER REPLACEMENT**

A Committee member may be removed by unanimous vote of the other Committee members for unjustifiable absence, conflict of interest, or other appropriate reasons.

In the event that a Committee member is removed or resigns from their term, the original appointing body will select a replacement. The new Committee member will serve the remainder of the original member's term.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The BAG Committee shall conduct itself in such a manner that conflicts of interest are minimized and all potential conflicts of interest are made public.

For example, each Committee member must make public all campus groups of which he or she is a member and their level of involvement in each group. Where appropriate, the Committee member should recuse themselves from voting on grant allocations for projects proposed by such groups. For such votes, the "full Committee membership" as defined for voting majority purposes shall be decreased to account for the Committee member's recusal.

### **ALLOCATION:**

Following the application review and hearings, the BAG Committee will send an email with an allocation letter and further instructions on payment and reimbursement. The Committee may elect to fund only a portion of a proposal.

1. **BAG has a total of \$24,000 that is allocated over the course of the year. Total awards allocated for the Bruin Advocacy Grant are capped by each quarter as follows:**
  - a. **Fall Quarter: \$8000**
  - b. **Winter Quarter: \$8000**
  - c. **Spring Quarter: \$8000**
2. **Groups cannot receive funding exceeding \$2,000.**
3. If there are excess funds at the end of a quarter, they will be rolled over to the Maximum Total Allocation of the following quarter.
4. All allocations will be made without regards to viewpoint and shall solely be based upon viewpoint-neutral criteria.

### **CONDITIONS FOR ALLOCATION**

1. BAG funds CANNOT be used to support political candidates or parties.
2. Retroactive funding requests will not be considered per SGA policy.
3. For all travel related expenses, the application must be submitted no less than (4) weeks in advance of the departure date.
4. Funds allocated for an event that are not spent within the event time frame shall be returned to the Bruin Advocacy Grant (BAG) funding pool for reallocation.
5. Requests to extend the event deadline may be submitted to the Committee for review and subsequent approval when appropriate.
6. Standing funds should be invested in a socially responsible manner.
7. BAG funds are not to be used or reallocated for purposes other than those described in this

document and in the application.

8. If upon review, the Committee determines that the BAG funds are being used irresponsibly or the goals of the project/event are not being met, the committee may choose to put the projects on “probation”, meaning the project leaders have an allotted time period to make adjustments in order to fulfill the committee’s expectations. If after this time period the committee’s expectations are not met, the committee may require all unspent funds to be returned to BAG.
9. Use of electronic payment sources (venmo, zelle, cash app, etc) is not allowed and will not be accepted as documentation by Student Government Accounting. Students that use these forms of payment will not be reimbursed.

- Eva moves to approve the Bruin Advocacy Grant Guidelines for 2023-2024, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the Bruin Advocacy Grant Guidelines are approved for 2023-2024.

B. [Supplemental Fund for Service \(SFS\) Guidelines 2023-24\\*](#)

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- Chia moves to approve the Supplemental Fund for Service (SFS) Guidelines for 2023-2024, Sujana seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the Supplemental Fund for Service (SFS) Guidelines are approved for 2023-2024.

C. [CS Transpo Fund Guidelines 2023-24\\*](#)

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- Chia moves to approve the CS Transpo Fund Guidelines for 2023-2024, Jennis seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the CS Transpo Fund Guidelines are approved for 2023-2024.

## **XI. Adjournment**

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 9:26pm.

Good and Welfare;

\* Indicates Action Item  
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