



AGENDA
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
 November, 14, 2023
 6 PM PST

Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/98686577744?pwd=Zm5TeGNIVG5PcTxO3MzckNlZ0lXZz09>

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I. Call to Order

Hammonds

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

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

- Absent:
- Katie
- Alicia (arrived at 6:56pm)

II. Approval of Agenda*

Law

- Sara moves to approve the agenda as amended, Megan seconds.
- By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the minutes*

Law

- Sara moves to approve the minutes from 11/7/23, Gabby seconds.
- By vote of 8-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 11/7/23 are approved.

IV. Public Comment

Hammonds

- EVP office representative: “I am from the EVP office and I am just here to promote the upcoming students of color conference that is going to be happening in January 2024. A lot of you have seen it already because you all have reposted on your Instagrams so thank you for that but to everyone here and to everyone on Zoom, I really want you all to please conduct a little bit more outreach to either the student bodies that you represent as well as the people within your own offices who might be interested in this. It is an all expenses paid trip to UC Merced to bring together students of color from all across the UC system to engage in conversations that will have an impact on how we advocate and move forward in the coming year to advocate for since color across the UC improves quality of life and education. I am also going to be the delegate lead for UCLA this year so you all can direct any questions to the UCLA EVP Instagram or you can contact me personally. I am really trying to boost up numbers from last year and also get a lot more representation from students who are not in student government spaces.”

- Juni Learning: “Hi, my name is Juni and I am a representative of the student string orchestra and I am just coming on here to ask about the CAC ARC funding. We submitted our application on the correct timeline and we have kind of been in contact with CAC about receiving a hearing timeline which was supposed to be week five of the fall quarter but

we have yet to received a hearing time and I am just coming to ask if that is arriving and if we could just receive a little bit more clarity and communication around that.”

- Naomi: “I want to thank you for taking the time to come to our meeting tonight. Unfortunately, neither our representative nor proxy from our CAC is here at the moment but I will follow up with you and talk to Alicia on your behalf.”

- Harrison Caasar: “My name is Harrison and I am a representative from the Viet Student Union here at UCLA and represent the Viet Culture Night program. I also just want to second the comments about ARC and would also love some information on what to do.”
 - Email collected by Naomi, told that she will be reaching out to them.

 - Public common is closed at 6:13pm.

 - Alicia asks for a vote to reopen public comment. Vote passes. Public comment is reopened at 7:07pm.

- Naomi: “So given that public comment beforehand was open for about 7 minutes, that means that there is a remaining total of 23 minutes for public comment. Just a reminder of our community guidelines really quickly. Challenge ideas not individuals, remember to use gender inclusive speech and freedom of speech does not mean freedom from accountability. Each speaker will be given two minutes to speak once. No dehumanizing language.”

- External Vice President for MSA: “I am here to ask about what USAC is doing about the safety of both Muslim and Arab students on campus. The MSA has had to come up with its own kind of ideas on how we can have our own visibly Muslim or Arab looking students safe and protected going between their apartments and classes. This should not be the case. We have been mobilizing since last year to get our members more active about campus affairs and that includes encouraging and teaching everyone how to vote for you USAC officials, how to choose, how to vote. We looked at all of your campaigns and we elected you guys. We are not seeing your support though. There is a campus safety alliance and some specific members of this council ran on the idea that you focus on the safety of students on campus. The rhetoric against Muslim students right now regardless of what their personal beliefs are and political situations are is that they tend to be people who are terrorists or violent or barbaric and this is threatening to the extent that some of our families ask us if it is safe to come to class because it reminds them of the time post 9/11. Muslim students' experiences on campus right now is dangerous and I know many people personally and we have collected formal testimony of people who have been stopped on their way to class, who have had their personal vehicles and cars harassed or attacked physically and who have been called violent or terrorists. People are coming onto campus with signs saying Islam, Hamas, death. This is not okay. We should not be having to go to administration to come up with our own ideas as students who are just here to support each other and have a good time on how to keep us safe. Administration are not actually taking into account the situation. Obviously we condemn any kind of religious prejudice and we don't want anything to happen to any of our students but we elected you guys for a reason and we are not seeing any support from the people who have the resources and the power and are getting paid in this position to do this job so we just want to know what USAC is going to do for us.”

- Angelica: “I didn't prepare what I was going to say for today but all I wanted to say is to express my support for the Muslim community and anyone who has experienced hate crimes. I think it is ridiculous that you are our governing body and it is not reassuring knowing that the people that we elected are not doing anything to protect students. I would like for you guys to pay attention and not speak while I am speaking and while other students are speaking or looking at your phones. Please, we want your undivided attention. I really just want to express support for everyone here and everyone here who has been affected by islamophobia and just racist brutal attacks from students and from outside people who are coming into UC and attacking students. The UC is deliberately failing to protect its students and it would be nice for you know USAC to recognize that and to support the student body and faculty and workers. Just recently someone was fired because she was Pro-Palestinian. So what are you guys doing to protect these students? What are you doing? I really want you guys to really think about this. It is ridiculous that we even have to come in here to advocate for ourselves to come into public comments. I just want to express my solidarity with everyone here and for you all to address their needs and concerns and to really pay attention and to stop talking while I am speaking and while others are speaking up here. I want you guys to give them your undivided attention.”

- Programming Director for MSA: “I also wanted to echo what my external president said mainly for the fact that we have had to make meetings with UCLA administration and staff for the sake of our security on campus. I also just wanted to empathize and actually make a request directly to you President Naomi because I remember last time you mentioned that you would not be able to make a statement on Palestine at this time and now I am asking if you are going to say anything while our Muslim students are being literally hate crimed on campus.”
- Member from audience: “I would first like to apologize, I didn’t write anything so this might be a little sloppy but I did want to acknowledge that there is no nuance to the nature of these hate crimes and harassment against students. We talk about how you know the chancellor has these statements that are so not even jaded about his support and where he stands because he is so willing to condemn organizations on false baseless claims yet not address and hold organizations that aren’t even student run accountable for harassing and assaulting students that are muslim, that are pro-palestinian. I would also like to address how wearing this keffiyeh is a risk nowadays because you walk around and you get pepper sprayed like my friend was. You get beat up and jumped by multiple people like my friends were and all of a sudden you realize that no one wants to wear these anymore because they are afraid of their safety, of their sanctity on campus. They got pepper sprayed over by the sculpture garden where people you know chillax throughout the day, have a good time right, read a book but once night falls, you’re alone and you’re wearing a keffiyeh, you have to worry for your safety, they have to wash their eyes with the sprinkler system. Why should the students have to worry about that on campus? And we are talking about condemning the organization supporting Palestinians on campus. We are getting assaulted, beat up on the hill. My friend was beat up and we have to fight the small fights of talking about whether the statements were made and the videos that were recorded online are the full extent of the misinformation is fully revealed. We have to fight over that stuff when we can’t even get protection for the student on campus. We need accountability and we need support for the students on campus. What is condemnation?”
- Member from audience: “Last week I endured a hate crime on campus. I was selling my keffiyehs on bruin walk when an older white lady well into her 60’s or even 70’s shoved me from behind and knocked me off my feet. She gave me whiplash, you know how when you get into a car accident and your head rocks forward and back. I do not feel safe on campus. We do not feel safe on campus because there is a lack of accountability held for these zionists, these people who are attacking Palestinian students. Everyday I come to campus wearing my keffiyeh and i am paranoid that any one of them could come and attack me on the spot, could call our terrorists to me and it has happened and it has happened to so many of our students and there has been no accountability taken place. There is no accountability on all of you in putting out a statement in advocating for your students because we appointed you. We have appointed you and we have not received any support from you. So do we matter less than your other students? Because that is the image that you are giving us right now. That our voices do not matter, that we don’t exist on campus, but we do and we are here and we are not going to stop fighting for the liberation of Palestine and for the Palestinian students here. Thank you.”
- Rachel Burnett: “I am a Jewish student at UCLA and I just wanted to first express my deepest condolences for any student who has experienced hate or made to feel unwelcome. I think USAc like all governing bodies whether they are students or faculty or the chancellor, has a responsibility to make sure students feel safe on campus. I know that Jewish students feel unsafe on campus. I know that Muslim students, I know that Palestinian students feel unsafe on campus. I think personally the best solution here would be to have two separate resolutions. One condemning anti-Semitism and one condemning Islamophobia and anti-Palestinian racism. Although I believe that our liberation, whether that is Jewish liberation, Muslim liberation, all forms of liberation are connected at the same time. I believe that each community deserves to recognize their own unique form of repression without having to share that spotlight. Jewish students deserve their own place to express their grievances much like Muslim students and Arab students deserve their own spaces. So I just wanted to point out that we shouldn’t be trying to frame this as Jewish students versus Muslim students or Israeli students vs. Palestinian students. We have our own unique struggles. Our dynamic may not be the same in the geopolitical context but ultimately when it comes to students safety it is not opposing causes.”
- Member from audience: “I am a Muslim student at UCLA and I just can’t believe that we are here again because you guys have not done a single thing about the islamophobia on our campus. Muslim students are constantly under threat and all we have gotten from you guys is just silence and empty seats at the table where decisions are supposed to be made. This isn’t even about hurt feelings, it is actually about danger. It is about the fact that every single day Muslim students walk through campus wondering where the next verbal or physical attack will come from and where that has

left us on our own fending for ourselves because the student government has shown zero initiative, zero guts, and zero commitment. What is it going to take for you guys to wake up and realize that your passivity is as good as telling those hate mongers and zionists that they have got a free pass to just attack us and verbally assault us? If you can't give a damn about the lives that you are here to protect, then frankly you don't deserve to call yourselves our representatives. We are not here to bed, we are here to demand action, real action, not just a nod of agreement or a quote unquote "we'll look into it". We are past that, we want a concrete plan and we wanted it a few weeks ago when we showed up to the last USAC meeting. We want a clear message that Islamophobia won't be tolerated, we want that now. If you can't step up and just do your job, the bare minimum, to protect all students, then make room for students who are actually willing to fight for us because we are done waiting, it is time to act and if you are not with us, if you are not willing to cooperate with us, and if you are not willing to protect us, then you don't deserve to be on the student government."

- MSA President: "I just wanted to speak about my own personal experience to staff off. Over the last few weeks I have been the recipient of an immense amount of accounts of harassment from my own peers. There was one day I can remember where I was approached by five different individuals of my community each sharing their own accounts from that day of harassment for wearing the hijab. I haven't been able to function as a student, my board members, my fellow community leaders have not been able to function as students because we have been bearing the weight of keeping our own community safe on campus which shouldn't be our responsibility. It is our right to come to a public institution and feel safe but that is not being done by the administration, it is not being done by the student government so the burden is falling on us. I also am sure that many of you have seen the faculty letter that was released recently this past Sunday. Over 300 faculty members signed on to a letter that was directed at the UCLA administration. This letter claimed to raise concerns about the campus climate, however, the language inside that letter, if you take a brief look below the surface, is disgusting and it plays on so many islamophobic jokes. This letter is harmful not only to Muslim students but to Arab students, South Asian students, students of Bipoc heritage and any student who has spoken up in favor of Palestine. I noticed that you introduced the segment of public comment by asking us to refrain from dehumanizing language. This letter like its members of our community calls all the protests as of late, celebrations of the Hamas massacre. This is the language they are using and calling my community barbaric and violent. Our community has time and time again stood with other communities in times of need and we reject any attempt to put us against any other groups. We will never stand for hate, but stop playing on these oriental stereotypes and playing into this rhetoric. The faculty has released this statement as a method of intimidation. USAC as a student organization has a responsibility to repudiate any offensive statement that was put out. I would also like to see the USAC body make some efforts to defend the student body who is put at risk when such obscene mischaracterizations have been put out."
- Member from audience: "When I first started thinking about putting on a hijab, my dad told me not to because he said this is exactly what would happen. You put this on, you put yourself out there as someone who is visibly Muslim, as someone who visibly falls into this harmful rhetoric. The thing is it is true. This is not a Jewish versus Muslim issue. This is not a Us versus them issue, but at the end of the day, some of us are visibly at risk. We are more at risk than other students and we haven't seen anyone stand up for us. We haven't seen any support from anyone. We are not asking for accountability, we are asking for acknowledgement. We had a lecture on October 11th and people came up to these students that were trying to get educated at a higher education institution and people got attacked on campus. No one acknowledged anything. I didn't see an email about it, emails don't do anything, but the second that we have a rally, everyone is real quick to type up those emails, real quick to condemn us. How long do we have to sit here, yell, cry, get hurt, get assaulted, how many times before someone stands up, before someone sees our struggle, before someone does something. We elected you all, some of you guys ran on platforms where you said that you would hold UC safety accountable but you all haven't done that."
- Member from audience: "I am speaking on behalf of the Muslim student population at UCLA. We have been subject to harassment, discrimination, and aggression on the basis of our religion and our physical attributes. Students have been harrassed and many of us no longer feel safe on campus walking alone especially at night and with good reason. The UCLA administration has done nothing to make us feel secure or safe. There are numerous reports of such incidents as have been spoken about and direct hate crimes such as being followed at night, property, destruction, and even physical altercations. Not only have you failed to acknowledge this, but you have created an environment where students feel afraid to ask for help. You have chosen to ignore our pleas and you are failing to protect your students so much that we have now had to take matters into our own hands and document all of these accounts but there is only so much that we can do as students. There is only so much that we can accomplish when the administration is against us as students. We

demand the bare minimum which is to feel safe on campus and for our voices to be heard for action to be taken. We want protection rather than the mere illusion of your words. Thank you.”

- Member from audience: “To be a Sikh, means to be a student. We follow our guru’s teachings and hopes of living an honest life through praying, earning an honest education, and using it to get a job and a career where I can help others. While I do have the privilege to be able to obtain this education, it does not mean that oppressions against sikh’s are not occurring and that we still have not faced justice for past crimes against us. It does not change the fact that when someone on campus asks me what that silver bracelet I wear around my wrist everyday, when I tell them that I am a Sikh they have no clue what that means. If they do know, they have learned from their AP World History Textbook in highschools that Sikh is a subset of Hinduism which is incorrect. But to be a Sikh, means to be a teacher. We hope that with this resolution passing, proclaiming that November is Sikh heritage month, we are also giving the UCLA student body a chance to be educated on Sikh and its struggles, to be open to teaching our friends on campus about our religion. But to be a sikh, also means to stand up for others in times of their oppression and stand up for social justice for all people which is why we condemn islamophobia all over campus. We want to be there for them. You don’t have to be muslim to support them.”
 - Naomi attempts to end public comment, however, Ryan Factora continues speaking after the microphone is turned off.
- Ryan Factora: “My name is Ryan Factora and I currently serve as a current co-president of Samahang Filipino, one of the ten mother organizations and I am coming here because I don’t give a fuck about these bureaucratic rules that seek to silence student voices when students are receiving death threats, students are being jumped. (unable to transcribe the rest due to lack of audio)
- Sara: “I have been told by my administration that obviously, if you are in direct conflict, call 911 but also if you need to report incidents of hate crimes or anything like that, then please go to the dean of students office. I think for cases like this, it is really important to document. Please also feel free, the FSC office is open for any support that you may need but I really want to say first and foremost, I am sorry, no student should be under duress like this or being under attack based on things of their identity and we will be posting more resources on our Instagram.”
 - Members from the audience cuts Sara off. Audio cannot be heard since no microphone was used.
- Alicia: “I just want to respond to what you said Sara, these resources are not enough because like a member of the student body just said that they put is more in danger and for you to not recognize that and for you do not do anything but say oh set up a meeting with me, come to my office, when you haven’t even put out a statement with your platform, none of you have had a statement that doesn’t stand on some sort of neutrality over genocide. You are not doing enough. They are literally asking, telling you what to do directly and you are not doing it and this i s just some sort of excuse that you are coming up with. You are not actually providing any resources that actually support them.”
- Sujana: “I will definitely be brief. I want to start off by saying that I really appreciate each and every one of you who came to this meeting. Like Sara said, it took a lot of bravery and I appreciated every single word. I also acknowledge that everyone who did want to speak did not have the chance to do so. This doesn’t go unheard and after the last public comment where we also heard you initially about the fears that Muslim students had on campus, that was definitely something that the academic affairs commission took seriously and that we aimed to address in our statement we put out about the biased language that was used by President Drake as well as specific acts of physical violence and harassment against Muslim and Palestinian students at the teach in. It has become clear that AAC needs to act again so this will definitely be acted upon. That is a promise that I can give to you and I do apologize that it had to come to this because it is not fair to you all the burden that has been placed on your community.”
- Jonathan: “Firstly and I think properly, the microphone should be going back to the students. They elected us and they should have the right to voice it so is there anyone who would like to say something because I definitely appreciate all that you all have shared so far.” [Jonathan walks to front of room to hand microphone back to students.]
 - Naomi calls a recess on the meeting for 10 min at 7:42pm. Jonathan ignores recess and encourages students to continue speaking on microphone.

- Jonathan: “Who wants to speak? You all deserve to speak and it is your right.”
- Member from audience: “I just want to reiterate that as a sikh woman, I stand in complete solidarity with my muslim family and if there is anything that our faith and our gurus have taught us, it is to stand with oppressed people, all occupied people. I have noticed a bit of the reactions that we have been getting as responses and although we appreciate some of the statements that have been very supportive, we might seem heated but it is because we have been trying to communicate and work through all of these channels and nothing is working. It is blatant negligence and people not doing their jobs and people purposefully waiting for this to be over but it is not ending. It feels like at this point that the school just wants to hurt us and it does not come as a surprise to be honest that most of the people that have been support or most of these student officers that have taken a stance have been people of color or part of certain communities that have taken a stance because they understand what it is like to be completely overlooked by the system that wants to overlook you and it is getting to a point where we are begging you all to look at us like human beings and for you to just put what you're putting your skin our there literally just means that you would want to condemn the violence that has been done onto the students at this community and the possibility of putting out a USAC statement is fully into your heads where there is nothing stopping you from denouncing what has been happening. This is getting to the point where like you are even getting backlash from not humanizing it and you need to do something either for even your own safety and it has to be drastic. We need support. We need support. Student resources can't help us because the way that we have been treated is as if we were not even students. It is like we are just here and we are just supposed to take it and we are supposed to be silent so that is why there is a lot of energy and I don't condemn any of the passion that has been given today. I stand by the passion that has been given today. We have all witnessed such horrible things and we should be louder because we are going to be loud as you try to silence us. If you don't listen to us today, we are going to be back tomorrow and we will be back next week and we will be back next month and we will be bigger in numbers and we can fill this entire building with stories of students because it is not just now, we have been overlooked for a while but now it is getting the point where not only are we overlooked but we are dehumanized to the extent where something has to be said and this is a really big issue at this school. You need to say something, it just doesn't make sense.”
- Member from audience: “I wanted to say something really quick. You are the president right, I feel like you have been a little passive aggressive and it makes it hard for us to kind of make comments because I think we are supposed to be here to get help from you guys but you keep being rude and it is hard to make comments and it makes us feel like maybe this school isn't for us and I am not trying to be rude either but I am just trying to say that maybe being a little kinder might help.
- Naomi: “If I came off as passive aggressive, I do apologize. That is not my intent. Honestly, my responses are coming and I have spoken up in this meeting because our meetings are supposed to be run by a book that was written ages ago called Robert's Rules of Order and it is supposed to follow the rules for public comment. I would love to listen to you all because if we are being honest what is anybody really going to hear in two minutes of public comment. There is so much more that should be said. I know you were not able to acknowledge everything.”
- Member from audience: “I feel like it is hard to go by a book when there is a ethnic cleansing happening right now and I feel like for that we have to make an exception. Thank you for the efforts that you have been putting in, I just think we definitely need more.”
- Jonathan: “If you are on council and you are upset, I hope you are pulling out a piece of paper and you are signing your resignation because we are here to listen to our peers and I hope you get that through your thick skulls.”

V. Funding

A. Capital Contingency*

Yin

- Requested: \$14,682.45
- Allocation: \$4,061.67 for 20 non USAC entities and 2 USAC entities
- Megan moves to approve \$4,061.67 for 20 non USAC entities and 2 USAC entities, Evan seconds.
- By vote of 8-0-1, the motion passes and Capital Contingency is approved for this week.

- ~~B. Contingency Programming* Yin~~
- C. SFS Allocations# Wong
- Requested: \$4,815.00
 - Allocation: \$3,441.00 for 3 CSC orgs and 2 non CSC orgs
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- D. SWC Programming Fund Allocations# Kang
- Requested: \$1,000 from non USAC entities
 - Allocation: \$0.00, no allocations
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- ~~E. Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations# Jussim~~
- ~~F. Grassroots Organizers for Working Students Grant Allocations# Jussim~~
- G. ASRF Allocations# Sridhar
- Allocation: \$1,000 to 1 non USAC entity
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- ~~H. AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations# Sridhar~~
- ~~I. ARC Allocations# Verdugo~~
- J. TGIF Curran
- Allocation: \$6,305.53 to 4 non USAC entities
 - No opposition, passes as a consent item.
- ~~K. USA/BOD Allocations* Broukhim~~

VI. Special Presentation

VII. Appointments

- A. Finance Committee Associate* Yin
- a. Shirin Dunker
- Sara moves to appoint Shirin Dunker as a Finance Committee Associate, Megan seconds.
 - By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and Shirin Dunker is appointed as a Finance Committee Associate.

VIII. Officer Reports

- A. President Hammonds
- Gathering notes from the UC Community Safety Conference
 - Scheduling November UC Council of the Presidents meeting
 - Attended the UCLA Chancellor Search Town Halls for Faculty, Staff, Student, Alumni
 - Had a morning meeting with Chancellor Block and Monroe Gorden to discuss the student leadership academy from this summer
 - Finance director is applying to multiple grants
 - CommUnity director is organizing "Seat at the table" for the remainder of the quarter
 - CommUnity director and staff have been attending club meetings to provide a brief intro to what USAC is and how we support students
- B. Internal Vice President Law
- The Appointments Review Committee has conducted no interviews this week. We have a few scheduled for the next upcoming days.
 - Megan and the Pre-Professional Support Committee met with the On Campus Housing Council to discuss preparations for the Pre-Professional Workshop occurring this week.
 - Josh (AIVP), attended the True Bruins Raise Ceremony Planning meeting with Karen Minero from Case Management Services and GSA to discuss future plans. We plan to have it in the Kerckhoff Grand Salon once again.

- Megan and Josh (AIVP) met with End Overdose and the Student Wellness Commission to discuss initiatives involving increasing narcan training and potentially requiring it for greek life chapters on campus.
- The Internal Vice President's Office Executive Meeting met this Monday at 5PM. If you would like to attend the next Executive Meeting, please reach out to Megan or Josh.
- The Internal Vice President's Office held our weekly All-Staff Meeting this past Monday at 6PM. If you would like to attend the next All-Staff Meeting, they are every Monday at 6PM in Geology 6704, please contact me or Josh to RSVP.
 - Committee Updates:
 - The Equity, Transparency, and Accountability Committee recently hired two new staff members. They are currently working on creating posts about accessing funding for student organizations. They also just posted a new agenda preview for today's meeting.
 - The Empowering Student Engagement Committee is currently reaching out to funding bodies and planning a funding workshop for student organizations to attend. They are outreaching to student organizations for club spotlights.
 - The Pre-Professional Support Committee is prepping for their Pre-Professional Workshop to focus on resume building, interview prepping, and sharing opportunities for students to gain internship experience. The link to RSVP is on our Instagram @uclaivp.
 - The Supporting Student Needs Committee is currently preparing for the Off Campus Housing Fair which is planned for Week 3 Monday of winter quarter. They are outreaching to student media to create ad packages and figuring out the capacity for the event.
 - The Administrative Relations Committee has reached out to ASUCLA Administration, ASUCLA BOD, UCLA Administration, and more. They are planning an Administrative meet n' greet as well as social media videos about administration on campus.
 - The Institutionalized Events Committee has finished the first round of the ASUCLA T-Shirt Contest and final voting for the design will be open on November 27th!
 - The General Events Committee is currently working on applying to funding for their finals distress event. If anyone would like to work on that with the IVP office, please let Megan or Josh know.
 - The IVP office has 12 interns in the Fall Internship Cohort. They attended the All-Staff Meeting on Monday and got to know all the committees to prepare them to transition into the office. They also went to a boba social afterwards.
 - The Internal Vice President Office is hosting a Pre-Professional Workshop this Friday, November 17th, 2023 from 4-6PM. Please advertise this on your social medias and RSVP. I really encourage all the USAC offices to come out if possible!
 - Megan would like to remind the council members that there is an ASUCLA Entities Meet and Greet Event this Thursday at 4-5:30PM in the Kerckhoff Art Gallery. ASUCLA BOD, Communications Board, and the Graduate Student Union will be in attendance.

C. [External Vice President](#)

Jussim

- **Zbur is coming on the 12/6**
- **Ted Lieu Dec 8**
- **Students of Color Conference**
- **KYR and Dem workshop**
- Connect social draft is out
- STC stuff
 - Pouria – looking to get him to affirm heavy rail
 - ASUCLA BOD
 - BPI – have them join lobby corp
 - Survey with FAC
- Safe parking
- **Zbur is coming on the 12/6**
- Local
 - Big turn out of students to the virtual STC hearing.
 - BruinDine interested in discussing Holiday drive planning. Will be setting up meetings, but they're expanding their operations in Winter quarter, so not sure about capacity.
 - BruinShelter hasn't responded to our request, but will keep reaching out to collaborate on holiday drive.

- Reached out to LAVC, LA Pierce, and SMC, will be setting up meetings in the next week.
- Survey and flyer updates, workgroup met on Monday.
- Hoping to find ways to make resources that UCLA provides more accessible to student tenants.
- Lobby visits to CM Yaroslavsky and Supervisor Horvath will be on December 1st, 3-5pm.
- Horvath also 11/30
- State
 - AD miguel santiago meeting 11/20
 - AD ___ 11/28
 - Maia is in the process of scheduling another meeting and Still waiting to hear back from other assembly members
 - Research and bill analysis on cal grants and student aid
 - Holding a team meeting on Monday
 - Planning another lobby training
- Fed
 - Bill analysis
 - Ted talk
- Comms
 - Ted talk posts, merch
 - Regents next week
- Civic
 - Election day was yesterday! Table
 - BIG continuing
 - Democracy workshop
 - Collabs w other student orgs to expand
- Student relations
 - SAFE: Presented @ IGNITE meeting w/ Eva last night -> went super well! Going to try to spread awareness of the Needs Assessment -> prepped PC and dispersed to EVP office
 - Increase Adequate and Affordable UCLA Housing, Expand Food Access: Charlene-Eva met 11/7, follow up with Bruin Dine and Rec for next steps. Sarah from UCLA Housing answered my email
 - Need support outreaching to get the workers housing group!! (currently have a couple people interested but not enough people-power)
 - UCLA housing is currently working on the redeveloping Gayley Towers to turn the units into more affordable co-living style housing for students, if anyone is interested in this project and sharing their feedback on the project please get in contact with Charlene through slack or text! Thank you!
 - Attended Basic Needs Coalition Meeting
 - Possibly asking for USAC approval on open letter to Monroe regarding CalFresh Initiative funding getting cut
 - Looking into USAC surplus as a second measure
 - Met with calfresh initiative again
 - Working on volunteer forms so we can hopefully volunteer at one of their outreach events in one or two weeks, then continue growing that relationship for future volunteer events
 - Waiting period on that, once we get a feel for it can do our own event (just need to see what the deal is)
 - Also want to repost/help them w outreach
 - 195CE: not much to update— CSC finally posted, AAC will post as well; brainstorming outreach (department newsletter, getting a list from the registrar)
 - Met with Jazmin for Know Your Rights— working on slideshow/curriculum with the materials she provided
 - Making KYR announcement at GM on Wednesday!
 - Workers' Rights - Kaitlyn
 - GROWS deliberations
 - met with Nammi to plan KYR workshop + graphics
 - met with Jazmin from Labor Center to figure out KYR curriculum
 - First GROWS allocations approved!

- Still looking for one more student worker to join the committee
- Need to meet with Fernando to learn how to transfer the funding
- UC
 - SOCC planning → sign up at [INSERT LINK]
 - Making a harm reduction resource guide
 - Drafting a resolution with AISA
 - Public Comment training was a success
 - Attending regents meeting tomorrow
 - Met with Thyra to discuss RJN programming at UCLA
 - We attended different club meetings to promote training
- David: financial aid convention. Standardize FAFSA across the board

D. [General Representative 1](#)

Pool

E. [General Representative 2](#)

Lasry

- My directors and I met to plan the Gen Rep 2 office hours for the end of Fall quarter where students can meet with us to discuss any complaints or questions they may have.
- We are planning (and will soon launch) the Gen Rep x FSC Parking Permit Reimbursement.
- Chief of Staff is currently leading the General Representative Internship.
- Promoting First To Go events.
- Met with them the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) to discuss the EVP bylaw change.
 - The change was approved with a 3-0-0 vote.

F. [General Representative 3](#)

Valenzuela Mejia

- Office
 - Internship
 - Interns are being put into groups for the quarterly project
 - Interns will present their projects to myself and the other General Representatives on week 9.
 - Excited for the work being done with reaching out and letting students know more about the general USAC processes.
 - Resolution in Support of a Latinx Resource Center/HSI
 - Met with HSI Director Dr. Elizabeth Gonzalez, Daniela Cortez and Kimberly Barruetaand discussed the resolution and I appreciate the support they provided for the creation of the resolution and center.
 - Discussed next steps from the resolution and future plans for the Latinx Success Center on campus,
 - Determined the possibility of having a HSI Appointment to USAC to ensure that future councils can be updated about the updates with regards to HSI as UCLA receives the HSI designation and when it does receive it in 2025.
 - Discussed the role that USAC has in supporting the Latinx/Hispanic community and ensuring that we continue supporting the community however possible.
- Platforms:
 - Bruin Health
 - Working on a program to have masks and small hand sanitizers available to get near the 3rd floor Kerckhoff elevator
 - Bruin Representation
 - Met with a student leader from Afro Latinx Connection (ALC) to discuss methods that my office can do to support their projects and work on campus, as well as their thoughts about the resolution.
 - Bruin Resources
 - We are having our first event December 6th about the HACU Internship programs for the summer!
 - Ackerman 3517 from 4pm to 6pm. Support once we have all that information available.
 - Bruin Worldwide

- We have responses! Excited to see what we can get going now that we are going to be able to support exchange students.
- Met with Adam on the status of the program and beginning planning.
- Promote, promote, promote please.
- Bruin Convenience
 - General student body survey has been finalized, will be sent out in the coming weeks.
 - Final push for you all to get your offices to fill out the Digital BruinCard survey, please send out and fill out
 - Will be presenting the findings that our office found and discuss next steps with you all!

G. [Academic Affairs Commissioner](#)

Srihar

- Made 5 posters for 11/14 Opportunity for All march during general meeting
- **Retention First**
 - Forwarded information about AAC to SP Retention coordinator (Mikha) to discuss a collab between AAC and MO's in retention projects
 - Began drafting emails to let Books4U Bruins applicants know that they were awarded the funds, but will send another follow up email later for when they can collect funds
- **Accountability and Transparency**
 - Held a meeting with A&T gen staff to plan a new transparency project to publicize what USAC uses funds for and correct students beliefs about USAC funds
 - Compiled listserv of UCLA campus entities to send AAC newsletter
- **Access and Equity**
 - Started compiling a tutoring resource doc to post on AAC website
 - Meeting with Registrar's office
 - Meeting with librarian who runs OER
- **Finance**
 - Scheduled meeting to make final budget allocations for AAC programming
- AAC merch?

H. [Campus Events Commission](#)

Miller

- working on Petting Zoo collab with SWC (shoutout Jennis) coming Week 10 of fall quarter
- collabs with Afrikan Student Union (shoutout Thrya) coming next quarter
 - 50th anniversary of Hip Hop event
 - Pan-Afrikan Culture Exchange
- Upcoming Films Screenings
 - EILEEN @ JBT on Thursday 11/16
 - Maybe another Wescom Holiday screening Tuesday 12/5
- Concerts
 - GROOVE GARDEN is happening towards the end of the quarter
 - vinyl DJ spin session
- Extra Stuff
 - CEC x Goldenvoice
 - concert ticket giveaways happening on our Instagram (@uclacec)
 - also Gingerbread house making / cookie decorating events in December?
- RSVP for all events on the Poppin' app
- FOLLOW @uclacec ON INSTAGRAM

I. [Community Service Commissioner](#)

Wong

- Upcoming meetings with Office of Transfer Student Rep, Afrikan Student Union, Center for Community Engagement, BruinsVote Coalition to explore collaborations
- Hello! CSC's External Programs Team are organizing an event concerning houseless-ness in Winter Quarter. As this issue speaks to many houseless-ness based UCLA Service Orgs, we would like to host a Focus Group, or an open discussion, to provide a chance to get your opinions on how this event should look like this year. Please fill out this form if you are interested:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwbKv0HivPbuoHILTakZT8h55a36zP06n1yCTOGKCjN0lqKw/viewform?usp=sf_link

- J. [Cultural Affairs Commissioner](#) Verdugo
- Made with love gallery opening night this wednesday 5-8
 - Gallery open until 22nd
 - Concert this friday in westwood
 - Hotlates class on the 30th
 - Native expressions on the 29th
 - Regents meeting

- K. [Facilities Commissioner](#) Curran

Upcoming Events:

- Bruin Bazaar upcycling workshop in collaboration with Zero Waste, taking place on 11/21 in the Makerspace
 - More information coming soon on @usacfac

Access & Infrastructure:

- With a 28% turnout, graduate students have resoundingly approved a continuation of the BruinGrad Pass! Shoutout to GSA <3
- The Transportation Equity and Access team finalized a letter to Katy Young Yaroslavsky urging the implementation of the Gayley/Strathmore scramble crossing to protect student safety.
 - [Letter Urging the Prioritization of the Strathmore/Gayley Pedestrian Crossing](#)
- Access on Board staffers have wrapped up work on the Web Accessibility Guide, which will be presented during next week's council meeting.

Sustainability:

- The EJ Now! Committee in collaboration with the office of the External Vice President (EVP) to draft a Resolution in support of the Healthy Streets LA Ballot Initiative and to join the recently formed coalition Students for Safer Streets.
 - [A Resolution to Support the Healthy Streets LA Ballot Measure](#)
- Sustainagoals met with Liz Kennedy, from UCLA Trademarks and Licensing to discuss improvements to waste management and sorting in South Campus.
 - Had a followup meeting with the Zero Waste Manager
- Sustainagoals is trying to increase plant based options on the Hill. Developing a new survey for student feedback.

- L. [Financial Supports Commissioner](#) Broukhim

- Had 1:1 with my executive board + our weekly FSC meetings.
- Scheduled meetings for financial events with ASUCLA, Bruin Entrepreneurs, and ResLife
- Trying to set up a meeting with SGA
- Started working on Lab coat drive

- M. [Student Wellness Commissioner](#) Kang

- Commissioner Updates
 - SWC x IVP x EO x Greek life - currently working on mandatory naloxone training for all Greek life
 - SWC x UC Lavender - be on the lookout for another UC Lavender x SWC co-post
 - Continuing to work with DSU, Ashe, IDMT in implementation of new and improved COVID resources
 - Signage refresh campaign with Ashe
 - Working on COVID-19 resources IG post
- SWC Updates

- [Weekly SWC E-Board & Committees' Updates Sheet](#)

- N. Transfer Student Representative Cobbs
- The TSR office is about to start our internship where they pair each council member with a transfer student who is interested in serving in that office or in that role. So look out for my email as I will be sending out the matches to you guys.
 - The main thing that we are going to be doing is ensuring that whatever office you are in is producing a transfer oriented event or initiative so really excited for you to engage with these transfer students.
 - Shout out to Lori for helping with the football tickets for transfer students.
- O. International Student Representative Tfayli
- Jonathan and I met and we are going to keep working on Bruin Buddies and hopefully we will be able to expand that by working with the career center on a potential event for international students. Last week I met at UC Merced and it was a great event.
 - I attended a couple of Dashew Center events this past week as part of International Education week and my office is still taking staff applications and we are doing interviews soon.
- P. Administrative Representatives Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner
- Orlando: "Hello everyone, just a quick clarification, there are a couple of offices that did not register this academic year even though I came into every meeting and reminded you all to re-register. I will not mention those groups but every time I mention a SOLE requirement, it applies to everyone here, including attending the one workshop for your re-registration, so if you need a link for that make sure to email me. You have until December 8th to send one of your signatories or yourselves to attend the less than 20 min online workshop. If you have any questions on that please let me know either on the re-registration part of it or on the workshop."
 - Jessica: "I am sure you all are already on top of it but I am going to mention it. You have some outstanding appointments that are pretty urgent to fill as soon as possible. You have three ASUCLA Communications board appointments that are open. One of them is a transfer seat that is pretty critical. Given that there is a discussion item on the agenda talking about Daily Bruin, ASUCLA Communications Board oversees the Daily Bruin so if you know if there are issues or concerns then this is how you get your representation to address that. Additionally, election board is going to be very critical and urgent to appoint ASAP so if you don't have any applicants, if the search committee needs additional support in publicizing, please let me know how we can get our marketing team to help by either posting that on our Instagram and or on other platforms just to get the engagement and to get people applying. Just given how long it typically takes to go over the election code and set the calendar and all that it takes a while with all of the edits and amendments that you all are hoping to make. So just keep that in mind if you want to be on time with all of that stuff. We are also approaching the end of the quarter and winter quarter is going to go fast and then you are in election season so please make sure to prioritize that one as well. Obviously any other funding body chairs that you have vacant should be a very urgent priority to appoint as well so any way that we can help support please let us know. I also just want to shout out our team, specifically Emily for putting together the amazing resources guide that she emailed out to all the Council. We are planning to get those laminated and in a more long-term sustainable format so that they can get posted in each of the office spaces in Kerckhoff. So I just wanted to appreciate her efforts in getting that together pretty quickly and turning that around. We also have other things that we are working on as well so watch out for that."
 - Lori: "Hi, reservations for winter quarter open on the 28th so if you don't have an account and you need space you better get one and also Jessica was the only one that visited me at tunnel 11 on Saturday so super sad. I will not be at another home football game but I will be at the UCLA vs USC game."
 - Jonathan: "Just a couple things from me. The lottery for 417 for winter will be early next week viz Xoom and you all will receive an email tomorrow from Event services with sign up instructions and they will also be conducting the regular room lottery during weeks 9 and 10 via zoom. Only USAC offices can sign up for 417 meeting rooms and they will send that invite to your USAC emails. If you have any questions, stop by event services and they will be able to answer that for you. I will also be out of the office starting on Tuesday so I

will not be there for the meeting next week. If you need anything please reach out to Jessica or Fernando and they will be able to help you out.”

IX. Old Business

A. [Resolution Calling for the Creation of a Latinx Success Center at UCLA*](#)

Valenzuela Mejia

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A LATINX SUCCESS CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Sponsors:

Jonathan Valenzuela Mejia, *General Representative 3*

Co-Sponsors:

Thyra Cobbs, *Transfer Student Representative*
Eva Jussim, *External Vice President*
Megan Law, *Internal Vice President*
Evan Curran, *Facilities Commissioner*
Jennis Kang, *Student Wellness Commission*
Chia Ying Wong, *Community Service Commissioner*
Alicia Verdugo, *Cultural Affairs Commissioner*

Supporting Organizations:

La Gente Newsmagazine
Latinx Pre-Law Association
Grupo Folklorico de UCLA
La Unión Centroamericana Estudiantil de UCLA
Market at UCLA

WHEREAS, the Latinx/Hispanic community is the largest ethnic group in the state of California, representing 39.4% of the state’s population and the city of Los Angeles, particularly, is 48.6% Hispanic/Latinx¹,

WHEREAS, there is an increase in the Hispanic/Latinx population in the United States, most significantly in the past decade, and public university populations should be representative of those growing statistics,

WHEREAS, in the 23-24 academic year, 23.1% of UCLA's student population is Hispanic/Latinx¹ and 28% of the in-state freshman admits for the class of 2023 were Hispanic/Latinx²,

WHEREAS, Hispanic/Latinx students constitute a significant number of current and incoming transfer students, a group of students who are often marginalized on-campus through a lack of resources and support,

WHEREAS, about 40 percent of Hispanic children live in families with salaries under the poverty line, an agent closely associated with lower educational achievement³,

WHEREAS, many Hispanics/Latinxs are first-generation students, first-generation or 1.5 generation Americans, and of low socioeconomic status – resulting in educational disadvantages given their unfamiliarity with the U.S. education system³ despite their persistent perseverance toward their academic goals,

¹<https://dailybruin.com/2021/01/12/the-quad-exploring-uclas-goal-to-be-designated-as-a-hispanic-serving-institution>

²<https://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/ucla-admits-more-california-and-underrepresented-students-2023#:~:text=The%20campus%20also%20saw%20robust.freshmen%20from%2026%25%20last%20year>

³<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK19909/>

WHEREAS, as Hispanic/Latinx students proceed through the schooling system, a multitude of other institutional components including insufficient educational resources and poor cultural competency in schools continue to minimize Hispanic/Latinx students' vast academic potential²,

WHEREAS, Hispanic/Latinx students are more likely than White Non-Hispanic students to go to schools that have inadequate academic resources and are segregated³, therefore a stronger pipeline between UCLA as an institution and its campus support infrastructure for Latinx students is a necessity,

WHEREAS, Hispanic/Latinx students have lower transfer rates than non-Hispanic/Latinx students with only 2% of Hispanic/Latinx students transferring in two years, and 31% in six years, due to community colleges failing to support more than one half of Latinx students to attain a credential or transfer⁴,

WHEREAS, from 2011 to 2019, graduation rates amongst White Non-Hispanic students graduation rates were on average 5.4% higher than Latinx graduation rates at UCLA – a larger divide than at all present UC HSIs⁵, further displaying the urgency that is pivotal in fighting these alarming rates at UCLA, given its sister schools' progresses,

WHEREAS, the dropout rate among Hispanic students has remained at about 25 percent, higher than that of other minority racial groups⁶, indicating that amendments within universities must be implemented to thereby set a crucial example for other bureaucracies to combat these inequalities, especially given the indubitable strength and resiliency of Hispanic/Latinx students,

WHEREAS, there is a growing importance of a college degree even for entry-level jobs and the obstacles that Hispanics/Latinxs face in recognizing their educational ambitions is a major national policy concern², so that UCLA as an institution would be remiss to uphold educational disparities against Hispanics/Latinxs students, as these students deserve to be at an institution that celebrates their unique identities, and that judiciously recognize Hispanics/Latinx students as people who robustly contribute to an intellectually commanding and culturally diverse campus community,

WHEREAS, in the latest U.S. Latino GDP Report, that the U.S. Latino GDP grew by an inflation-adjusted 7.1%, surpassing the \$3 trillion dollar mark, exhibiting that Hispanics/Latinxs propel the national economy forward and by increasing educational attainment, Hispanics/Latinxs will have a significant impact on the U.S. economy⁷,

WHEREAS, Hispanic/Latinx individuals such as Reginaldo Francisco Del Valle have been essential to the founding and establishment of what now is the University of California, Los Angeles through their efforts to solidify the institution⁸,

WHEREAS, the University of California system has made it a commitment for itself to increase diversity, specific to the Hispanic/Latinx community via its UC Hispanic-Serving Institutions Initiative,

WHEREAS, the University of California, where it aims to support the current 5 University of California campuses that are already designated Hispanic Serving Institutions, which includes UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Santa Barbara with UC Davis designation pending⁹,

⁴<https://collegecampaign.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/State-of-Higher-Ed-Latinx-Report-2018.pdf>

⁵[https://stack.dailybruin.com/2021/05/11/student-demographic-hsis/#:~:text=From%202011%20to%202019%2C%20white,UC%20Santa%20Barbara%20\(6.64%25\)](https://stack.dailybruin.com/2021/05/11/student-demographic-hsis/#:~:text=From%202011%20to%202019%2C%20white,UC%20Santa%20Barbara%20(6.64%25))

⁶<https://www2.ed.gov/offices/OUS/PES/Hispanic/chapter1.html>

⁷<https://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/us-latinos-have-fifth-largest-gdp-in-world>

⁸<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/remembering-uclas-latino-founder-reginaldo-francisco-del-valle>

⁹<https://www.ucop.edu/hsi-initiative/campuses/campus-websites.html>

WHEREAS, the University of California aims to push for the remaining Universities of California – UC Berkeley, UCLA, and UC San Diego – to become Hispanic Serving Institutions in the near future¹⁰,

WHEREAS, UCLA's Chancellor Gene Block statement regarding UCLA's push to becoming a HSI was situated on the campus's obligation to its Hispanic/Latinx student population of honoring their intellectual and cultural contributions, and supporting their success¹¹,

WHEREAS, UCLA is in the midst of becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution by 2025, meaning that at least 25% of its enrolled full-time undergraduate student population must identify as Hispanic/Latinx and half are eligible for federal financial aid, better reflecting the demographics of the surrounding Los Angeles community,

WHEREAS, UCLA – one of the three emerging HSIs – will become the last institution across the University of California to have a Latinx Success Center,

WHEREAS, the University of California, Berkeley, our sister institution, is likewise going through the struggle of establishing a permanent space to support their Hispanic/Latinx student population, as they also seek to become an Hispanic Serving Institution,

WHEREAS, despite UCLA's Chancellor Gene Block announcing his goal in 2020 for UCLA to acquire HSI status by 2025, the Hispanic/Latinx undergraduate enrollment has stayed at 21 since 2016 and Gene Block has refrained from including the 2025 goal in his communications¹¹,

WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) has not adequately supported and uplifted its Hispanic/Latinx student population by failing to provide a Latinx Success Center since the foundation of the University in 1919,

WHEREAS, the Latinx Success Center requires the investment from UCLA administration to acquire a central space to campus to make the services of the Center accessible,

WHEREAS, that Hispanic/Latinx students' success are crucial to the University community, and it is a means for improving access to and diversity in higher education,

WHEREAS, that the UCLA community has a strong interest in improving the Hispanic/Latinx condition on campus,

WHEREAS, the creation of a dedicated Latinx Success Center on campus will allow the campus community to expand and to improve Hispanic/Latinx resources, and therefore to make lasting and substantial improvements to the UCLA Hispanic/Latinx experience,

WHEREAS, the Latinx Success Center requires an operational budget in order to staff, equip, and provide the Center with the resources necessary to uplift the success of Latinx students at UCLA through cultural, socio-emotional, restorative, and academic support,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students' Association Council supports and promotes the creation of a Latinx Success Center on campus to facilitate much-awaited improvements and resources that will benefit the Hispanic/Latinx community at UCLA, and in turn, the UCLA community as a whole,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students' Association Council of the University of California, Los Angeles stands in solidarity with the Hispanic/Latinx students of the University of California, Berkeley, as they also aspire to establish a permanent space to support their Hispanic/Latinx student population,

¹⁰<https://www.ucop.edu/hsi-initiative/index.html>

¹¹<https://chancellor.ucla.edu/messages/becoming-hispanic-serving-institution-2025/>

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the institutional leaders at UCLA reevaluate their policies and practices in response to the data to support Hispanic/Latinx students who have been admitted to the campus to aid their endeavors during college and beyond,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that facilitating Hispanic/Latinx adjustment and retention at an institutional level is essential for Hispanic/Latinx student success, and that more support is necessary to assess and to meet Hispanic/Latinx students' unique needs,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that UCLA must make a dedicated Latinx Success Center available as a resource to its students so as to convince more Latinx admits to commit to UCLA, and to equal the strength of Latinx resources offered by other UC campuses,

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students' Association Council calls for Chancellor Gene Block, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Darnell Hunt, and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Monroe Gorden to ensure that the Hispanic/Latinx community can be supported by allocating all necessary resources for the establishment, maintenance and growth of a Latinx Success Center, including but not limited to space and an operational budget that will support development, staffing, and programming of the Center.

- Jonathan moves to approve A Resolution Calling for the Creation of a Latinx Success Center at the University of California, Los Angeles, Gabby seconds.
- By vote of 12-0-0, the motion passes and the Resolution is approved.

- Alicia moves to reopen public comment again at 7:07pm, Sujana seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and public comment is reopened.

X. New Business

A. [GROWS & BAG Bylaw Change*](#)

Jussim

- Bylaws hold future EVP's accountable to keep the GROWS Grant and BAG Funding

- Tabled until next meeting.

B. [Resolution to Urge the UC to Acknowledge November as Sikh Heritage Month*](#)

Law

A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TO ACKNOWLEDGE NOVEMBER AS SIKH HERITAGE MONTH

Primary Sponsor:

Megan Law, Internal Vice President

Co-Sponsors:

Alicia Verdugo, Cultural Affairs Commissioner
Jonathan Valenzuela Mejia, General Representative 3
Eva Jussim, External Vice President
Evan Curran, Facilities Commissioner
Naomi Hammonds, President

Supporting Organizations:

UCLA Sikh Student Association (SSA)
UCLA Jakarta Movement Chapter (JMC)
UCLA Bhagat Puran Singh Health Initiative (BPSHI)
Gidde Diyan Ranyian (GDR)

WHEREAS, November marks the birth of the founder of Sikhi, Guru Nanak Dev Ji and Sikhs around the world commemorate November by initiating Nagar Kirtans, holding Akhand Paths (a non stop reading of Guru Granth Sahib Ji), and continue the tradition started by Guru Nanak Dev Ji of Langar; and,

WHEREAS, Langar is the foundational Sikh revolutionary space and where Sikhs come together to discuss the revolutionary ideas of the house of Nanak; it's a safe space for all the oppressed people of the world, to share a meal with the Khalsa and learn about the revolutionary struggle so that they too can take part; and,

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 120 years; and,

WHEREAS, during the early 20th century, thousands of Sikh Americans worked on farms, in lumber mills, on the railroads, and in mines throughout California and the continental US; and,

WHEREAS, Sikhi is the fifth largest religion in the world, and today, there are more than 30 million Sikhs worldwide, and an estimated 750,000 Sikh Americans, with nearly 500,000 living in California alone; and,

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions and make rich contributions to the political, social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including significant contributions to agriculture, information technology, small businesses, the hotel industry, trucking, health, technology; and,

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans distinguished themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service, as well as a commitment to truth and justice; and,

WHEREAS, on October 14, 1912, the first Sikh Gurdwara in the United States, Gurdwara Sahib Sikh Temple, was founded by Professor Teja Singh of the Pacific Coast Khalsa Diwan Society; and,

WHEREAS, Sikh Gurdwaras have been a beacon for the local community through their fostering of selfless service and community building; and,

WHEREAS, there are parks named in honor of the Sikh Community in California such as Jaswant Singh Khalra Park in Fresno, Singh and Kaur Park in Elk Grove, and Singh Park in Livingston; and,

WHEREAS, the Sikh genocide began on November 1, 1984, after the assassination of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the capital territory of Delhi; and,

WHEREAS, it occurred in the states of Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, Jammu and Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, and Maharashtra; and,

WHEREAS, the Sikh genocide lasted three days, and over 30,000 Sikhs were brutally murdered, or died as they were hacked and burned alive in their homes; and,

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2023, the California State Assembly unanimously passed Assembly Joint Resolution 2, as a "measure [to] condemn the November 1984 anti-Sikh violence in India as genocide and would urge the United States Congress to formally recognize and condemn the November 1984 anti-Sikh violence in India as genocide."

WHEREAS, eyewitnesses, journalists, and human rights activists have compiled evidence showing that government and law enforcement officials organized, participated in, and failed to intervene to prevent the killings through direct and indirect means; and,

WHEREAS, as recently as 2011, mass graves have been discovered in the villages of Hondh Chillar and Pataudi in Haryana, and many more will continue to be discovered in the future as Indian government officials and police continue to flout impunity; and,

WHEREAS, the "Widow Colony," the Tilak Vihar neighborhood in New Delhi, still houses thousands of Sikh women who were forced to bear mass rape and witness the hacking, burning, and murdering of their husbands, fathers, and sons, and who are still calling for justice against the perpetrators; and,

WHEREAS, many Sikhs made the United States their home after escaping persecution at the hands of the Indian Government after facing a genocide in 1984, and Sikhs continue to build new roots, partnerships, and possibilities in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, innocent Sikhs in India and around the world, such as Jagtar Singh Johal, are unlawfully abducted, faced with unlawful detention, tortured, and have their human rights trampled upon under draconian and fascist laws in India; and,

WHEREAS, the recent assassination of Canadian citizen, Hardeep Singh Nijjar, on Canadian Soil by Indian Government agencies in June 2023 and the continued threats, intimidation, infiltration and espionage by Indian Government agencies into Sikh-American organizations, Gurdwaras, and other institutions deserves condemnation and a full inquiry; and,

WHEREAS, Sikhs around the world will continue to stand up for justice and raise issues such as #SikhGenocide1984, #FreeJaggiNow, and #FarmersProtest; and,

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Students Association (USAC) at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) is committed to educating our communities about the world's religions, the value of diversity, acceptance, and a culture of mutual understanding; and,

WHEREAS, today, USAC seeks to further the diversity of its community and afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans and student body organizations at UC Los Angeles, such as the Jakara Movement Chapter, Sikh Student Association, Bhagat Puran Singh Health Initiative; and,

WHEREAS, recognizing the state-sponsored violence that targeted Sikhs across India in 1984 is an important and historic step towards justice, accountability, and reconciliation, which should be an example to other governments; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, USAC condemns the November 1984 anti-Sikh violence in India as genocide; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, that the USAC supports the efforts of the Sikh Community at University of California, Los Angeles to establish November as Sikh Heritage Month and the official month of remembrance for the Sikh Genocide; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, that the USAC calls on the University of California, Los Angeles and the UC system to acknowledge November as Sikh Heritage month on the academic calendar; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the USAC encourage students to support their Sikh peers on campus and to better understand, as well as educate other members of the student body on, the historic principles of Sikhi and the value of diversity they bring, in order to bring all to a mutual understanding of their grassroots; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, USAC recognizes November as "Sikh Heritage Month"; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, copies of this resolution shall be sent to UC President Michael Drake, Chancellor Gene Block, Provost, and Executive Vice Chancellor Darnell Hunt, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Monroe Gorden Jr., Interim Vice Provost, Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Anna Spain Bradley, Vice Provost of Academic Personnel Michael S. Levine, the Office of the UC Regents, *The Daily Bruin*, *The Los Angeles Times*.

- Alicia moves to approve A Resolution to Urge the University of California to Acknowledge November as Sikh Heritage Month, Megan seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the resolution is approved.

C. [Letter Urging the Prioritization of the Strathmore/Gayley Pedestrian Crossing*](#)
November 14, 2023

Curran

Dear Councilmember Yaroslavsky,

On behalf of the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council, we are writing to urge Council District 5 to create a pedestrian scramble crosswalk at the intersection of Strathmore Dr and Gayley Ave due to its high pedestrian traffic and the frequency of dangerous vehicle behavior. Over 29,000 commuter students live in the area immediately surrounding UCLA and

rely on walking for their commute to campus.¹² Inadequate pedestrian infrastructure at Westwood intersections, including a lack of crosswalks, damaged sidewalks, and the absence of traffic calming measures, greatly endangers students' safety.

Among pedestrian infrastructure improvements, the construction of a scramble crossing at Strathmore Dr and Gayley Ave should be considered the highest priority. Over 12,000 residents live in the block bounded by Gayley Ave, Weyburn Ave, and Veteran Ave.¹³ A high proportion of these residents are students who walk to campus through the intersection. Additionally, three bus stops served by LA Metro, Big Blue Bus, LA Commuter Express, and more are immediately at the intersection. Councilmember Yaroslavsky must allocate proper funding to create the scramble crossing, along with a bus shelter on the southbound bus stop.

It is essential that Councilmember Yaroslavsky enhances Westwood's pedestrian infrastructure by prioritizing a scramble crossing at Strathmore Dr and Gayley Ave for safety and accessibility. As the City Council seeks funding for essential projects, we implore you to create a more walkable and accommodating area in collaboration with UCLA Transportation. We kindly urge you to make this initiative a top priority and continue to prioritize the safety needs of the student population. Thank you for your support in this critical project.

Sincerely,

Undergraduate Students Association Council of UCLA

- Eva moves to do an all council sign on, Chia Ying seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the letter is signed by all of the council.

D. [Resolution to Support the Healthy LA Street Ballot Measure*](#)

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A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE HEALTHY STREETS LA BALLOT MEASURE

Primary Sponsor:

Evan Curran, Facilities Commissioner
Eva Jussim, External Vice President

Co-Sponsors:

Megan Law, Internal Vice President

WHEREAS, in 2015, the City of Los Angeles published long term plans for increasing traffic safety and decarbonizing Los Angeles's transportation systems. The Mobility Plan 2035 envisions hundreds of miles of new bus, bike and pedestrian infrastructure to be installed in a 20 year timeframe. Vision Zero, successfully implemented in peer cities across the country and globally, aims to eliminate cycling and pedestrian fatalities.¹⁴

WHEREAS, despite these plans, as of 2022, only 3% of the city Mobility Plan's planned 3,137 miles has been implemented thus far since it was introduced.¹⁵

WHEREAS, traffic violence in Los Angeles has surged in recent years, with 312 people killed in traffic accidents in 2022. This marks the highest annual death toll in two decades and a 5% increase in fatalities compared to 2021.¹⁶

WHEREAS, the pedestrian fatality rate in Los Angeles is 4x the national average, with 128 pedestrians killed and 486 severely injured in 2021. A pedestrian is killed once every three days in the city.¹⁷

¹² (2023, April 17). UCLA State of the Commute 2022. ArcGIS StoryMaps. Retrieved November 10, 2023, from, <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e8cf5c1955d542098aebdd4485f0c285>

¹³ U.S. Census Bureau (2020). Retrieved November 10, 2023, from <https://data.census.gov/>

¹⁴ [Mobility Plan 2035 | Los Angeles City Planning](#)

¹⁵ [Healthy Streets LA | Streets for All](#)

¹⁶ [Traffic Violence Continues to Surge in LA | LA Times](#)

¹⁷ [Healthy Streets LA Overview | Streets for All](#)

WHEREAS, Los Angeles averages 3,000 injuries and 36 deaths from bicycle collisions each year, and 85% of bicycle fatalities occur on roads that lack dedicated bike lane infrastructure.¹⁸¹⁹

WHEREAS, Los Angeles' High Injury Roadways represent 6% of Los Angeles roads that account for 70% of traffic injuries and fatalities. Westwood Blvd, from its terminus at Gateway Plaza on the UCLA campus to Pico Blvd, near Metro's Westwood/Rancho park station, has been on the high injury network since the data has been compiled.²⁰

WHEREAS, reckless driving behavior endangers those in school and pedestrian zones within City Council District 5, causing tragic accidents. In April of 2023, a mother walking her six year old son to school was killed and her son critically injured by a speeding, impaired driver.²¹ In August of 2022, a vehicle sped through the intersection of La Brea and Slauson, murdering six pedestrians including a pregnant woman.²² These are just a few of the egregious and violent collisions that contribute to making Los Angeles the US city with the highest number of pedestrian fatalities.

WHEREAS, according to numerous research studies, there are vast inequities between how communities experience traffic violence. There are significantly more "injured pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicle occupants at intersections in the poorest than in the richest areas... The event ratios between intersections in the poorest and richest areas for injured pedestrians (-70%), cyclists (-44%), and motor vehicle occupants (-44%)."²³

WHEREAS, Streets for All is a nonprofit community organization formed in response to the city's inaction, dedicated to improving Los Angeles's street infrastructure to better serve residents. Their mission involves advocacy at the local and state levels and includes more than a dozen active initiatives aimed at improving traffic safety and decarbonizing our transportation systems.

WHEREAS, Streets for All introduced a ballot measure that would require the City of Los Angeles to honor commitments made in its Mobility Plan 2035 and Vision Zero plan by creating protected bike lanes, dedicated bus lanes, and instituting pedestrian safety improvements whenever streets are repaved.²⁴

WHEREAS, the Healthy Streets LA initiative is supported by a broad coalition of climate, transportation, business, and labor organizations, such as the Sierra Club, UC-AFT, Pacoima Beautiful, and the National Health Foundation. The measure is also backed by 40 Neighborhood Councils, including the North Westwood Neighborhood Council.²⁵

WHEREAS, the USAC Facilities Commission is actively engaged with Streets for All and other Los Angeles universities as part of the Students for Safer Streets coalition, in campaigning to pass this ballot measure on March 5, 2024. These efforts include social media campaigning, physical marketing, and community outreach to raise voter awareness.

WHEREAS, the Healthy Streets LA ballot measure would create bike and bus lanes that would provide residents with viable transportation alternatives, improve traffic, reduce greenhouse emissions' environmental and health impacts, and make roadways demonstrably safer and more usable for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and public transit users.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council adopts this resolution in support of the Healthy Streets LA Ballot Measure and officially enters as a coalition partner in the organization Students for Safer Streets. The USAC condemns the City of Los Angeles's abdication of their responsibility to maintain the safety and wellbeing of their constituents.

¹⁸ [LA Bicycle Accident Statistics | Maison Law](#)

¹⁹ [Dangers to Cyclists | LA Times](#)

²⁰ [High Injury Network | Los Angeles Department of Transportation](#)

²¹ [Mom killed, child injured walking to L.A. school | LA Times](#)

²² [Victims of Windsor Hills crash that killed 6, including pregnant woman, will soon have own memorial | ABC7](#)

²³ [Neighborhood Social Inequalities in Road Traffic Injuries: The Influence of Traffic Volume and Road Design | American Public Health Association](#)

²⁴ [Healthy Streets LA | Streets for All](#)

²⁵ [Healthy Streets LA](#)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council will collaborate with civically-minded organizations and coalitions within the Bruin community – like BruinsVote – to get the vote out for the March 5, 2024, election.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council will work with Assistant Vice Chancellor Mick Deluca and the Department of Campus Life to fight for more on-campus polling stations and additional mail-in ballot drop-off boxes to facilitate voter access for the Streets for All ballot measure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council will increase diffusion of voter resources, awareness initiatives, and urge students to vote for the Streets for All ballot measure before election day, through projects like increased MyUCLA announcements, the USAC campus-wide email, and department email blasts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council, in all its community outreach efforts for the March 5, 2024 election, will emphasize the importance of local elections and ballot measures to ensure voters do not only vote for federal-level candidacies.

RESOLVED, the USAC urges the constituents within the UCLA community and our partners to vote “YES” on the Healthy Streets LA Ballot Initiative on March 5, 2024. The USAC Facilities Commission, in conjunction with other partnered offices and commissions, pledges to conduct extensive outreach to UCLA and community-based organizations to disseminate vital information on traffic safety and the voting processes. We pledge to be community leaders in the fight to end traffic violence, for all who live in Los Angeles.

- Megan moves to approve A Resolution to Support the Healthy Streets LA Ballot Measure. Sujana seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the resolution is approved.

E. Discussion on Defunding the Daily Bruin

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- Alicia: “I just wanted to have a conversation about this because this past month, articles have been coming out from the Daily Bruin that are just crazy. They don’t even hide their bias anymore. They are not doing their job as journalists and they get over 200 K in funding where other student publications don’t have enough space or resources. They are so many publications that are actually ran by students who experience some of the most marginal positionalities on campus who are actively experiencing hate crimes on campus and whose publications are actually doing a service to students and not participating in the support of genocide and in the support of the violence of these studnts. They said what happened to my office was an alleged situation and that is just crazy because all of your offices were witnesses to what happened to me and we have the power to do something about an entity that is promoting violence. They had this newspaper where it had these huge headlines that had a weird sizing placement and wording saying that what is happening in Palestine is in conflict and nothing was changed about that title. One of their chiefs is a Zionist openly and it just got worse and worse over time. They didn’t even report that a Zionist rally that happened earlier this month where there was a grown man with a sign that said Hamas, Islam, and death who was harassing a member who came to public comment today and they did not report that. They said it was a peaceful gathering full of Zionists who don’t go to the school. In their papers, they do not record the actual facts of the situation and they misconstrue what happened at the actual rally. They said that we chanted, Israel, Israel, You cant hide, we charge you with genocide when we clearly say UC. The UC directly funds Black Rock Investments and that is funding Israel. It is not okay for one of the largest publications in LA to be reporting like this and I just wanted to open up that table on that discussion because I am not sure how you feel about the daily Bruin but what they are doing is actually so violent.”
- Discussion will be continued at future meetings and offline.

XI. Adjournment

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 8:34pm.

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