



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
November, 21, 2023
7 PM PST

Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/98686577744?pwd=Zm5TeGNIVG5PcTxQ3MzckNlZ0lXZz09>

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I. Call to Order

Hammonds

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

II. Approval of Agenda*

Law

- Strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Strike GROWS Allocations
- Strike TGMF Allocations
- Strike ASRF Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Move Textbook Affordability Presentation to New Business
- Add appointment for Ella Kohler for the Academic Senate: Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools
- Sujana moves to approve the agenda as amended, Megan seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes*

Law

- Jonathan moves to approve the minutes from 11/14/23, Eva seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes from 11/14/23 are approved.

IV. Public Comment

Hammonds

- Clara: "I just wanted to do a quick update on what we did this past week in CALPIRG. So the biggest thing is that our vice chair and the coordinator for our new voters project campaign, Natalie, went to DC this past week to attend the EPA National Youth Advisory Council and that was really cool. Students from Berkeley and Santa Barbara got to talk with other youth leaders from across the country about issues like climate change. The other thing was last week was hunger and homelessness awareness week. It is a week of action across the country and organizations are involved in a week of service basically. And then an update for the rest of the quarter. We have a bunch of cool events planned for the last two weeks of school. In week nine we are going to be doing a big 100% renewable energy at UCLA awareness push and we are going to make a super awesome interactive mural. The students will be able to actively participate on campus. Thank you for listening."
- Bella Brannon: "Hi, my name is Bella Brannon and I am the president of Hillel and editor of chief Ha'AM which is our Jewish newspaper. I have a couple of items to discuss. Personally, I am really disappointed by the discussion item last week to defund the Daily Bruin. It is a pretty disgraceful precedent to set to defund our student run newspaper because someone may disagree with some individual writer's opinions. The nature of the press is that you should be confronted by things that cause you to think differently and give you a new perspective and instead of thinking critically about the perspectives not shared or encouraging students to write op-eds and share their perspectives. I can't even begin to express my dismay at the discussion item but either way that power is under the ASUCLA Communications Board and all that occurred out of that discussion was showing hatred and intolerance to students when we really don't need it. Secondly, I want to echo the sentiments of Rachel Brett's public comment last meeting. We are seeing anti-Semitism and islamophobia skyrocket on campus as tragic ripple effects of the war in the Middle East and no student should be made to feel unsafe. Both anti-Semitism and islamophobic do not belong on our campus and both must be condemned. I would like to repeat her suggestion of resolutions with items condemning both anti-Semitism and islamophobia and expressing a commitment to keep both communities safe. Thirdly, at the Latinx Student Center. It is long overdue and I

applaud the effort to see it and I hope that it is created. I was disappointed by the statements made against Gabby and Sara last week. Latino Jewish students exist and should be included in this important effort. Finally, Hillel, which is the pluralistic Jewish community on campus, invited USAC officers to join our community for lunch. This offer still stands and I hope you consider meeting our community, enjoying some of our kosher food before anyone makes an assumption. Thank you.”

- Jackie: “Hello, my name is Jackie and I am the editor and chief for La Gente newsmagazine on campus. I am here today because I wanted to comment on what happened in last week’s USAC meeting. La Gente Newsmagazine was one of the supporting organizations for the resolution for USAC to voice its support for the latinx resource center that was passed last Tuesday. We are very happy to hear that it passed but we are concerned with some of the comments that were made by council members regarding its content. The latinx community is incredibly diverse and has been historically underserved throughout its time that UCLA has been an institution and we have found it disrespectful that council members that do not belong or do not form part of the community would attempt to halt its passing. Our community is already fractured and so for the council members to further fracture it was incredibly harmful to the latinx community. We asked that the council members involved apologize for their actions that have harmed our community whether or not that was their intention. We invite them to learn about the latinx community further via publications such as ours where we strive to give a voice to the Latinx community via our print and digital issues. Thank you.”
- Citlali Gomez Williams: “I am the coordinator for the Grupo de Folklorico at UCLA and I wanted to talk about what happened last week with the USAC resolution in support of establishing a Latinx success center. We were one of the supporting organizations for the resolution that was passed last Tuesday. While we are incredibly excited that this resolution has passed since it helps further the community that my organization has sought to build. However, we were incredibly disappointed to hear that some council members attempted to halt its passing due to personal concerns. It was disrespectful for them to halt the passing of this resolution especially in light of the relatively divided latinx community at UCLA. I am here on behalf of my organization to ask for the involved council members to apologize to the Latinx community whether they meant to hurt or not. UCLA intends to become a Hispanic serving institution and this is the last UC to establish a latinx resource center. We hope that you all can further educate yourselves about the diversity of the latinx community via organizations such as ours who perform to bring culture and represent the values of our community. Thank you.”
- Ellie Moskowitz: “I am the vice president at Hillel and I am here to discuss a worrying off-hand comment made at last week's USAC meeting during public comment. The sound tech working at last week’s USAC meeting was told to turn off the mic at the end of a public comment as part of his job responsibilities. The person on the mic states, “You let the Hillel guy turn off the mic.” despite the soundtech not being a part of public comment nor publicly identifying as Jewish in that moment although the soundtech is Jewish and an incredible member of our Hillel community. I am deeply disturbed by this language. I hope and pray that no one on this campus would be comfortable referring to someone as the Jewish guy but that is what it sounds like. I am worried that on this campus Jewish students are treated as the other, that the Jewish organization Hillel is being cast as a representative of all Jewish beliefs and students on this campus. Personally, I have never been more aware of my Jewishness and the way that I feel othered from my peers merely because of the political beliefs. Jewish students are so diverse, our backgrounds, countries or origins, ethnicities, political beliefs, religious beliefs, and connections to Israel can never be simply defined by Hillel. Jews on this campus are not Hillel guys, we are your friends and your classmates and we are so tired of feeling identified and othered by our Jewishness and our belonging to the organization Hillel. So in conclusion, let us be a part of your initiatives, the actions of a Jewish state halfway across the world, do not negate your responsibility as Bruins to be inclusive and kind. Like Bella, our president said, I strongly encourage you to join us at Hillel before making any assumptions. Please join us for lunch and we are so happy to host. Thank you.”
- Zoe: “Hello, I am a member of Hillel and I watched last week’s council meeting and I am appalled by the words and statements from the members of this council. As a Jewish student, I do not feel supported by my student government. I want to share my support for gen rep 2 and FSC sentiments especially because anti-semitism is on the rise on both this campus and beyond. Jewish students are being excluded from spaces and we want to echo statements about the necessity for Latinx Jewish students being explicitly included in the latinx center. It is imperative that we receive

assurance that we are included. I also want to express my support for this center and excited about the latinx community to have this long awaited space on campus. Thank you to the council members that support our community.”

- Hannah: “Hello, I also want to give my public comment on last week’s discussion on Latinx resource center being opposed by multiple people. I don’t like that they were trying to frame pro-Palestinian stance as anti-semitic and not only wrongly labels pro-Palestinians as anti-semitic but also ignores how people who are underrepresented and people of color in the Jewish community are being excluded and ignored. I am a Mexican Jew on campus and as a Jew, I understand that the same factors that Zionism is built on are very similar to the colonization and the genocide of indigenous peoples in Mexico and across all Latin America. The committing of the atrocities such as the dispossession of land and genocide of indigenous people in the name of religion which includes racism, discrimination, colonialism. Why is supremacy and violence needed for the creation of a nation state? It is because of these atrocities and violence that our people went through that I will not support Zionism and when these decisions tend to punish all for these anti-semitic acts, you are ignoring the presence in history and the assistance of oppressions that Latinx face and why we need these resource centers because despite Latinx populations growing in LA and California, our people face exploitation, discrimination, and violence whether in our workplaces or in the militarized border of Mexico or through hate crimes. We do not have the same opportunities as white people. Imagine the level of exclusion Jews of color feel when predominately fully white Jewish spaces on campus keep supporting these racist colonial ideologies. Our identities as people of color do not vanish when we are in Jewish spaces arguably they become more apparent and suffer discrimination and exclusion on the basis of our race and ethnicity. I would also like to give my personal experience. I come from a very low income area near downtown LA in a predominantly Latino community where people have to work a lot sending money back to their homelands and barely surviving themselves. Zionists like to play oppression Olympics and be victims and try to use the label as being indigenous and referring to the rightful claim.”
 - Two minute mark reached.
- Ryan Factora: “Hello, I currently serve as one of the co-presidents of Samahang Filipino, one of the ten mother organizations and I am here today to express my community’s unwavering solidarity with the Latinx community and to express my gravest disappointment in the conduct of general representative Gabby Lasry and Financial Supports commissioner Sarah Broukhim in their attempts to clearly impede discussions concerning the recent USAC resolution in support of the Latinx resource center. From our perspective, it seems very evident that these council members were attempting to exploit the current political dynamics surrounding the genocide in Palestine to block the allocation of resources to our sister community. The Latinx resource center would likely be based off of existing resource centers such as the Black Bruin resource centers which intrinsically by their nature serve students of all religious backgrounds since the primary social identity of concern is race. Our community contains people of all religions which is why services like the BBRC, the CRC which I serve on, which I chaired for three years now and I have seen how these projects operate. We never have to clarify what religions we serve because we recognize it is just a fact all of our racial communities contain a multiplicity of religions. Declining an endorsement from a singular organization on campus does not equate to excluding an entire religious community. It is so clear that these actions are not being executed in good faith because there has been so many discussions about the BBRC and they were never stalled because they did not receive Hillel’s endorsement in general prior to discussions. The allocations of resources to different communities of color have never been stalled because they did not receive Hillel’s endorsement. Moreover, instead of seeking endorsement, the resolution was fully open for a week and people could have asked for the resolution’s language to be changed to emphasize its accessibility to Jewish students and asking for the language to be changed would have done so much more than an endorsement. It is performative.”
- Eliana Sisman: “I just want to express my supposed to the Gen Rep 2 and FSC commissioner because they are awesome and also because how this started was literally talk about how they were trying to block the Latinx student center which would be messed up if it was true but literally the way it started was them offering Hillel support and then they were told that Hillel support was not wanted and when you have Hillel being the predominant Jewish organization and you have a predominant organization for any community being told that you don’t want to work with them or accept their support that is going to raise concerns and may delay their efforts like that is on you, that naturally raises a concern. I think that the way that folks are framing this is pretty inaccurate and is contributing to a harmful environment for the Jewish community. I also want to comment on folks last week that were talking about the tech guy who was just doing his job according to USAC rules. It is pretty egregious that this was even said though.”

- Jeffrey Umana Munos: “Hello, I use he/him pronouns and I am here today as the co-chairperson of IDEAS at UCLA, the undocumented student organization and also as the internal chairperson of MEChA, one of many latinx student serving organizations on campus. I first really want to call out both the sentiments expressed by Lasry and Broukhim because I think it is really really offensive to have people who are not part of your community mansplain and kind of just step into the space and honestly like overstay their welcome and like you know tell a community how to organize. I think it is really offensive that you all immediately believe that any latinx students on campus are inherently anti-semitic. I think even the accusation that our latinx resource center would not be open to Jewish students is highly highly offensive and I think is super representative of all the dog-whistling that you both have been doing your entire time on council because I think that is all you are really earning your stipends for, for dog whistling because there is just so much discontent with all that work that you know not just they have done but like Council as a whole, you know honestly like you all could be focused on so much. I don’t know where all of this interest about the latinx resource center came from FSC and gen rep 2 and instead of supporting the one member on council who was actually you know latinx and trying to move these issues is just very very much concerning and disheartening. I think that there is so much going on in this campus that could be paid attention to. Students are suffering financially, all the time undocumented students are rallying. Last week supporters almost got arrested for financial support. Our FSC is nowhere to be found, our gen rep 2 is nowhere to be found but when endorsement season and election season comes around you guys are promising the world and all the resources when you know that all you really want to do is take up space to earn a check for doing nothing so it is absolutely ridiculous. You guys need to stop tearing down the people on this council that are actually representatives of communities that want to get things done for students.”
- Sheldon (spoken by another member in the audience): “I am a senior at UCLA in the tether and professional writing programs and I am a Latino Jew. As a latino student on campus, I have long hoped that a Latina Resource Center would be established at UCLA and I am excited to hear that you are working towards this aspiration that many of us hold. I am excited and at the same time apprehensive and I would like to remind you that the people of Latin America are not a monolith and that Latin Americans, like the United States, boasts great cultural ethnic racial and religious diversity. To gatekeep the Latin American identity is to hearken back to the caste system and blood efforts established by the Spanish and Portugueses that are deeply rooted in our shared history. Jewish people have long been a part of Latin American society. Something that I write, publish, and think about extensively is that Panama was the first country in modern times outside of Israel to have a Jewish head of state and would later elect a second one. The Argentinian voice of the world cup is a proud Jewish. Musical legend Sammy Davis Jr. was a proud Cuban Jew. In the resolution to establish the center, it has been made clear in your comments that Jewish support for this resolution was not welcome. Do you also intend to separate Latin Americans based on their nationality? Will Argentine students need to find their own nationality? Will Argentine students need to find their own cultural center because their country has engaged in war against other Latino countries? I would like to end by reminding the council that consolidating the Jewish population with the government of Israel is inherently anti-semitic and his accusation plays into the extremely harmful dual loyalty trope.”
 - Two minute mark hit, public comment ended.
- Rachel Bernett: “Hi, I am Rachel Bernett and I am a fourth year at UCLA. I am dual majoring in Psychology, Middle Eastern studies. I wanted to comment both to say that I am not Latina but I obviously support the creation of a Latina Student Resource Center. I think that it is extremely important that students feel that they have a safe place to go to. I know for me as a jewish student feeling that I have a safe place to go because of my identity is incredibly important and so I am sure that Latino students on campus would really appreciate having that kind of space. At the same time though, while I appreciate the sentiments that were said tonight, saying that the center would be open to students of all religious and ethnic backgrounds, I don’t think those concerns are invalid. Jewish students right now are feeling so incredibly unsafe and in many spaces that are not explicitly welcome for Jewish students. Many of us feel scared to be open about our identities and so because anti-semitism has been significantly on the rise in this country since October 7th, it is important for all spaces to make clear and explicitly say that they are for Jewish students.”
- Public comment is closed at 7:35pm.

V. Funding

A. <u>Capital Contingency*</u>	Yin
B. <u>Contingency Programming*</u>	Yin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requested: \$32,440.00 - Recommended: \$6,770.00 for 34 non USAC entities and 2 USAC related entities - Sara moves to allocate \$6,770.00 for 34 non USAC entities and 2 USAC entities, Eva seconds. - By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and Contingency Programming is approved for this week. 	
C. <u>SFS Allocations#</u>	Wong
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$1,999.00 for 3 non CSC orgs and 2 CSC orgs - No opposition, passes as a consent item. 	
D. <u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u>	Kang
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$889.43 to 7 non USAC entities - No opposition, passes as a consent item. 	
E. <u>Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#</u>	Jussim
F. <u>Grassroots Organizers for Working Students Grant Allocations#</u>	Jussim
G. <u>ASRF Allocations#</u>	Sridhar
H. <u>AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#</u>	Sridhar
I. <u>ARC Allocations#</u>	Verdugo
J. <u>TGIF</u>	Curran

VI. Special Presentation

A. <u>Seat at the Table: Bruin Democrats</u>	Hammonds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cameron Katz: "My name is Cameron Katz, my pronouns are he/him/his and I am a fourth year student at UCLA and the president of Bruin Democrats. We also have another one of our board members Haley here to present alongside me. She is the field director of Bruin Democrats. Bruin Democrats is a chartered club on campus and we are registered with SOLE as well as being chartered through California Democratic parties such as California Young Democrats. We are also part of the California College Democrats caucus and these are the larger parent organizations that we work with beyond UCLA's campus. Our mission is five fold. We want to stipulate young people with an active interest in governmental affairs. We want to make sure that young people are actually gaining political power and finding work in the political realm. We want to make sure that we are increasing the efficiency of our governments and advocating for more justice in all aspects of government. We act as the principal representative of democratic politics on UCLA's campus to the UCLA student body. Lastly we want to make sure that we are reaching out to freshman and transfer students to provide a safe, fun, and enriching experience for all members of our club. We also want to mention that we have a freshman and transfer representative that really helps us reach out to these communities and connect with them and try to get them involved. We also wanted to talk a little bit about our committee system. We overhauled this system and shifted it for this year to try to get better engagement with our members in our club. We currently have four committees, three of them are standing and one is ad hoc for our career fair. The policy committee works on our club platforms and discusses key issues that matter to us as a club. Internal development focuses on retention and recruitment for our club to help us grow. Fundraising plans events to help our club financially and then the career fair committee which is our ad hoc committee assists outreach and planning of our annual career fair that helps our members get connected with people working in the political sphere and this year instead of having a committee per board member, we have grouped them so that each board members works together with a couple of other members of the board to run one committee so that it is more collaborative and collective as opposed to just one board members. Some examples of recent programming that we have run so far in the quarter. We like to make sure that we are not only educating our members about politics but also having fun interactive experiences such as when we covered the basics of debate and also gave opportunities for candidates who are running for election to come and speak with our club and potentially earn our endorsement. Then just some fun social opportunities like last week we went over to USC's campus for a little rivalry game of Jeopardy. We have also had debate watch parties where we watched and discussed the Republican debate. Early in the quarter, we had an opportunity to go visit the 	

beach and have a bonfire. Again, we like to make sure that we are balancing educational opportunities with social ones. Whenever we get back from winter break, we have our professional development month and we like to host events to talk about career development and important skills such as interviewing and resume building and other things similar to that. This all leads and accumulates to our sixth annual career fair which we are bringing back in person for the first time since the pandemic and it is a great place for our club members to explore careers adjacent to law, politics, and nonprofit work. After that we have the primary elections to focus on and that is more about talking about candidates and talking about the issues that will be on the ballots. We also like to focus on the alumni network that we have and to make sure that our members are building connections and getting a sense for what being a member of Bruin Democrats can mean for your future. Follow our instagram for more information.”

B. [USAC Resolution Guide](#)

Law

What is a Resolution?

A resolution is an official expression of the opinion or will of a legislative body. The practice of submitting and voting on resolutions is a typical part of business in Congress, state legislatures, and student government associations. It is capable of creating an official stance for your student body, whether the administration, agrees with you or not. Resolutions allow the student’s voices to be heard, create a change, and to pressure your government representatives to listen to your demands as a constituent. Resolutions are different from laws. Resolutions are limited to a specific issue.¹

A Resolution allows USAC to work on issues that affect the student body, and work to find remedies that involve all appropriate groups.²

USAC Bylaw Article VI Section A 5.:

“Resolutions shall express the opinion of the Undergraduate Students Association Council on matters that do not subject the welfare of members of the Association to a substantial harm.”

“A Resolution shall represent the opinion of the current USA Council.”³

Resolution Rules:

- 1) A Resolution must have **at least three (3) sponsors** (USAC Members).
- 2) Resolutions must receive **a majority vote** of the entire voting membership of the Council to be approved.
- 3) If the resolution is to be published, the motion must include the size and cost of the advertisement, and the date(s) that it is to run, and may be amended as to any of these factors.
- 4) Contingency Funding for publication of a resolution, as provided herein, shall be considered to be an expense of the Council.
- 5) No author or sponsor’s name shall be included in any published resolution.³

Writing and Submitting a Resolution:

- 1) Research the history and current status of the issue you want to take action on.
- 2) Contact any affiliated groups, student organizations, faculty, administrators, etc to let them know of a resolution being created on the issue, along with gaining their input.
- 3) Contact Student Government Staff to gain advice and answers to any questions you may have.
- 4) After you are done drafting the resolution, find at least two (2) other USAC members to co-sponsor the resolution alongside you.
- 5) **Email the resolution to the Internal Vice President by Friday 3 PM preceding the Tuesday USAC Meeting in order for the resolution to be presented on the agenda. Email: ivp@usac.ucla.edu**
 - a) For example, if you want to present a resolution on Tuesday, November 21st, you would have to submit the resolution to the Internal Vice President by Friday, November 17th at 3 PM.

- i) **If you do not submit the resolution by the agenda deadline, it is highly recommended you do not add it to the agenda during the USAC Meeting to allow the USAC and members of the student body to read the resolution.**
- b) If the Internal Vice President accepts your resolution, you must present your resolution in front of the USAC during the USAC Meeting on Tuesday at 7 PM.²

Presenting Your Resolution:

1) How to prepare to present your resolution?

- a) Ensure that the resolution document is viewable and NOT editable to anyone with the link in the Google Document sharing settings.
- b) Contact all student organizations and affiliated groups who you want to present the resolution and ensure they are knowledgeable about the date, time, and location of the USAC Meeting, as well as where the resolution is on the agenda in order for them to follow along with the USAC Meeting.
- c) Contact all student organizations and affiliated groups who you want to public comment regarding the resolution and ensure they are knowledgeable about the date, time, and location of the USAC Meeting, as well as when the public comment section is on the meeting agenda.

2) What do expect when presenting your resolution?

- a) Attend the USAC Meeting Tuesday Evening at 7 PM in the Bruin Viewpoint Room in Ackerman Student Union A-Level or attend the Zoom Option with the link attached to the USAC Meeting Agenda of the day.
- b) Resolutions are presented as “Old Business” if it has already been presented to the USAC in a previous meeting. Resolutions are presented as “New Business” if it is the first time the resolution is being presented.
- c) You will be asked to present the resolution to the USAC whether by reading your resolution aloud or summarizing it **based on the discretion of the USAC President**. You may be asked to explain it in further detail, and then answer questions about your resolution from the USAC Members.²

3) What do I do if the resolution passes?

- a) Work with any affiliated groups, USAC Members, Student Government Staff, and administrators to make your resolution a reality.
- b) Follow up with the USAC to give a progress report on where the resolution stands based on the timeline of the resolution.²
 - i) Ensure that this special presentation is submitted to the Internal Vice President by Friday at 3 PM.
Email: ivp@usac.ucla.edu

For additional support, please contact:

Student Government Staff: sgs@asucla.ucla.edu

Internal Vice President: ivp@usac.ucla.edu

Basic Template Structure

*You do not have to follow this precisely – this is just an example of the basic structure.*²

TITLE OF RESOLUTION

Primary Sponsor(s):

(USAC Member Name(s)), Position

Co-sponsors:

(USAC Member Name(s)), Position

WHEREAS, (state the current issue) and,

WHEREAS, (data and facts about the current issue) and,

WHEREAS, (what needs to be changed to remedy the issue) and,

WHEREAS, (reason why you want action to be taken) and,

WHEREAS, (research showing that people on campus want this change, this research can be surveys, testimonials, quotes – cite all references and research) and,

WHEREAS, (explain how the issue can be effectively resolved) therefore,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, (the specific remedy you want to be taken) and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, (the specific action plan you want to take to achieve the remedy).

*Please refer to [past resolutions](#) passed by the USAC to help with formatting and example “**WHEREAS**” and “**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**” clauses.

C. [Textbook Affordability Presentation](#)

Sridhar

- I. Course Marking: Its Importance and its Future at UCLA
- II. What is course marking?
 - A. The definition of course marking changes based on the institution
 - B. In California, course marking is required at community colleges and at the CSU’s
 - 1. SB 1359 - Public Postsecondary Education: Course Materials (2017) required that CSU and community colleges have a certain number of zero cost textbook (ZCT) classes
 - 2. The California State Legislature strongly recommended that the UCs follow suit, but could not mandate it given the unique power the UC system has
 - C. At other institutions, course marking can simply be a “mark” on a class during enrollment that is considered “affordable” so that students know what their financial commitment might be
- III. Why is course marking important?
 - A. It gives students more power to make choices based on their financial situation
 - 1. Ex: a student can choose to take a GE that is marked at “affordable” (or ZTC in the CSU system) so that they do not have to worry about paying for textbooks
 - B. It encourages (or mandates) faculty to use more student-friendly material
 - 1. At UCLA, 27% of undergrads are Pell Grant recipients, exhibiting an “exceptional financial need,” and cannot afford to spend hundreds of dollars on course materials
 - C. It encourages the use of open educational resources
 - 1. OERs are published under an open license, making them free to edit and share; this promotes the idea of accessible and diverse education, without the paywall
 - 2. Use of OER also takes away concerns regarding data (which we give to publishing companies through the use of programs like Inclusive Access)
- IV. Current status of course marking at UCLA
 - A. UCLA (nor the UC system) uses course marking in any capacity
 - 1. We do not even use “price transparency,” which publishes the expected cost of a class during enrollment
 - B. AB 2624 - “encourages” the University of California to display the estimated course materials for 75% of courses offered on the registrar
 - 1. This has been passed in the California legislature to put pressure on the UC system, but you will notice that this is not a mandate
- V. The future of course marking at UCLA
 - A. Because the university cannot be mandated by the California State Legislature, it’s up to us as students to push for what we think is best for ourselves and our community
 - B. We presented a course marking sign-on to this council before, and we are working on initiatives that would implement course marking at UCLA

VII. Appointments

A. Academic Senate: Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools*

Sridhar

a. Ella Kohler

- Megan moves to appoint Ella Kohler to the Academic Senate: Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools for a 1 year term, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and Ella Kohler is appointed to the committee for a 1 year term.

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Hammonds

- I had my meeting with the UCPD chief search committee because right now we have an interim chief and so that was a productive conversation and we also discussed some feedback options.
- We also got feedback from our meeting with MSA that myself and a couple other council members had and we will be updating everyone on that soon in an email.
- I had a gender recognition committee meeting and we also had the student union director open forum that I attended and we got to talk with a lot of advisers about the past couple weeks.
- We also had our UC Council president meeting and we got to hear from other folks on how their campuses are doing at the moment in addition to some other things.
- We are still working on bringing people to the Seat at the Table initiative. We have been going to various clubs and letting folks know about USAC and what we are doing and what funding bodies are open right now.

B. Internal Vice President

Law

- **The Appointments Review Committee has conducted 2 interviews this week. We have a 2 currently scheduled for the next upcoming days.**
- **Megan and Josh (AIVP) met with the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL), the Student Wellness Commission, and End Overdose to further discuss how we plan to make narcan and narcan trainings more accessible. We will be attending OFSL's All Chapter President's Meeting during Week 10 and outreaching to all Greek Councils.**
- **Megan and Mari, the Administrative Relations Director, stopped by the ASUCLA Fall Entities Meet and Greet and saw several ASUCLA BOD Members and Councilmembers.**
- **Megan attended the meeting with the Muslim Student Association alongside most of the Councilmembers to address issues and come up with action items to advocate for student safety.**
- **Megan attended the UCLA/USC Tailgate with some of the IVP Executive Team, Directors, and General Staff.**
- **Megan, Eva (EVP), and Evan (Facilities Commissioner) had dinner with Michelle, the USC USG Vice President and Kayla, the USG Chief Programming Officer, where we discussed a multitude of topics including:**
 - USC USG's response to the Israel-Palestine Crisis
 - USC USG's relationship with their administration
 - Differences between USG and USAC bureaucracy
 - Initiatives supporting student convenience and safety
- **Megan met with UCLA's Jakarta Movement Chapter to follow up on last week's Sikh Heritage Month Resolution and further action items we could take to accurately represent Sikh students on campus. We discussed various ideas including:**
 - **Sending the passed resolution to the UCLA Administration!!**
 - **Meeting with all the Sikh student organizations at UCLA between USAC and students.**
 - **Advocating to the Academic Senate about teaching more content on Sikh history and the potentialty of having a seminar class on Sikh history.**
 - **Providing a section within a library on campus dedicated to Sikh culture and literature.**
 - **Providing storage/a space on campus for Sikh students (we have already discussed the limitations for this but are hopeful for future space expansion on UCLA).**
 - **Advocating for administration to put Sikh Heritage Month on the UCLA Calendar.**
 - **In general, advocating for more visibility for the Sikh community!!**
- **Megan had a meeting with Clara, from CALPIRG, and discussed co-sponsoring their future resolution and other initiatives on campus for potential collaborations. They also discussed CALPIRG's quarterly presentation to USAC and the schedule for that.**

- **Megan finished writing the USAC Resolution Guide! If you would like further support in writing a resolution, please reach out to Megan. She will be printing physical copies for every USAC Office and putting this on the USAC website.**
- **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 is currently working on funding accessibility initiatives through social media with another committee. They have also been working on USAC Meeting Agenda Previews and advertising our USAC appointments.
 - The Empowering Student Engagement Committee is currently reviewing data from EAF and collecting responses for club spotlights on our social media. They are planning a funding and facilities workshop to support organizations for winter quarter. They will be meeting with one of our Chief of Staffs to plan the winter quarter schedule and programming.
 - The Pre-Professional Support Committee held their first workshop last week!! Shoutout to our directors Summer and Sara! They will now be focusing on planning for the winter quarter and sharing professional resources on the social media!
 - 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. They also attended the ASUCLA Fall Entities Meet and Greet!
 - The Institutionalized Events Committee is preparing the reservations and catering for the True Bruin Raise Awards Ceremony. The nomination form is out!
 - The General Events Committee is preparing for a Finals Stress Relief Event with tote bag painting, free stress relief toys, drinks, snacks, etc. If any offices would like to work on that with us, please reach out!
 - The IVP Interns are currently being assigned committees within the IVP office to become a general staff for. The Internship Directors are currently preparing for the Winter Quarter Internship Cohort.
- **The True Bruin Raise Award Nominations are open! You can nominate a UCLA Student who has helped a fellow Bruin in need of support and shows our True Bruin RAISE values. You can nominate someone here: studentincrisis.ucla.edu/truebruinsrecognition!**
- **The IVP Executive Team is currently working on the following projects:**
 - **Student Fee Advisory Committee Bylaw Change**
 - **Finance Committee Bylaw Change**
 - **Distinguished Teaching Award Selection Committee Appointment Bylaw Change**
 - **OSFL Narcan Accessibility Initiative and Researching the Process to add a training for all UC students**
 - **Follow Up Action Items from the Sikh Heritage Month Resolution**
 - **Planning an All-Staff Social for Winter Quarter**
 - **Individual Committee and Director Check Ins**
- Megan would like to affirm her support to councilmembers and that she wishes everyone a safe and relaxing break and is looking forward to seeing everyone when we come back!

C. [External Vice President](#)

Jussim

- Exec
 - Met with housing directors at each UC to discuss affordability initiatives
 - USAC MSA meeting
 - Mental health funding for CRPs meeting w Dr. Green
 - USC student gov

- Regents PC
- ABTS
- Federal
 - Ted Talk postponed 😞
 - Preparing approps recaps (continuing res is passing)
- State
 - Lobby training on Friday
 - Lobby meeting w Asm Santiago and Asm Irwin in next couple weeks
 - Prepping agenda, script, research
- UC
 - Regents this week. 10 EVP members signed up for PC.
 - UCSA BOD this weekend – wrapping up assignments
 - Action items
 - UA:
 - Disseminate Black student success survey
 - Pass RJN! Resolution
 - Follow up on UCOP information asks
 - Disseminate FTUC testimonial
 - Research institutional initiatives aligned with Indigenous knowledge, environmental justice, and/or sustainability on each campus
 - CAC:
 - Discuss Campaign’s Action items
 - Catch up with last board's actions items
 - GR:
 - Mobilize transfer students for public comment at AB928 committee meeting
 - Mobilize your student loan borrowers to the final negotiated rulemaking committee on December 11th.
 - LD’s to do introductory lobby visits to both federal and state offices.
 - Assisting with federal work-study advocacy
 - GR leadership to schedule a meeting with CA Reparations task force members and staff from the CA DoJ
 - SOCC outreach
- Local
 - STC: want to get ASUCLA to support heavy rail. Doing survey w FAC. flyering to come.
 - DB op-ed!
 - Meeting w bruin dine for basic needs drive early in winter
 - Contacting CCs for safe parking spaces
 - 12/1 meeting with CD5 KYY!!
 - 11/30 meeting with LAC Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
 - Submitted 25 public comments to LA Metro for STC heavy rail options
- Student
 - KYR workshop was a success!
 - Meetings with res life, calfresh, other orgs relevant to platforms.
 - Next cycles of BAG and GROWS are coming up on 11/24!
- Civic
 - BIG series continuing
 - Democracy workshop went well: difficult thanksgiving conversations
 - Society of women engineers, CSC, and calpirg meetings for March 2024 primaries prep

D. [General Representative 1](#)

Pool

E. [General Representative 2](#)

Lasry

- Gabby: “On November 9th, 2023, in the office that I share with General Representative 3, I asked how the planning was going for the Latinx resource center since it was tabled during the previous meeting. He expressed that he wanted additional groups to be added as co-signers to show the widespread campus support

for the center. Since I am a member of Hillel and we have a vibrant Jewish Latinx Community, I told them that I would be happy to get Hillel to sign the resolution. He responded that he did not want Hillel to be a part of it. I asked him why to which he replied that he did not want the Israeli Palestinian conflict to overshadow the center and that MEChA had already sided with the Palestinian groups. I told him that this felt anti-semitic because Jewish Latinx students also wanted to be represented and are not tied to the conflict. He ignored me. Five days later I followed up over text writing, hey just wanted to check in again. I spoke to Hillel folks who would be very down to sign the resolution for the Latinx center, let me know what you think. General Representative 3 also ignored this text before the start of our council meeting which led me to believe that Jewish Latinx students were not welcome at the center. I love the resolution and really want to support it but I don't feel comfortable voting on this right now. There is a pretty large Jewish Latinx population on campus and I am not sure why they would not be included while not explicitly expressed in the resolution. Once I knew one group of students were not going to be allowed to be added as co-sponsors, it made me question if those same students would be welcome at the center. At the council meeting where we were voting on whether to sponsor the Latinx resource center, I wanted to clarify whether Jewish Latinx students would be welcome as part of the new center before signing on to the resolution. Jewish Latinx students are a significant part of the constituency and this is an issue of deep importance to them and to me. As soon as I began my questioning, the general representative 3 sent me two texts in response at 6:29pm and 6:32pm which he read outloud. After some back and forth, General Representative 3 confirmed that all Latinx students would have access to the center and as a result I voted in favor of the resolution. It is still unclear to me why General Representative 3 did not want the Jewish Latinx community to sponsor this resolution. Out of respect for General Representative 3, I did not want to disclose this information. However the responses that I have received have prompted me to present all of the facts. If anyone has any clarifying questions please feel free to reach out to me."

F. [General Representative 3](#)

Valenzuela Mejia

- Internship
 - Due to unforeseen circumstances, the GR internship for this quarter was halted but we hope to start it up next quarter as well
 - Excited to have offered staff opportunities to these interns to continue fostering their interest within USAC via my office.
- Platforms:
 - Bruin Health:
 - Ordering masks and hand sanitizers soon! Excited for this small but supportive initiative
 - Bruin Resources:
 - Our HACU internship event is coming up soon! Excited for one of our first events. Advertising is coming soon!
 - Bruin Worldwide:
 - We have had many applicants for Bruin Buddies and are thoroughly excited on making a selection and hosting events in the Winter quarter, as well as start building intercultural friendships
 - Bruin Convenience:
 - Survey results being analyzed and working on the General Student Body survey to release within the next couple of weeks.
 - Bruin Representation
 - Discussing the resolution and next steps with Latine orgs on campus and ensuring that they are kept up to date with the most recent steps.
 - Met with a Latine Berkeley Senator from their ASUC to discuss future actions with our resolution and to schedule a meeting in order to create a dual resolution within our respective councils in support of permanent Latine resource centers.
- Jonathan: "I would like to state that a recent US census estimate released statistics that by 2060 1 in 4 US inhabitants will be Latinx. They may be Jewish, they may be Catholic, they may be black brown, they may be queer or any unique

element. All this to say that the Latinx community is incredibly diverse and that it has been far too long for the Latinx community to not have a space on campus. We all deserve a space and we hope that the space comes very soon to this campus. I do not represent the entire Latinx community at all but it is essential that I stand behind what the organizations of my community openly voice and their perspectives against issues such as colonialism. The successfully passed resolution was a preliminary step in this process of establishing the center. It is one of the many lengthy steps yet to come and council members expressed that they wanted this resolution to delay longer. This resolution did not establish the center but expressed the council support for the center among other recognitions of the Latinx Community struggles in this country and campus. The concerns of the general representatives and financial support commissioner are absolutely legitimate concerns and are and should absolutely be kept in mind as the center begins its formation, however, the method in which they were brought up as well as the intention with bringing up the question of Jewish Latinx was not done with this community in mind. In my opinion, to be frank, I never experienced such a blatant display of racism and xenophobia within my almost four years at UCLA until this past Tuesday. I find it disappointing to have heard these concerns a few days before the resolution was to be voted on when the resolution was presented to council a week before voting on it. The council member was not in attendance may I add and was available the Friday before. I find it heartbreaking that someone I considered a friend for multiple years would choose to disrespect the decade-long effort of my community. I find it disrespectful that the involved council members sought to make a spectacle of the resolution my office diligently worked on for the past weeks. I find it disheartening that when asked by their peers to apologize and make amends, the council member prefers to deflect rather than acknowledge their mistake and grow from it. I think this speaks much to their maturity values and professionalism. I find it alarming that the general representative uses inflammatory language to continue investigating a problem that she herself has yet to address. The organization that she brings into question has a long withstanding history within this campus and has not stood with communities such as the Latinx student Community. Where was this organization when the 14-day hunger strike to establish the Chicano studies department happened? Where was the organization when black students were struggling to establish the now Black Bruin Resource Center? Where was this organization when other minorities on this campus sought solidarity and they remained quiet. They only provide their support now in a time where they seek solidarity from student groups that have not stood with them before. Additionally, one organization does not represent an entire community. A feeling I personally have experienced on this campus as a Latinx student where the Latinx student organization has not represented myself. I find it hurtful that allegations of harming an entire community are being thrown around recklessly while true acts of violence and harassment are happening worldwide everyday. Furthermore the general representative intended to involve herself with this process as a means to enter a dialogue which did not call for her true allies to provide resources. General Representative's 2 insistence only highlights her true motives. She attempted to delay a resolution for a marginalized community as a means to gaining political clout on this campus. This is especially relevant as there have been multiple calls by students and council members alike about the purpose of the general representative's position and its future. Furthermore, due to disagreements and constructive feedback from my office regarding collaborative efforts, general representative 2 sought this concern as a means of realizing an agenda against myself. I find it appalling that she used concerns of inclusivity of all Latinx students as a means of getting even with me. I do not say all of this with an intent to attack. I say this out of a place of humanity. I ask that the involved officials hold themselves accountable in a way that myself and my peers have done. I can only hope that the involved officers extend apologies and solidarity to the Latinx community in a way that demonstrates true solidarity. I wish you all to grow and understand the distinct perspectives that form my community. My faith in humanity is not shaken at all."

G. [Academic Affairs Commissioner](#)

Srihar

H. [Campus Events Commission](#)

Miller

- Groove Garden Vinyl DJ Concert: Thursday 11/30

- Beat Junkies' DJ Babu & Discostan



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- Holiday screening Tuesday 12/05
 - Elf 20th Anniversary
- Petting Zoo collab with SWC hopefully coming Week 10 (shoutout Jennis)
- potential speaking event with Intersectional Environmentalist and UCLA's Common Experience (First Year Experience)
 - how do we get in contact with Kimberlé Crenshaw?
- Extra Stuff
 - CEC x Goldenvoice
 - concert ticket giveaways happening on our Instagram (@uclacec)
 - more new merch just dropped, free giveaways at event check-in tables! (stickers, lighters/bottle opener, door tags...)
- All-Staff meeting happened yesterday (Monday)
 - first All-Staff with new hires
- Staff Social this past Sunday
- planning for next quarter and beyond ofc
- RSVP for all events on the Poppin' app
- **FOLLOW @uclacec ON INSTAGRAM**

I. [Community Service Commissioner](#)

Wong

- Houselessness day of service focus group session
- Planning for holiday drive
- First SREC meeting
- Started planning nonprofit networking night

J. [Cultural Affairs Commissioner](#)

Verdugo

- Hotlats w HHC
- Destress w Worldfest next tuesday
- Study night with interns next wednesday
- Soundbowl session week 10
- Last GBM of the quarter is monday!
- Discussing arc initiatives
- Arc hearings are on a rolling basis rn
- Applications for arc staff open this week
- DCT tour week 9 sunday ! to historic filipino town
- Current giveaway by CAC Concerts is live right now
- Secured venues for HHC
 - Finalized theme
- Finalized worldfest and JRF theme

K. [Facilities Commissioner](#)

Curran

L. [Financial Supports Commissioner](#)

Broukhim

- Sara: "I know that I already sent out my statement and I am sure that most of you have already read it so I am not going to go read it again but I do want to emphasize some points. I am more so just speaking from the heart but one I think that the actions of FSC and I would like to emphasize this, the actions of FSC and GR2 were not to be malicious at all to the Latinx community. I want to reiterate my support for this center because it is important for Latinx students to have a space on campus and that is long overdue. That being said, we had addressed legitimate concerns that were not from nefarious reasons or for a personal vendetta against the general representative 3 but because I had heard this issue from Gabby and I thought that it was important to stand up for this issue. We had talked to Jewish Latinx students who were concerned about this issue because Jewish students are largely not feeling safe in spaces. These concerns had nothing to do with past activities of Hillel nor should be associated with the actions of the Israeli government. I also want to stress that we voted in favor of this resolution because we really do support this center. I guess we were worried about the procedures in place. Finally I wanted to emphasize Gabby's concern that the question of why Jewish students were not included in the sponsors was not fully answered and as to why they weren't included in the resolution. As a Jewish student, that was concerning for me and I think that deserves to be answered because Hillel does not represent the actions of the Israeli government."

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Kang

- Commissioner Updates
 - COVID signage refresh is in the works, connected with Strategic Communications
 - Finalizing budget for our reproductive justice project with UC Free Speech
 - Continuing SWC x IVP x EO x Greek life collab
 - Refreshing our office in preparation for re-opening the Peer Support Lounge Winter quarter
 - Attended USAC x MSA brainstorm meeting to increase student support and safety
- SWC Updates
 - Our staff celebrated Friendsgiving this weekend :) no SWC meeting in light of the holiday
 - Officially took on End Overdose this week as an affiliate org of SWC

N. Transfer Student Representative

Cobbs

- Thyra: "I want to express my continued solidarity with the General Representative 3's office as well as the general Latinx community. With the transfer community being largely Latinx, I denounce the attempted punitive and racist measures that were discussed within this space. As council members, we are supposed to represent all students no matter their background, their religion, their racial identities. I stated at the USAC meeting that we had exuded explicit white supremacy, entitlement, and racism. I still do believe Sara, to address the statement that you sent. Nowhere in my email, did I attempt to erase your culture. You can be of a certain ethnic group and you can still perpetuate white supremacy and anti-black racism. Unfortunately this is not the first time that you have inflicted racial trauma on the TSR's office, especially on me. Personally as a black transfer student, over the summer you attempted to limit funding to the transfer community which is the most diverse identity based group at UCLA. You attempted to provide surveillance funding to an office which resembles historical and racial oppression of black communities and people of color across the world and you sent a statement only addressing my office, CAC, Alicia and a few other offices also denounce your actions. I am not sure how to interpret this as anything other than racism. I will no longer be working with your office until you have a conversation with me and directly address the things that you mentioned in your statement and I still stand firm on denouncing the actions that you two exhibited in our last meeting. I also implore your offices to work with Latinx student organizations."
- I released our internship applications. I will be pairing one transfer student to your office so that they can work on a project that is related to the work that you all do so that there can be accountability and I can ensure that there are transfer student oriented events coming out of each USAC office this year.
- I also released membership applications for the Transfer Unity Council. I understand that there were concerns regarding this council this past summer so I did some things to make sure that it can still happen given the concern.
- The transfer student center will be having their transfer pride week in January.

O. International Student Representative

Tfayli

P. Administrative Representatives

Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner

- Jessica: "I wanted to say great job Megan on the resolution guide. I thought that it was very thorough and very much needed. We are also having our monthly open house in Pamela's office and I encourage you all to come and if you can't come then but still want to find a time, just let me know and we can get something worked out. They are providing refreshments and it is a great opportunity to ask questions. Given the recent last few weeks with the public comment from folks and understanding that everyone is kind of having a hard time right now, we just want to make sure that you all know that we are available as a resource if you want to chat. I also want to let you know that we are working on some descelation and conflict resolution training for you all to be able to help support you all better."

IX. Old Business

A. GROWS & BAG Bylaw Change*

Jussim

- Eva moves to approve the GROWS and BAG bylaw change, Megan seconds.
- By vote of 9-0-0, the motion passes and the bylaw change is approved.

X. New Business

XI. Adjournment

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 9:03pm.

Good and Welfare;

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item