



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
October, 10, 2023
7 PM PST

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I. Call to Order

Hammonds

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Present:
 - Naomi
 - Adam
 - Jonathan
 - Sujana
 - Gabby
 - Megan
 - Evan
 - Chia
 - Sara
 - Jennis
 - Alicia (virtual)
 - Thyra
 - Katie (proxy until 8:27pm)
- Absent:
 - Mason

II. Approval of Agenda*

Law

- Add Joseph Lau as an appointment for Campus Programs Committee
- Add Josue Picaz as an appointment for USAC CS Mini Fund
- Add Dulce Hernandez as an appointment for USAC CS Mini Fund
- Add Jana Saadeh as an appointment for Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly
- Add Dhruvil Kharva as an appointment for Academic Senate: Faculty Executive Committee
- Add Jocelyn Leon as an appointment for USAC Office Space Allocation Committee
- Add Avantika Mohan as an appointment for USAC Office Space Allocation Committee
- Strike BAG allocations
- Strike TGMF Allocations
- Strike TGIF Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike SWC Programming Fund
- Change CAC report to verbal
- Strike Capital Contingency Allocations
- Add Discussion item about CPO
- Eva moves to approve the agenda as amended, Sujana seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Law

- Jonathan moves to approve the minutes from 9/26/23, Sujana seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 9/26/23 are approved.

- Jennis moves to approve the minutes from 10/3/23, Evan seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 10/3/23 are approved.

IV. Public Comment

Hammonds

- Clara Castronova: "Quick reminder. My name is Clara and I am the chapter chair for CALPIRG. I want to do a quick update on what is going on. Right now it is the time of the year where the governor is signing all of the bills so I wanted to let you know about two of the bills that we are working on which just got signed. The first one is our Save the Bees bill AB363 that bans neonicotinoids in California. That one got signed yesterday and the other one is on the right to repair. Basically the concept is that the stuff that you buy, you should have the right to fix it if it breaks so we don't have to buy another one. The most common example to us is that if your phone breaks, a lot of the time it is cheaper and easier to buy a new phone instead of getting your phone fixed. So that bill got signed today and that is super exciting. The really big deal is because APPLE is in California, it is really hard to pass bills related to this area. Those are our two legislative updates. The other thing is that we are doing our big kickoff campaign launch meeting. Tomorrow we are going to be launching all of our campaigns officially. It is going to be a super big meeting and there are going to be over 100 people there so we are excited about that. There are a ton of students interested in getting involved in all of our campaigns."
- Eliana Sisman: "I am here to speak about the Cultural Affairs Commission's statement on the recent Hamas attack against Israel. The statement said you support the Palensitans on the front lines taking their land and sovereignty back. Maybe that is not an exact quote but a paraphrase and what the Palensitans people and Hamas have been doing is murdering people, raping people, taking hostages, torturing people, posting videos proudly of them doing all of those things and that you would support that just because the victims are Isrealis and you believe or claim to believe incorrectly that they are colonizers and all that is quite horrifying. There is room for a lot of politics which is unacceptable because people are just living their lives. All kinds of people, babies, elderly people, disabled people, children, women, just human beings who are not attacking anybody, who are not threatening anybody, who are just trying to live their lives, who are at a dance party, or in their own homes and people are being murdered and raped and mistreated in the most brutal ways deliberately groups who say that they want to kill Jews around the world and a commission feels the need to express support for that? That is pretty awful and I think everyone ought to speak out against that and I think those who did this ought to apologize and take it down and learn something about what is really going on. If they are not willing to do that they should not be in these positions claiming to represent us and getting paid for it. Thank you to those in the Jewish community and those of all different backgrounds who have spoken out against these atrocities. I greatly appreciate you."
- Member from Audience: "If you couldn't tell, I have had a hard weekend. I have been very personally affected. To give you some background, my cousin is currently missing, my best friend's brother has been killed and I know a women who has been raped and these are all things that I have had to experience and so to read a comment like the one from the Culutral Affairs Commission that excused that and didn't mention that this is a complex issue and there is always time to talk about it but what is going on right now is that a terrorist group Hamas is killing civilians and that is all that is going on right now. If you supported Ukraine and if you supported the people of Iran and their struggle against repressive governments then you should be standing with the people of Israel. Right now, the civilians and my cousin and my best friend's brother just turned 18 and was murdered and I simply don't see any room for language that doesn't support the innocent civilians who are not their government who are being killed and murdered and raped and the people who are sharing those videos and saying you know turn it vertical so we can see it better, I simply don't see any reason why that is any form of justice. I am hurting and real people are getting hurt by statements like that and I have had to personally fear for my life, my safety because of my last name and my family this weekend. I think that as a school we should support anyone who is murdered, raped, or killed whether that is an innocent Israeli or an innocent Palestinian and I think that the cultural affairs committee should issue a public and official response retracting that statement and I think as a school we need to be here for the people who are hurting."
- Alicia (CAC): "I will not be retracting my statement. Two, three days ago was an unprecedented moment for the Palensitans of Gaza who tore through the wall that has been suffocating them in one of the most densely populated areas on Earth for the past 16 years. Where were you in 2018 when Palestinians were peacefully protesting it. No one supporting the liberation of Palenstine is celebrating the brutalization of bodies and to claim that supporters of Free Palenstine are doing that is a deflection tool that abuse apologists often use. It allows them to create a moral vacuum

where they can unequivocally condemn violence while removing historical context of the five year anniversary. There is a clear power dynamic where Israel is backed by the Western countries, the colonizers of the world and a military that is billions rich and people who have experienced prolonged abuse in Palestine have the right to resist annihilation. They have the right to resist annihilation from people who are bombing them. They are using white phosphorus against Palestinians and most of the media you are seeing are actually Palestinians civilians and there is so much propaganda claiming that they quote unquote Israelis are settlers and they are not the ones getting abused. There is a clear power dynamic and Cultural Affairs, as they have done for years and we will continue to do so, stand with Palestinians for Liberation and we do understand that decolonization is not a metaphor and that these people deserve their land back. This occupation has lasted 75 years and now that they are actually making a change and indenting power structures with Israeli officials and cops that is major. The Great March of Return in 2018 left hundreds of Palestinians dead and where were you when Israel indiscriminately bombed Palestinian civilians in Gaza in 2008. You care more about different types of people...” (Alicia is muted by Naomi)

- Rachel: “Hello I am a fourth year here. I am a psychology major and I am a Middle Eastern Studies major. Studying Israel and Palestine has been my lifeblood since I was a freshman in college. I have lost countless friends and social relationships and opportunities because of my actions and standing with Palestinians. I have been physically threatened when I was in the West Bank sleeping overnight outside in a tent. I was chased by settlers in the West Bank on a horse with a gun so I know what it means to make sacrifices for the Palestinian cause and I am not saying this because I think I deserve a medal, I am saying it because I know what it means to stand with Palestinians and what has happened this past weekend is not how we achieve Palestinian Liberation. I am a proud Jewish person too and I am so horrified and disgusted by the way that my fellow peers at UCLA have treated the massacre that happened in Israel and Palestine. I have so many friends, so many Israeli friends, so many Palestinian friends who are so deeply deeply affected by the violence. Hamas is a terrorist organization. They don’t speak for Palestinians. They don’t want to protect Palestinians. They committed this genocide against the Israeli people knowing that it would only come to hurt Palestinians in Gaza and so I am praying for the safety of all civilians. We have to acknowledge that in this particular instance, there are times to discuss history. God knows that I have been doing that for so long, but that is not what this is about right now. Right now we have to talk about the fact that thousands of Israelis were brutally attacked. I am not going to get into details because it is horrific and that doesn’t mean that the war crimes committed against the Israeli people should beget war crimes against the Palestinian people and I pray that it doesn’t come to that but what I do believe is that we should stand in solidarity with what has happened to the Israeli people and I am so deeply and objectively horrified that people who consider themselves progressive, for standing for that kind of violence.”
- Member from Audience: “Hi, I hope you will excuse my lack of eloquence. As a Jew I have been frequently checking in social media to see if there are any updates on my loved ones and 30 minutes before this meeting, I saw a video with a baby with its head cut off on purpose. A purple lifeless body. So if that or the 40 babies beheaded or the 260 people murdered at a peaceful music festival or the video of women with blood flowing between their legs indicative of rape does not convince you that this is not liberation, it is terrorism. Hamas does not stand for all of Palestine and they certainly do not stand for anyone with Israeli.. I am going to read some of Hamas’s constitution that shows exactly who they are. ‘The day of judgment will not come until Muslims fight Jews and kill them. Then the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees and the rocks and trees will cry out, there must be a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.’ Peace initiatives and so-called peaceful solutions and internal conferences are in contradiction to the principles of the Islamic resistance movement. Those conferences are not more than a means to appoint the infidels as arbitrators in the lands of Islam. There is no solution for the Palestinian people except by Jihad initiatives, proposals and international conferences are but wastes of time and an exercise in futility. The enemies that the Jews have had for a long time have accumulated huge and influential material wealth. This is basically anti-semitic and calling for violence. There have been atrocities that have been committed against the Palestinian people, there is no doubt about that, but what we saw this weekend was a terrorist attack on innocent babies, elderly men, women, people watching a music festival and to post that and call it liberation is to excuse and encourage violence against the Jewish community. On campus, many of us do not know if our family members and friends in Israel are dead or alive. This is dangerous and deeply, deeply irresponsible and not representative of Cultural Affairs.”
- Ariel Dardashti: “I just wanted to respond to CAC’s response to Eliana. Basically saying, where were we in 2016 when Palestinians were protesting. I want to ask the CAC where they were when those Palestinians were protesting. Speaking about the history and speaking about the context in 2016, Hamas, who CAC was praising in her statement, killed

thousands of protesters in the Gaza strip. I want to reiterate how standing with Hamas is not standing with Palestinians and how in this moment of crisis, our hearts and minds should be with the Israeli people whose family members are missing, including my own, whose friends are missing, including my own, who are being sadly violated and murdered on the streets for living their lives. In the same way, we must look at the history and the context and understand the Palestinian plight. We also must understand the Jewish plight. I believe that it is anti-semitic not to understand the history and the discourse that goes into the Jewish hatred and the oldest known hatred in the world that is anti-semitism and to not take back those comments and to not feel even a shred of remorse frankly is to side with terrorism. It is to side with barbarism, it is as if to say our lives are worthless.”

- Member from audience: “I am speaking as someone who has been in student government for the past three years. I am frankly disgusted that no one has spoken up against Alicia who you have just seen. Alicia has made disgustingly vile, anti-semitic comments against our entire community. Sitting with someone on your council who does not condemn terrorist organization who is supposed to represent all students who has come to this meeting to say that she appreciates people killing innocent civilians is horrific and none of you can understand what it is like to not hear from your family for days, to know that they are being held hostage, to know that they are being killed. She has made statements and all of you have sat here and said nothing. Where is your solidarity with us? We have made statements with Iranian students when the war in Ukraine broke out. We have stood with every other single group and always when it comes to our group there is silence.”
- Sara Broukhim: “I would just like to take this moment to shed light on all of these students who have come today to share their stories. Thank you for being so brave, for being here as a Jewish student. I can say how unsafe I feel right now being in this room and sharing my story. On another note, I would like to specifically point out the last public comment and implore council members to currently stand with the Jewish community. At the end of the day, our community is in mourning. I have faced anti-Semitism and most Jews that I know have faced anti-Semitism. The acts of the current Hamas organization have caused destruction of hundreds and thousands of Israeli lives. Wherever you stand on the issue, hate should be condemned, rape should be condemned. The issue that we are discussing right now is not Israel, Palestine.. Yes, the plight of the Palestinian people should be acknowledged but the Jewish community is suffering right now and silence cannot be the answer. We need people to stand with us as we have stood in the past for other communities.”
- Member from audience: “I just wanted to make a statement on behalf of Students for Justice in Palestine as well as Jewish voice for Peace. We want to sort of strongly condemn any accusations of anti-Semitism. You know a lot of what Alicia has said has been characterized as anti-semitic, however we would strongly emphasize that anti-zionist speech cannot be characterized as anti-semitic. Making remarks regarding Israel and regarding Zionism is not the same as making remarks regarding an entire Jewish community and to claim that Zionism is representative of Judaism which is not you know conflating anti-zionism and support for Palestine with anti-semitism. The UCLA community is told that free expression of those who question Zionism cannot be tolerated. We strongly condemn the notion that anti-zionism is anti-semitism and stress the importance of not equating the two. Palestinians have been facing violence as has been mentioned by almost every speaker here. Palestinians have been facing violence for the past 75 years. It is a gravely unequal situation where there have been thousands and thousands more Palestinians that have died over the past 75 years than Israelis. It has been characterized as an apartheid by human rights organizations like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, Nelson Mandela. We cannot be free until the Palestinians are free.”
- Member from Audience: “I just want to say that I know those people who are fighting for the justice of Palestine. I am from Israel and I have a friend who is now missing and is probably kidnapped. I have family who have had terrorists invading their homes. I would never wish any Palestinian to be raped, kidnapped, or to have their babies killed, to have their houses destroyed because I do not think that is justice and saying that this is justice for the Palestinians is just not true. A baby doesn’t have anything to do with the conflict. A baby is not a threat, they don’t have opinions. There is also one more thing, I don’t understand how you have not said anything about being sorry for all of the families, all of the people that got murdered, all the people that were kidnapped, all of the women that were raped. Not once did any of you say anything about feeling sorry for that. It is not apologizing because it is your fault but to share sympathy and empathy for everyone that has lost so much.
- Public comment is closed at 7:42pm.

V. Funding

- A. ~~Capital Contingency*~~ ~~Yin~~
- A. Contingency Programming* Yin
- Total Requested: \$27,448.37
 - Recommended Allocation: \$9,780.00 for 36 non USAC entities
 - Megan moves to approve \$9,780.00 for 36 non USAC entities, Evan seconds.
 - By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and \$9,780.00 is approved for 36 non USAC entities. .
- B. SFS Allocations# Wong
- Total Requested: \$4,410.00
 - Allocation: \$1,725.00 for 3 non-CSC organizations.
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- C. ~~SWC Programming Fund Allocations#~~ ~~Kang~~
- D. ~~Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#~~ ~~Jussim~~
- E. ~~ASRF Allocations#~~ ~~Sridhar~~
- F. ~~AAC Travel Mini Grant Allocations#~~ ~~Sridhar~~
- G. ARC Allocations# Verdugo
- Allocation: \$2,000 for 1 USAC entity
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- H. TGIF# Curran

VI. Special Presentation

VII. Appointments

- A. Campus Programs Committee* Hammonds
- a. Joseph Lau
- Sara moves to appoint Joseph Lau to the Campus Programs Committee for a 1 year term, Megan seconds.
 - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Joseph Lau is appointed to the Campus Programs Committee for a 1 year term.
- B. USAC CS Mini Fund* Hammonds
- a. Josue Picaz
- Sara moves to appoint Josue Picaz to the USAC CS Mini Fund for a 1 year term, Gabby seconds.
 - By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and Josue Picaz is appointed to the USAC CS Mini Fund for a 1 year term.
- b. Dulce Hernandez
- Sara moves to appoint Dulce Hernandez to the USAC CS Mini Fund, Jonathan seconds.
 - By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and Dulce Hernandez is appointed to the USAC CS Mini Fund.
- C. Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly* Sridhar
- a. Jana Saadeh
- Megan moves to appoint Jana Saadeh to the Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly for a one year term, Thyra seconds.
 - By vote of 9-0-0, the motion passes and Jana Saadeh is appointed to the Academic Senate: Legislative Assembly.

D. Academic Senate: Faculty Executive Committee*

Sridhar

a. Dhrumil Kharva

- Thyra moves to appoint Dhrumil Kharva to the Academic Senate: Faculty Executive Committee, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 9-1-1, the motion passes and Dhrumil Kharva is appointed to the Academic Senate: Faculty Executive Committee.

E. USAC Office Space Allocation Committee*

Curran

a. Jocelyn Leon

- Sara moves to appoint Jocelyn Leon to the USAC Office Space Allocation Committee for a one year term, Gabby seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-1, the motion passes and Jocelyn Leon is appointed to the USAC Office Space Allocation Committee.

F. TGIF*

Curran

a. Avantika Mohan

- Megan moves to appoint Avantika Mohan to the TGIF for a one year term, Jennis seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Avantika Mohan is appointed to TGIF.

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Hammonds

- My team wrote a statement with the Armenian Student Association which on Instagram reached about 7,000 individuals and engaged with 1,000.
- We are working towards planning an event to educate the general public on some of the issues concerning the students in the community.
- Jennis and I met with representatives from the IDMT team regarding the recent resolution that passed. WE will be meeting later this week to further discuss things from that meeting.
- I traveled to UC Davis, literally the day after our last council meeting for a two-day conference at the student wellbeing Leadership Summit with Dr. Nicole Green and some other folks from UCLA.
- I am still awaiting a presentation from that and then I can send it across various channels, but we got a chance to talk to some of the other UC Presidents across campus to see some of the amazing campaigns.
- Recently on Davis, they have a campaign that is targeting the implementation of electric scooters on campus so we have some things that we can help them out on that front.
- I was invited to join several committees that will be forming during this quarter and we will provide updates for that as we begin to meet.
- I attended the HSI initiative event and Jonathan was able to speak and it definitely opened the door for some collaborations in the future.
- I was also able to help this weekend with the first year experience and helped with the tailgate by checking folks in and helping guide students from the hill to the buses and that was an experience for sure.

B. Internal Vice President

Law

- We conducted 10 interviews this week and seven of the candidates are here today, thank you all for showing up.
- I met with my the UCSA Director of Communications and Adam to talk about the 11th annual t-Shirt contest and how we will get involved in promoting it. Submissions will be starting next Monday so please reach out or watch for that.
- We held our first all staff meeting yesterday and we almost filled an entire classroom of 43 seats. If you would like to attend, they happen every Monday at 7pm in Geology 6704.
- We also held our first director's meeting yesterday at 7pm so if you would like to attend that as well, it happens biweekly.
- Our ETA commission is working on our summer transparency report. We are also working with my committee to create social media for organizations to better access funding.
- Another one of our committee is also working on creating presentations to reflect student leadership toolkits.

- We are interviewing for the fall internship and we had to limit our spots because we don't have the proper reservations for our events and meetings.
- We have one open spot for the Chief of Staff, so if you know anyone with preferably background in USAC, send them my way please.
- Lastly, I would like to show my support for all the people who gave public comments today. I know this is a difficult time and I just want to show my support and if you guys need anything please let me know.

C. External Vice President

Jussim

- I have a lot of UCSA updates for you all. We just had our October Board of Directors meeting.
- Our local advocacy this past week, we set up a meeting with the North Westwood Neighborhood Council committee and today I met with the UCL local team for the government community relations office. There was a lot to discuss surrounding safe parking and other initiatives that we have coming up.
- The black elected LA collab with ASU that we have in the pipeline and we are also planning to really bring rallies to the Metro open house about the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. So there are a couple of those coming up actually. So mark your calendars, the first one is at the Westwood United Methodist Church on Tuesday October 24th from 5:30pm -8:00pm. The next one is October 28th and that is a Saturday from 10:00am-12:30pm at the Marvin Gaye Center in Van Nuys. The third one is virtual on Wednesday Nov 1st. I really encourage you all to go to those and express your support for a heavy rail line with direct connectivity to the d-line and a stop at UCLA's gateway plaza.
- For our state advocacy, this has been a pretty big week because Governor Newsom has until October 14th to sign all of the bills on his desk for the year. We are looking to prepare a brief and research on what bills have been passed and which bills have been vetoed. Personally, I think he is making some pretty interesting choices, but we will chat about that later.
- For federal advocacy, they started having their first meetings and we are trying to mitigate the fallout and the inevitable cuts of federal work study and student education grants. I think it is like \$5 million a year which is a pretty big deal. Our congressman Ted Lou is also coming to campus November 8th at 1:00pm. We are going to give him a tour of underserved resource centers on campus and show him what we need support in.
- There is also the association of the Big 10 schools that reached out to Naomi, Megan, and I. We are looking to hear more about what that entails.
- Tomorrow we are also planning two democracy workshops so if you are interested in hearing from professors on various things like civic engagement or how to have really uncomfortable thanksgiving conversations with your family, I encourage you all to check that out.

D. General Representative 1

Pool

- Promoted Gen Rep internship at CRU and among other student organizations
- Confirmed meeting with Steve Ross and beginning to create a curriculum on Financial Literacy
- Attended UCLA game and promoted collection of Den shirts at the Rose Bowl
- Working on creating first transparency report to be posted on Gen Rep 1 instagram
- Finally, I just want to thank everyone for coming out to public comment. I just want you to know that it is very impactful when you come out and show your support and I think it is very important that you come.

E. General Representative 2

Lasry

- Right now we are mourning. Today the Jewish community is mourning. We are mourning the loss of innocent lives. This past weekend was a holy and joyous Jewish holiday where we celebrated the ending of the reading of the Torah and the beginning of a new cycle. Unfortunately, this holiday, I spent in devastation as I desperately searched for news as to whether my grandmother, uncles, cousins, and friends were dead or alive. I can tell you that people I personally know were brutally murdered this weekend and some have been taken hostage. Hamas is a terrorist organization that invaded Israel and is focused on killing civilians and taking civilians hostage. Entire families were murdered in their home. Teenage girls were raped and while the rape was occurring, the terrorists called their parents so they could witness their own children's sexual assault before they were subsequently murdered. Today we mourn the losses of innocent Palestinians and Israelis who have lost their lives because of terrorism. Slaughter and rape of civilians is never justifiable. I strongly urge council members to please attend the peaceful vigil that will be hosted tomorrow to honor the lives that have been lost.

F. General Representative 3

Valenzuela Mejia

- Attended the Latinx Bienvenida this past Monday and was able to promote the office, USAC, transparency and the General Representative Internship
 - I also gave a speech on the importance of making space for Latinx students on campus, especially considering the size of this group and lack of institutional support.
 - People showed interest and were able to have those conversations, especially with the freshmen students.
 - I look forward to meeting with the HSI Initiative again in the near future to support their continued efforts and collaborating on different ways to bring the Latinx community together, as well as supporting the establishment of a Latinx Resource Center.
- Met with Aanya Schoetz, a member of the ASUC at UC Berkeley with some of her other senators and other key players
 - Discussed continued efforts on how to support their efforts to establish a Books for Bruins equivalent
 - Learned about the recent loss of their Latinx Center, which I find appalling and I hope to converse with some of their senators to see how we can support each other in a common struggle
- Bruin Buddies exchange student buddy system
 - Application will be launching in the coming weeks! Very excited for the work my staff has put into this and I am excited to collaborate with Adam in this initiative.
 - Made a proposal in collaboration with ISR to have info ready for campus allies
 - Met today with Danilo of the IEO and Lana, Chief of Staff for Adam's office to discuss how the IEO can support us in the coming weeks with reaching the Exchange student population of about 140-160 students.
 - ISR will contact the Dashew Center to share and obtain support with reaching out to exchange students
- Digital BruinCard initiative! My staff is actively working on a survey to go out to some students in the future,
- Met with Adam about Bruin Buddies, previously mentioned, and also on the other international work that I intend on doing.
- Weekly transparency reports - posted every wednesday on my Instagram page that make information more accessible to the people.
- Office meeting on Mondays, thank you Jonathan for coming by and talking to my staff about ASUCLA and funding!
- ARC interviews! Supporting Megan and Sara however I can!
- Internship! Yay! Applications are rolling in but we'd like to have more coming in so please promote <3, anyone that you or your staff may know that would like this chill opportunity, pls promote :0
 - Applications due the 15th at 11:59pm. Application available with the link: tinyurl.com/UCLAGRIternF23

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Srihar

- Held 2nd GM and received an ASUCLA training from Jack Estes with SGS (Student Government Support)
- Met with Dean Alberto Bernardo to discuss the previous Bruin Tech Award and potentials for a future award; also discussed potential Anderson mentorship program and/or panel
- Completed revised UCOP sign-on letter
- Attended first Undergraduate Council meeting; discussed transfer admission etc.
- Met with Robert Reith, a representative to the UCOP Textbook Affordability Workgroup
- Sanctuary Campus: continued work on Midterm Stress Relief Week, including booking locations, reaching out to puppy handlers, and organizing materials
- Access & Equity: reached out to AAP regarding services for international students, met with bookstore to review textbook survey
- Retention First: reviewed Books4Bruins applications (which closed October 9), reached out to Mikha Cabebe (chair of CRC), compiled contact information of all MO retention coordinators
- Upward Movement: reached out to Dean Bernardo to discuss grad student panel
- Growing Roots: working with Thyra on hiring
- Sujana: "I would like to make a statement. Tonight, I would like to say that the Palestinian cause has always been especially near to my heart and in fact I just made a statement to that effect at Council last week but

with the deepest sincerity, I hope that my Jewish friends and peers know that my dreams of a free Palestine have never included and will never include a blood lust for Jewish lives. For years, I have condemned the crimes committed against Palestinians and so tonight I would be remiss not to acknowledge that the desecration of the elderly, young, and women is subjectively horrific. The humanity that I have seen tonight has not escaped and my heart aches for innocents who have lost their lives and will lose their lives due to such violence and I pray that collective punishment is not to come. Thank you.”

H. [Campus Events Commission](#)

Miller

I. [Community Service Commissioner](#)

Wong

- Robert S Michaels Scholarship Award 22-23
 - Last year due to personal/unique circumstances the previous CSC leadership were unable to complete the the application review
 - Committee has completed the app review and all 10 students have been disbursed their awards. Shout to Jonathan for helping to coordinate.
- Servocacy Fest was a success - 300 ish attendees, over 35 student groups hosted interactive activities including jeopardy game about HIV/AIDS/fast fashion, make Thank You cards for Deployed Troops, Recruit Graduates, Veterans, Wounded Heroes, and First Responders, create fleece tie blankets for elderly
- Advocacy team in collaboration with other food insecurity and food sustainability organizations here on campus. The theme of the event is “How Bruins Tackle Food Insecurity”. The purpose of this event is to spotlight the issue of food insecurity on an interpersonal and policy-based level and to inspire our own student body to educate themselves and take action to combat this issue.
- Gen Retreat & Staff Retreat
- Condemn all forms of terrorism and violence, and send my sincere condolences and thoughts, to the members of our undergraduate community who have been, or who’ve had loved ones been affected by what happened this past weekend. No student should feel unsafe on campus, please let me know if there is anything I can do to support the community.

J. [Cultural Affairs Commissioner](#)

Verdugo

- First WoW tomorrow!
- Retreat for executive board was successful
- Finishing hiring with my eboard by Friday
- Our Latinx and Pilipinx gallery will open on Thursday!
- Fall hiring wraps on wednesday, and staff retreat is this weekend
- Working with UC Divest, and standing in solidarity with Students for Justice in Palestine
- Planning a way to platform Palestinian artists through a concert/gallery
- Released a statement defending Palestine and its struggle for liberation
- HHC directors will meet Pam this Friday!

K. [Facilities Commissioner](#)

Curran

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF): \$0.00 allocated to 0 entities

Upcoming Events:

- The first round TGIF funding is due this Friday (10/13) at 11:59p. You can find the applications for the Main, Capital/Infrastructure and Tokens of Appreciation [linked here](#).
 - Questions about the application process or TGIF in general? Sign up for office hours using [this link](#).
 - Our next funding round for both Main Fund and Tokens of Appreciation closes Friday of Week 4 (10/27)
- This week is Disability Pride Week! While two events have already happened, we highly encourage everyone to attend the other remaining activities planned for the week.
 - Wednesday 10/11: Accessible Social Media Training from 10:00 - 11:00a, hosted on Zoom
 - Thursday 10/12:
 - 10:00 - 11:30a: Disability Culture and Etiquette training, hosted on Zoom

- 12:00 - 1:00p: Inclusion and Accommodation Support from the Center for Accessible Education (CAE), hosted on Zoom
 - 2:00 - 3:00p: Disability Studies Information Session, hosted on Zoom
 - Friday 10/13: Pop-Up Disability-Themed Book Displays in Powell and the Music Library. You can come anytime during regular operating hours.
- Sepulveda Transit Corridor (STC) Community Meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 5:30 - 8:00p at Westwood United Methodist Church
 - The STC meetings will focus on travel times and boardings for the six project alternatives. Each in-person meeting will include a formal presentation by Sepulveda Transit Corridor, Q&A session and an open house with information for the project.

Access & Infrastructure:

- FAC attended the Disability Pride Week Launch Party on Monday as a featured organization. There was great live music, free food and plenty of resources for those looking to be involved in disability justice or seeking accommodations.
- We met with AVC Suzanne Seplow and AVC Mick DeLuca to discuss temporary locations for the Lily Shaw Disability Cultural Center. Finding space has been difficult due to the accessibility requirements of the DCC (and UCLA's general inaccessibility) and the number of other community groups also searching for space on campus. We're reconvening at the end of the month and will hopefully have more concrete next steps.
- We met with members of the Disabled Students Union (DSU) and Jennis Kang, the Student Wellness Commissioner (SWC) to discuss our next steps to implement the Covid-19 Resolution. While we continue to coordinate with administration, we're going to be taking immediate steps to increase signage and resources on campus.
- We're working with members of the University Committee on Disability (UCOD) to plan a movie screening of Rising Phoenix and an accompanying panel of parathletes to highlight the importance of adaptive sports. More information to come soon.
- We worked with DSU to send a letter to UCLA Transportation, Housing and the ADA/504 Compliance Officer about the abuse of disabled parking spaces by UCLA owned vehicles. This also included the blocking off of these spaces during move-in week. In response, Housing is planning to implement stricter enforcement and education for workers on the legality of parking in these spaces and repaint older spaces to make them more visible.

Sustainability:

- Our Sustainability goals team is continuing to work to make the Reuzzi program at Kerckhoff Coffee House better known and more utilized. We just launched a new prize system where after 10 uses of the mug, you're eligible for a free pastry.

Appointments:

- TGIF applications have been updated and are officially live! The most significant change from last year is combining the Main and Mini Funds into a single application. This means that organizations will have four opportunities to apply for larger sums of money each quarter, rather than just one.
 - [Main Fund](#): for amounts up to \$10,000 due Friday @11:59pm of even weeks (2, 4, 6 and 8)
 - [Tokens of Appreciation](#): for amounts up to \$150 per person per quarter, due Friday @11:59pm of even weeks (2, 4, 6 and 8)
 - [Capital X/Infrastructure](#): For amounts exceeding \$10,000, accepted on a rolling basis.

Internal/Administrative:

- Our Fall FAC applications closed last Friday, 10/6! We had a great pool of applicants and are currently in the process of interviewing folks all throughout this week and next.
 - Evan: "I really want to echo the statement made before. I think that we can believe in a free Palestine and not support the terrorist organization that Hamas is and not support the terror that is being put on Israel civilians, children, and women. I am really concerned that there is a lack of empathy coming from certain members of council when we have people coming to our council meetings and they are talking about personal relations of people that they have. Our job here is to represent all students regardless of our own personal beliefs, our own political beliefs. When students on campus feel unsafe it is our job to stand up for them. We are all human.

- Sara: “This week has been unspeakably difficult for Jewish, Israeli, and Palestinian alike but especially for the Jewish Community. Our hearts have been split with the excruciating reality that many of us know people who have been indiscriminately murdered, kidnapped, raped, and have experienced mass violence. Many of us also with family who are living in this reality and haven’t been able to get into contact with our families to see if they are safe and many of us even without family in the region feel the collective pain of our children, women, elderly people who have faced horrific levels of anti-semitism and don’t know what to do. I appreciate the council members who have spoken and supported me. I do want to ask the council to reflect on our roles and how no matter how powerless we feel, our roles are to represent all students on campus to make sure they feel safe and represented. We must stand with all students and not bring political issues into this conversation at this time when so many students on campus are hurt and healing. In Iraq, both my parents were forced to flee their homes when they were children due to anti-semitism. Members of my family have been executed because they were Jewish in Iran. This is the same regime that is supporting Hamas and the destruction of our communities today. With everything going on today, the FSC commission mourns the losses of innocent lives resulting from terrorism. As a reminder to all members of USAC, the Jewish community is in mourning, please give us the space and time without politicizing the mass murder of innocent lives. Murder and rape are not resistance. These are acts of violence committed against our people and should be treated with the same level of severity if this violence was inflicted to any other community. To anyone not being affected by this, please do this and bring this to council. It hurts our community during a time when our students should be focused on their family and safety.”

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Kang

- Commissioner Updates
 - COVID-19 updates from IDMT
 - Met with Michelle and Tim from the IDMT with Naomi, planning a special presentation for next week that will respond to the [resolution in response to COVID-19](#)
- SWC Updates
 - [Weekly SWC E-Board & Committees' Updates Sheet](#)
 - THIS WEEK: SWC Healthcoming Week 2 October 12th 3-6pm
 - [Instagram post here!](#)
 - SWC Programming Fund officially opened and can be [applied to here](#).

N. Transfer Student Representative

Cobbs

- Last week, I went to see the first general body meeting for the Filipino Transfer Student partnership. We talked a lot about what it means to be a transfer student.
- I specifically talk about the TSR office and how we were able to better support transfers with the surplus money.
- I had a lot of interesting transfers come up interested in learning more and getting involved which is great.
- I met with Gary to talk about the differences between Freshman admits enrollment and transfer admit enrollment and then a specific dive into racial and ethnic divisions and differences.
- I also attended the UC Riverside UCSA meeting and we talked about things for lobby day which I am personally going to try and go to and get involved.
- I had a meeting with Mona on Wednesday to discuss our Central American transfer experience event before applications so if anyone is interested in that please let me know.
- I also just want to echo what Jennis said. I think any silence that is coming from TSR is just from a lack of knowledge of your own experiences. I myself as a black person have had to watch black people be killed every day. Just the other day a black student on campus was arrested for just riding a scooter on the sidewalk so we are definitely not done. To what you guys are saying, I think that a lot of us on council have experiences with this situation but it is a really interesting thing to navigate as a USAC council member especially when you already come from a marginalized background being a black transfer student within a really politicized space. We have to choose our words carefully and we don’t want to say the wrong things to be insensitive. I will say though that I do show support for all students.

O. International Student Representative

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- This week we are conducting interviews for our office staff. We started hiring some people and we hosted a support space in collaboration with CAPS for students affected by the events in Libya, Morocco, or Armenia.
- We are exploring the possibility of more events.
- I met with the communications coordinator of the Dashew Center and we talked about Dashew and ISR relations and how we work together moving forward.
- We are working on a program for exchange students so that they can be better immersed in the UCLA experience and lastly we are working on the UCSa international student coalition. We are working on campaign goals.
- The first is to establish the international student representation at UC Merced and UC Santa Cruz because they currently do not have any ISRs.
- Sending peace and love to everyone.

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Orlando: "I promise this is the last time that I bring up this re-registration for students groups. Re-registration and new registration is coming to an end this Friday and so if you don't register your groups then your groups will be dropped. If you are still interested in starting a new group, you still have a few days to register a new group and the deadline is also Friday. This Thursday, the campus programs committee regular fund and the youth programming fund are due. The first one has \$8,500 to allocate and the youth programming has \$9,500 to allocate. If you are interested in applying to those funds and have programming between November 18th and December 15th, you are eligible to apply."
- Jonathan: "If you haven't already, please connect with Jack so we can schedule our training sessions. We started those last week and they have been going quite well. If you have yet to bring your funding guidelines please do so as you start to make allocations. Please remember the universal funding sheet is how you are going to get your account numbers and how we are going to increase accountability for hiring. If you are hiring please come and find me or Fernando and we will help you."

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. UCSA October Board Recap

Jussim

- Eva: "This past weekend the UC Students ASsociation for those of you who do not know is the Statewide Board of EVP's across every UC campus and we meet every month to discuss our campaign goals so I just really briefly wanted to overview them and discuss how you can get involved and just for full transparency so you know where your student fee money is going to. Our big campaign is the Basic Needs Campaign. We want to meet with UCLA's Chief Well-Being Officer and they are responsible for allocating annually \$21.3 million in mental health funding but they have been very unclear about where that money is actually going and we really want there to be more students input in this process. This falls into our ACQUIRE Campaign because we really just want to understand where that money is going to to make sure that there is adequate mental health support for students at UCLA. I think that is super important especially with everything discussed today. Previously this campaign goal was stated to be getting a SA examination site on every campus along with a SA nurse examiner, however due to more research we are shifting that goal a little bit more to both more care support and confidential resources as well as SA training to nurses who already work at the UC's. This fiscal year is a little bit rough when it comes to state funding so there is kind of a shift in advocacy. We are trying to pass resolutions on each campus to see those conversations with Chief Well-Being Officers, harm reduction education event planning, as well as care system wide meetings with them. We also have a wonderful Racial Justice Now campaign and I don't want to take the microphone away from Thyra in this instance but we are looking to do some programming between EVP and ASU about this to further this goal and really get the grassroots support that we need for the black endowment fund to better support retention and programming for black students across the UC's. I briefly mentioned in my update that we did an infrastructure grading card for every UC's civic preparedness and so this month we are finalizing the results of that and we are trying to draft one pagers for the Governors to read over it in regards to legislative stuff. Our SEED Campaign is our Environmental Defense Campaign and they created a framework to research landscaping practices across campuses and also to build a relationship between administration and indigenous communities and organizations and see how that communication can be improved and make sure

that these people are being included in discussions about how the outdoor space is being used. I also wanted to touch on how students can get more involved and what we can expect to see. We are going to be doing a lot of information diffusion with the ACQUIRE campaign and that resolution that I touched on and we are really looking to find support for this.”

B. Discussion on Community Programs Office

Cobbs

- Thyra: “Before we go into the discussion on the CPO office, I wanted to put forth that the ARC recommendation for TSR that we voted on, but then I got an email from Fernando saying that that is not being processed by SGA so I wanted to talk about that considering that money she is providing for transfer communities.”
- Naomi: “That feels like an offline question, I am not sure what there is to discuss.”
- Thyra: “I am specifically asking if there is a way for council to vote on this so that SGA can process that money.”
- Naomi: “If there is a vote we could do to allow for it, but if it is against the guidelines then I am sorry, it is against the guidelines. I don’t know the specifics because I am not seeing the email in front of me which is why I also think this is an offline issue and I would like to go to the next discussion item which is discussion of the community programs office. Thank you.”
- Thyra: “I understand that this allocation impacts an entire week of programming so I want to talk about it and see if Alicia can give more context.”
- Naomi: “So is there a question for Alicia or who is the question to?”
- Thyra: “I am asking you all and council to see if you all are going to allow them to send the money to TSR because SGA is saying that it can’t go through.”
- Fernando: “Unfortunately it is pretty simple, the ARC guidelines that were approved last week do not allow for allocations just yet. There is essentially no discussion to be had because the guidelines are set in stone from what was approved last week and the ARC guidelines don’t give CAC or ARC the ability to make an exception like this. So when it comes to ARC and this specific allocation that was approved by Council, we can’t go against the guidelines and this was brought to my attention after the approval so really nothing can be done. The application is open and it closes week 4 or 5 and then they are brought to council week 6.”
- Naomi: “Thank you. Okay now moving onto the discussion on the Community Programs Office.”
- Thyra: “So I think that we need to have a discussion about CPO and because a lot of you all are in charge of making appointments that directly relate to the mother organizations and directly relate to the experiences that students of color have had on campus particularly black students especially in a space like USAC that is largely anti-black. I think that we do need to have a larger conversation about CPO and I think that we need to talk about how USAC funds were released to CPO without council’s authority. I think that to move past the CPO conflict and to pretend like nothing has happened is kind of wild and while we are having these conversations about oppression, one of the most oppressive entities on campus has been allowed to just run amuck. You haven’t even asked for audits from CPO for a long time and you have not received audits from CPO for a long time. The director of the program has three lawsuits filed against him, all filed by black women from ASU. So I think as council members while we are talking about solidarity, we need to show solidarity to the mother organizations and the Afrikan Student union. I just wanted to open up the space for discussion and talk about specific action items that we can take as a council to address CPO as a whole and CPO is very problematic in multiple different stances and so there is a lot to unpack.”
- Sujana: “First I just want to say thank you to Thyra for bringing up the CPO discussion. I think not a lot of offices get to think about the CPO or interact with the CPO much but thanks to our sort of relationship with the MO’s and the retention projects that are housed under CPO and CRC. I totally agree, I think one thing

that we could really benefit from is working on those link items and collection action demands to CPO. I know one of the biggest things was demanding the itemized budget and the account of where that money is going to. I personally think that this is something that is still worth devoting our attention to. I was on previous councils where that demand wasn't met so I think that is worth devoting our attention to."

- Eva: "Yeah, kind of in the same line of thinking with the reports that we used last year about how UCLA should have a financial transparency mechanism for something. For CPO, if you know who we could go to lobby or like go to upper administration and be like hey this report and USAC wants financial transparency. Does anyone know, because I feel like this could be resolution vibes but obviously that is not enough. What else could we do?"
- Sara: "Last year, two things came to mind. One is resolutions and we could make specific demands that we would like to see. We had past resolutions calling for direct meetings with the directors of CPO but I think also what is the best use of our time is working with one of the Vice Chancellors to rework the memorandum that we have between USAC and CPO. Currently the demands for financial transparency only include that there will be financial transparency and no stipulations meaning that the financial report that we currently have technically meets the current demands even if they don't give us meaningful information. So my office would be more than happy to work on that in collaboration with any other office who would like to join in on that. I would also like to bring up the topic of USAC maintaining our financial autonomy because as we know that is where a lot of our power comes from, especially when the checks were released and I think that also includes not taking away the CPO's. We give money to a lot of organizations and we should have knowledge about where that money is going."
- Naomi: "Sara and I had a conversation in the beginning about this. I know that I had said that I was going to try and send out resources about this to everyone and I do apologize for my failure to do that. So I can definitely send some information. I know some people are mentioning access to a report. Basically from that report, a brief summary, it was done by an outside source on the CPO records that were given that were supposed to account for financial transparency and it basically said that they weren't being transparent and there were other things in that as well. I think that it is hard to have this conversation without the mother organization and I think as Thyra mentioned earlier with the lawsuits, there has been a lot of discrimination over the years in these spaces that these projects are housed. There needs to be a conversation that we have with the mother organizations and see if they want support. Last year, the check ended up being released without USAC's knowledge and basically only one commissioner had known about it and then it didn't get shared until much later. The reason that I didn't bring up this topic over the summer was because quorum kinda sucked over summer and I want this conversation to include everyone. As Sara mentioned, there are multiple places that receive checks from USAC and there is a stipulation somewhere that says that they are supposed to come to USAC meetings to provide updates on what they did with that money, so I would like to do that with every entity that we send checks to. That way we aren't singling out a certain entity but we are including all the folks that we give money to."
- Thyra: "Yeah, I would just like to give perspective. Council voted to restrict funds to CPO which amounted to 2.7 million and then for SGA to not be able to send \$2,000 to the TSR office is kinda crazy. I say this as the TSR and also the ASU chair, ASU historically has been the only mother organization that has been perpetually targeted by CPO. All the other organizations may have their own history with CPO but it is a given fact that ASU is representative of black students and so I think I am asking the council for help because it is very clear that they do not take our concerns seriously. ASU is very marginalized in the CPO space and the fact that every other mother organization's projects are housed in USAC except for ASU shows that fact. I didn't see a lot of that discussion happening on the last council so I am asking for support from the council both as TSR and ASU chair."
- Discussion decided to be continued offline and more discussion at council meetings to come.

XI. Adjournment

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 9:53pm.

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