



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
January 23, 2024
7 PM PST

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I. Call to Order

Hammonds

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance taken by FICOM chair
- Present:
- Naomi
- Jennis
- Mason
- Sujana
- Jonthan
- Sara
- Megan
- Gabby
- Chia Ying
- Adam

II. Approval of Agenda*

Law

- Strike Capital Contingency
- Add Special Presentation: Fall Intern Presentation for AAC
- Strike BAG Allocations
- Strike GROWS Allocations
- Strike ARC Allocations
- Add Funding Guidelines for Books for Bruins for Winter Quarter
- Jennis moves to approve the agenda as amended, Jonathan seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes*

Law

- Sara moves to approve the minutes from 1/16/24, Mason seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes and the minutes are approved for 1/16/24.

IV. Public Comment

Hammonds

- Clara: "Hello, I am Clara from CALPIRG, here to do a super quick recap from last week. Our big kickoff meeting is tomorrow and we are going to officially launch all of our campaigns. The other thing is that our Fight Fast Fashion campaign is having a big event on Friday. It is like an art performance piece where they are going to make a sculpture and a dress made out of reused clothes. It is going to be super cool and it will be on Friday at 4 in the Kerckhoff Grand Salon. They are doing it in support of a bill call SB77. Generally the bill is a producer responsibility bill. It is trying to make changes to California waste code to have producers of fast fashion be responsible for recycling the post consumer clothing to divert it from landfill. They are going to be collecting petition signatures and things like that at this event."
- Eliana Sisman: "Hi everyone, First off I just want to say how much I appreciate all of you and special shout out to Thyra. I have been seeing all that you have been doing and it is amazing and very cool. Anyhow there is a funding opportunity for students and benefits the California college student community. I figured I would just come on here to share it with all of you. So there is a group called the Jewish Free Loan Association and they are looking to do interest free loans for low income college students of all backgrounds, ethnicities, religions, etc. They have tried to get I think

30 million from the California state before but they were running a deficit so they didn't do it and they want students to talk about how this would be beneficial for us in our community. Please email Rachel Rose who is the director for loans or you can contact me."

- Public comment closed at 7:11pm.

V. Funding

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| A. <u>Capital Contingency*</u> | Yin |
| B. <u>Contingency Programming*</u> | Yin |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requested: \$41,297.31 - Recommended: \$12,923.66 for 39 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity - Jonathan moves to approve \$12,923.66 for 39 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity, Mason seconds. - By vote of 8-0-1, the motion passes and \$12,923.66 is approved for Contingency Programming. | |
| C. <u>SFS Allocations#</u> | Wong |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$3,000.00 for 2 non CSC orgs - No opposition, passes as a consent item. | |
| D. <u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u> | Kang |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$164.92 for 5 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 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$1,000 to 1 non USAC entity - No opposition, passes as a consent item. | |
| H. <u>AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#</u> | Sridhar |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$3,759.00 to 6 non USAC entities - No opposition, passes as a consent item. | |
| I. <u>ARC Allocations#</u> | Verdugo |
| J. <u>TGIF</u> | Curran |
| K. <u>USA/BOD Allocations*</u> | Broukhim |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allocation: \$66,323.16 - Jennis moves to approve \$66,323.16, Jonathan seconds. - By vote of 9-0-0, the motion passes and USA/BOD Allocations are approved. | |

VI. Special Presentation

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| A. <u>Bruin One Access Presentation</u> | Adams |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presented by Guy Adams and Scott Chapman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adding Additional Choice- LEVERAGING A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM - Inclusive Access: Began in 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selected digital materials
Calendar Year 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95,077 materials delivered • 56,577 participating students • \$1,172,583 saved - Bruin One Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beginning fall 2024 | |

- ALL required materials
- Available to all enrolled undergraduates
- \$2,000,000+ projected student savings
- What is Bruin One Access?
 - Digital-First subscription program for all undergraduate required course materials (digital & print)
 - Day-One access and No-Cost review
 - Predictable & Affordable price irrespective of courses/major
 - Added option - Builds upon Inclusive Access
 - Option to make changes through Friday of Week 2
 - Sustainable and on track for carbon neutrality
 - Covered through financial aid
- Bruin Engagement:
 - UCLA Disabilities and Computing Program
 - Bruin Resource Center
 - UCLA Athletics
 - UCLA Library
 - Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at UCLA
 - UCLA Transfer Center
 - UCLA Academic Departments:
 - Asian American Studies
 - Classics
 - Communications
 - Education and Information Studies
 - Humanities
 - Life Sciences Core Education
 - Physical Sciences
 - Social Sciences
 - World Arts and Culture
 - USAC and other student groups
- Campus Alignment:
 - UCLA Students are comfortable with digital
 - Student choice - can make changes or opt out during review period
 - Complete academic freedom for faculty
 - Includes and Supports Library and OER affordability efforts
 - Research indicates increases in student success and retention
 - Supports UCLA Digital Campus Roadmap
 - Advances UCLA sustainability goals
 - Helps achieve Governor's Compact with UC for increasing lower-cost textbook options
- For More Information:
 - uclastore.com/bruin-one-access
 - bruinoneaccess@asucla.ucla.edu

B. Digital BruinCard Presentation

Valenzuela Mejia

- What is the Digital Bruin Card?
 - The Digital BruinCard is a BruinCard that can be added to phone wallets. They would look similar to the physical version; however, it would have the ability to add to your Apple Wallet.
- The Benefits of a Digital Bruin Card?
 - Most UCLA students have lost or damaged their BruinCard at least once
 - Obtaining a new BruinCard can be a long process
 - The Digital BruinCard would eliminate the chances of you losing your BruinCard, forgetting to bring it places, and, in turn, being unable to access food and buildings on campus.
 - Eliminating the \$25 student fee for getting a new BruinCard
- Common Questions:
 1. What if your phone dies?
 - a. Temp cards and access to your physical bruinCard if you choose
 2. Will this be available for non Apple users?
 - a. Yes, google wallet, etc.
 3. How will this work for older buildings?
 - a. UCLA is already in the process of changing the locks in older buildings that would speed up the process
- Why Students want this implemented:

- “it’s sooooo much more convenient. I never use physical cards when paying so why should i have to do so w my Bruincard”
- “Less hassle to find when using it, more convenient, less things to worry about keeping track of, don’t have to worry about losing it”
- “Yes! It would save so much hassle (even opening the door would be easier, and it prevents forgetting the card inside and locking yourself out, etc)”
- “Most of the dining options are turning to more digitization, so the bruincard should probably follow suit for compatibility”
- “Ease in paying with easypay/meal plans, saves money (we don’t have to replace the physical ones), we won’t need a tempcard, etc.”
- “There are many outdated aspects of BruinCard, like the websites that allow you to check your balance. This could be solved with a digital BruinCard”
- “I could use UCLA services more seamlessly without having to worry about having my physical card etc”
- “BC’s are financial burdens and schedule inconveniences, especially with classes/extracurriculars. Digital is more convenient while reducing carbon emissions (plastic use).
- “It would be a great to implement this year as it reflects the rapidly growing pace of tech and is more sustainable than producing plastic cards that get lost/damaged”

C. [California FY 24-25 Draft Budget](#)

Jussim

I. 2024-2025 Governor’s Budget Proposal

A. The Governor’s Budget Proposal In a Budget Shortfall Year

1. Proposed State Budget comes out to \$291.5 billion a 6% reduction from the 2023-2024 state budget
2. “Plausible but optimistic” - Legislative Analyst’s Office
3. Governor projects a \$38 billion shortfall while the Legislative Analyst’s Office projected a \$68 billion shortfall
4. Governor proposes to close the budget gap through the use of reserves, delays or deferrals of spending authorized in earlier years, and spending cuts

B. UC System Economic Outlook

1. Governor’s budget plan defers the University of California’s base budget increase of 5% - \$227.8 million and the planned investment of \$31 million to offset revenue reductions
2. The Governor expects the UC to use interim financing structures or other internal borrowing to maintain spending at the level expected if the UC had been provided the base budget increase of 5%.
3. Despite not providing the funding necessary for the UC to continue to work to meet compact goals, the Governor reassures the UC that they can be expected to be reimbursed by the State.

C. CALGrant Equity Framework

1. As we all know, the Governor’s 2024-2025 budget proposal failed to include funding for the CAL Grant Equity Framework which was promised by the Governor and the Legislature.
2. **What you should know**
 - a) Expands Cal Grant eligibility to **150,000 Californians** who were previously excluded from the program
 - b) Especially impact for marginalized communities, making the Cal Grant available to an estimated additional **95,000 Latinx students, 18,000 Asian and Pacific Islander Students, 11,000 Black Students, 3,000 California Dream Act Students, and 91,000 female students.**
 - c) The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) estimates that over 311,000 CCC students would qualify for a Cal Grant Under this framework
 - d) The framework streamlines Cal Grants in a way that is accessible for low-income students and families and reduces confusion by aligning eligibility with federal funding
 - e) The fiscal impact for full funding of the Cal Grant Equity Framework is approximately \$314.7 million.

- (1) Note that the California has multiple reserves to pull from
 - (a) Budget Stabilization Account (BSA)
 - (i) Rainy day fund
 - (b) Safety Net Reserve Fund
 - (i) **Intended to be used to maintain benefits and services for CalWORKs and Medi-Cal Participants** in the event of an **economic downturn**
 - (c) Public School System Stabilization Account for K-12 schools (PSSSA)
 - (d) Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties (SFEU)
- (2) Governor proposes to use \$18.8 billion in reserve funds from the BSA, PSSA, and Safety Net Reserve to cover a portion of the projected budget shortfall
 - (a) \$12.2 billion from the BSA, \$5.7 billion from PSSSA, and all \$900 million from the Safety Net Reserve Fund
 - (b) This leaves **\$18.4 billion** in reserves for FY2024-2025

D. CCCs Funding

1. One of the big three higher education institutions of CA
 - a) Serves the biggest proportion of students of color and low-income students
 - b) Prepare approximately 1.8 million students to transfer to four-year institutions or to obtain training and employment skills.
2. Mainly funded through Prop 98 (1988) + other additional occasional state funding for special projects
3. Pulling \$722 million from the Prop 98 reserve with a 0.76% cost of living adjustment
 - a) Accounting for Higher enrollment + inflation

E. Homelessness & Housing

1. Since 2019, California has invested about **\$5.2 billion** General Fund into affordable housing and homeownership programs
2. Now **\$1.2 billion** General Fund **reductions** for investments into this sector
3. This leaves the programs at a **\$4 billion** budget

F. Homelessness & Housing - Notable Cuts

1. *Multifamily Housing Program*
 - a) Purpose: Low-interest, long-term deferred-payment loans for new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing for lower-income households
 - b) **\$250 mil to \$25 mil**
2. *Foreclosure Intervention Housing Preservation Program*
 - a) Purpose: Preserve affordable housing and promote resident or nonprofit organization ownership of residential real property. Funds are to be made available as loans or grants to eligible borrowers to acquire and rehabilitate properties at risk of foreclosure or in the foreclosure process
 - b) **\$247.5 mil reduction** over next three years
3. *Infill Infrastructure Grant Program*
 - a) Purpose: Promote infill housing development by providing financial assistance for Capital Improvement Projects that are an integral part of, or necessary to facilitate the development of affordable and mixed income housing
 - (1) Infill housing - the rededication of land in an urban environment, usually open-space, to new construction. Infill also applies, within an urban polity, to construction on any undeveloped land that is not on the urban margin
 - b) **\$200 mil to \$25 mil**
4. CA Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Program
 - a) Another program promised by the Governor and the Legislature that would be

continually funded

- b) Impact on students: Increasingly number of students are experiencing homelessness due to the student housing crisis
- c) Pulling back **\$300 million one-time General Fund** previously intended to be appropriated for the program for each year from 2024-25 to 2028-2029
- d) Reverting **\$194 million of the \$200 million one-time General Fund that was appropriated in 2023-2024**, which is the amount estimated to be net of the Program's expected operational costs

G. CalFresh

- 1. Introduction
 - a) Currently supporting 5 million Californians
- 2. Impact on Students
 - a) Approximately 230,000 cc students, 28,000 UC undergraduates and 2,500 UC graduate students utilize this program
- 3. Context of Rising Costs
 - a) Food costs are rising well after covid
 - b) California listed as most expensive place to buy food with a household average of \$297.72 per week
- 4. Change in Benefits
 - a) Monthly Benefits dropping from \$281 to \$23 in 2023-2024
 - (1) FY 2024-2025 Governor is funding a pilot program to increase the minimum CalFresh benefit from \$23 to \$50 for some recipients
 - (2) Note that the budget doesn't provide a funding plan for Cal Grant Reform, which would allow more college students to qualify for CalFresh Benefits

H. CalWORKs

- 1. California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids program
 - a) Provides cash assistance for families with low incomes, specifically families of color
 - b) Modest 2.9% increase in CalWORKs grants (\$87 million in 2023-2024)
 - c) Fails to raise CalWORKS grants above deep poverty for all families
 - (1) Recent policymakers raised the maximum CalWORKS grant above the deep poverty threshold (50% of the federal poverty line), but not for all. Unfairly leaves children and families with less assistance to meet basic needs.
 - d) This year a 0.8% grant increase and a number of cuts to CalWORKs Support Services
 - (1) Pulling back \$55 million from the 2023-2024 General Fund and on-going cut of \$71 million beginning in 2024-2025 for family stabilization
 - (2) Pulling back \$134.1 million from 2023-2024 General Fund and on-going cut of \$134.1 million starting in 2024-2025 for Expanded Subsidized Employment

I. Child Care

- 1. Maintains commitment to add 200,000 new childcare slots by 2026-2027
- 2. Governor did not add any new slots in 2023-2024
- 3. Does not propose to extend the current state policy waiving family fees for child care and development programs
- 4. Proposes \$2.1 billion to fund 146,000 slots and a one-time \$1.4 billion fund for rate increases for providers reimbursed through the California Department of Social Services

J. CalWORKS, Child Care-Impact on Studies

- 1. According to a 2019 profile of undergraduate parenting students from the UC Office of the President:
 - a) "More than a quarter of all undergraduate college students are raising children, and about 44% are doing so without the support of a partner,"
 - b) 9.5% of the students across the nine UC campuses are undergraduate parenting students
 - (1) 61% reported having experienced food insecurity vs 46% of non-parenting students
 - (2) 65% reported that the cost of university was management due to grants and scholarships

- (3) 39% are members of underrepresented groups (URG's)
- These students rely on programs like CalWORKS, CAL Grant, and Child Care for support while they continue to pursue a secondary education. While the percentage of students may be small, they deserve our help to fight for their families success and survival.

D. Student Fee Advisory Committee Update

Bohrnsen

- Chair of SFAC: "We are here to market SFAC and specifically the two open undergraduate positions that we have. Firstly, the purpose of this presentation is to prove that it is a very significant committee to be a part of. UCLA has 45,000 students who are all paying more than \$1000 in what is called a student service fee and if we add that the total is around a \$50 million dollar fund which is utilized for activities which are parallel and complementary to what we call instructional activities. That is activities beyond the lectures. For example, \$2 or 3 million goes to Career Center Student Legal Services and everything throughout campus is affected by what this committee does. We are legally mandated to advise the chancellor about the dispersal of the funds which is the student service fee fund. Just to give a breakdown of the expenditure and to highlight the significance of the work. We do around 80% of the funds that are utilized in compensation, that is the salaries and benefits of different staff on campus and so the committee gets funding requests from the different units which is the economic term for different bodies that exist on campus and we analyze the TR Financial Trend Reports. We give out questionnaires every year based on new priorities. This year, environmental sustainability and financial sustainability were some of the priorities that we decided on. We learn to analyse for the first three months and then we make decisions from the analysis about how this money should be used and then we send a recommendation to the chancellor and historically speaking the chancellor usually agrees with more than 90% of the recommendations. On SFAC, we developed a framework for analyzing funding requests which involve the questionnaires and also incentivizing these units to fill this out."
- Current Key Tasks:
 - Developing financial frameworks to evaluate funding requests
 - Incentivizing environmental sustainability among campus units
 - Talking with the Chancellor to increase stipends for campus committees
 - Auditing other fees (e.g. Instructional Enhancement Initiative fee)
 - Upholding transparency standards (internally, cross-campus, and UC-wide)
 - Analyzing finances of campus bodies to make funding recommendations
 - Representing UCLA at the UC-wide Council on Student Fees conference
- What Students Gain from joining SFAC:
 - Learn real-world finance skills
 - Strategic planning experience
 - Advocacy and influence through direct action
 - Learn to make tough investment decisions
 - Deep involvement in University operations
 - Regularly meet with senior campus officials (e.g. Vice Chancellors)
 - Traveling and networking opportunities
 - \$1000 per quarter compensation (travel expenses additionally covered)

E. AAC Fall 2023 Intern Projects

Sridhar

- I. **How can we increase awareness about the Career Center and increase its accessibility?**
 - A. **Why is this an important issue?**
 - 1. Important resource for jobs and internships
 - 2. Not enough is known by students about how to utilize its resources
 - B. **What is the Career Center?**
 - 1. "The Career Center offers services to help you explore career pathways, create competitive resumes, develop interviewing and networking skills, find and apply for internships and jobs, consider graduate school, and more. We also offer opportunities to connect with employers, such as career fairs, networking events, information sessions, on-campus interviewing, as well as job and internship listings."
 - C. **Weaknesses of the Career Center**
 - 1. **Week 0**
 - a) Improve messaging and accessibility
 - 2. **Hard to Navigate Website**

- a) Easier access to all resources
- 3. **Limited Advising Sessions**
 - a) Expand appointment and drop-in advising availability
- 4. **Instagram Reform**
 - a) Reimagining social media presence
- D. **Creating a Good First Impression: Current Shortcomings**
 - 1. **Week 0 Event**
 - a) Too crowded (only in-person)
 - b) Unclear what you need to grab
 - c) Not a good representation of what the Career Center offers
 - 2. **Communication**
 - a) No email communication
 - b) Unclear what services would be provided
 - c) Doesn't sell students on the necessity of visiting
- E. **Creating a Good First Impression: Solutions**
 - 1. **Week 0 event**
 - a. Offer virtual options
 - b. Make the event longer to disperse crowds
 - c. More signage in the building to show important document
 - d. Tailor the event to different academic areas (pre-med, pre-law, etc.)
 - 2. **Communication**
 - a. Emails promoting Career Center offerings (plug social media, too)
 - b. Incentivize (incoming) students to visit
 - i. Speakers from different fields leading up to main Career Center event
- F. **Website Navigation**
 - 1. **Shortcomings**
 - a) Having to go through multiple links to find what you are looking for
 - (1) Internship page is all the way at the end.
 - (2) Youtube Channel is at the bottom but no advertisement of the videos you can find.
 - (3) The have a career guide that is an online version hard to get to.
 - 2. **Solutions**
 - a) Video to navigate the website
 - b) Separating resources into separate tabs
 - c) Spread awareness to everything on the website (youtube channel)
- G. **Advising Opportunities**
 - 1. **Current Shortcomings**
 - a) Scheduled appointments are often fully booked up to two weeks in advance
 - b) Drop-in advising very limited
 - (1) Ex: 1 hour/wk on Fridays for Pre-Health advising
 - 2. **Possible Solutions**
 - a) More appointment availability on Handshake
 - b) Expand drop-in advising hours to different times and days throughout the week, as well as offering in-person drop-ins
- H. **Reorganizing the Instagram**
 - 1. **Current Shortcomings**
 - a) Hard to navigate and find what you are looking for
 - b) Posts generally resemble one another
 - c) Resources are not very accessible
 - d) Not much engagement
 - e) Highlights not updated
 - 2. **Possible Solutions**
 - a) Maintain an overall theme but distinguish between specific types of posts (i.e. events vs. resources)
 - b) Archive irrelevant information
 - c) Be more active on IG stories!
 - d) Experiment with IG content
 - e) Update highlights to ensure they are relevant

VII. Appointments

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Hammonds

- Conducting Dean of students interviews
- Met with UCPD Chief Thomas to discuss the Police Accountability Body (PAB) and his initiatives
- Setting up a meeting with CALPIRG to hear about their upcoming projects and my initiatives for the remainder of my term
- Met with the Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS) Presidents
- Reviewed notes from Executive Sustainability Committee
- Attended Campus Facilities Coordinating Commission
 - Primarily discussed Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) policies
- Hosted a staff retreat to better get to know my staff, their interests, and post-graduation plans
- Attended the ASUCLA Bruin Reflection Space Ribbon Cutting Celebration and GSA President Noor was able to deliver my remarks on my behalf
- Reviewed the Facilities Commission applications and have pushed forward 3 applicants to be interviewed by ARC
- Received about 15 internship applications and directors are interviewing them this week. In addition, we are also conducting interviews for social media general staff
- Town halls are officially booked for 2/1, 2/15, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7
- SFAC appointment should be on the agenda next week
- Attended the celebration of life for Bunchy Carter and John Huggins
- Attended the Black Student-Athlete Alliance Celebration feast
- Got a chance to interact with folks and discuss their concerns

B. Internal Vice President

Law

- The Appointments Review Committee conducted one (1) interview and has three (3) scheduled for the Facilities Commissioner position. If you have any specific questions you would like to for those interviews, let me know tonight.
- Councilmembers, please check the workflow incase you were assigned any applications for your appointments.
- We have gotten 1 application for the USAC Elections Board Chair, please keep telling others to apply so we can go over more applicants!
- The True Bruin Raise Awards Nominations are out! Please nominate a Bruin who has exemplified the True Bruin Values to help another Bruin in crisis. Nominations are due January 25th at 11:59PM. You can find the link at <https://studentincrisis.ucla.edu/truebruinsrecognition!>
 - The Award Ceremony will be taking place on February 22nd at 5PM in the Kerckhoff Grand Salon.
- The Off-Campus Housing Fair is next Wednesday in the Ackerman Grand Ballroom from 11am to 4pm. Please let your offices know as well as repost any social media graphics when we post them!
- There is an ASUCLA Entities Meet n' Greet on February 2nd from 3-4pm in Art Gallery downstairs. Please send someone from your office to attend if you are not available to.
- The IVP Office's Administrative Relations Committee is hosting another Administrative Meet n' Greet event on Wednesday, February 21st at 11am to 1pm. Please send someone from your office to attend if you are not able to.
- Executive Updates:
 - We are almost done planning for the Off-Campus Housing Fair! Thank you to Student Media for helping out with the outreach and advertising!
 - We are still working with Sikh student organizations on campus to follow through with the items listed in our past resolution.
 - The Executive Team is also working with our committees to plan for the 2024 Surplus allocation in which we will be proposing for Executive and Director Stipends, the Housing Relief Fund, and the IVP Partnership Fund.
 - The Executive Team is doing director check-ins for the next few weeks.
 - Megan is attending meetings with ASUCLA BOD to discuss potential initiatives for the Spring Quarter.
- The Internal Vice President's Office held our Executive Team meeting this Monday at 4pm. If you would like to attend the next All-Staff Meeting, they are every Monday at 4PM in the IVP Office, please contact me or Josh to RSVP.
- The Internal Vice President's Office held our first Winter Quarter All-Staff Meeting. If you would like to attend the next All-Staff Meeting, they are every Monday at 5PM in Ackerman Union 3517, please contact me or Josh to RSVP.

- Committee Updates:
 - The Equity, Transparency, Accessibility Committee is working on a few small projects like the USAC Dictionary and a weekly newsletter.
 - The Empowering Student Engagement Committee posted the Funding Workshop from Week 1 in the IVP Linktree you can find on our Instagram at @uclaivp. They've reached out to different funding body directors for workshops and are looking towards community service organizations and cultural organizations. We are also editing the IVP Partnership Fund Guidelines.
 - The ETA and ESE Committees also created a new Instagram account @usacfunds to post more information about all USAC Funds. It's still very new but please follow! They have already talked to Fernando about it!
- The Pre-Professional Support Committee is currently working with the TSR Office to host a Spring Quarter event and are reaching out to the Career Center to plan another event for this quarter!
- The Supporting Student Needs Committee is finalizing details for the Off-Campus Housing Fair. They are also starting the Housing Relief Fund proposal.
- The Institutionalized Events Committee is finalizing details for the True Bruin Raise Awards Ceremony!
- The General Events Committee is currently planning for ACA's Lunar New Year Festival on February 9th in Covell Commons at 7PM. They are also planning a midterm stress relief event for Week 5!
- The Administrative Relations Committee is currently planning for the Administrative Meet n' Greet on February 21st!

C. [External Vice President](#)

Jussim

- I am not here bc I am in SF for UC Regents!
 - Wednesday, Jan 24
 - F3: Review of the Governor's January Budget Proposal for 2024-25
 - A2: Final Report of the Systemwide Advisory Workgroup on Students with Disabilities
 - A3: UC Online and the Ecosystem of Online Education in the UC System
 - P4: UC State and Federal Governmental Relations Update and Advocacy Outlook
 - J4: Strategic Campus Overview: Merced Campus
 - Thursday, Jan 25
 - Faculty Discipline and Dismissal Policies and Process
 - Amendment of Regents Policy 4407: Policy on Equitable Student Employment Opportunities (O4A)
 - Annual Report on Basic Needs
- [Michael Beck meeting](#): discussed STC, UCPD presence
- Election ballot brief
- [Department of Education](#) meeting about textbook affordability
- Local
 - STC survey
 - Meeting w ASUCLA tomorrow about STC
 - CSC x EVP mutual aid drive. 40 care packages of winter supplies in westwood.
 - Safe parking, SMC. trying to get a project started there.
- State
 - Outreach for lobby corps, focus on non PS majors
 - SLC = March 8-11
 - Latine Lobby Day Feb 26, signsups due 1/20
- Fed
 - ABTS
 - CR ½ expires 1/19. Might extend until 3/1-3%
 - Reschedule teddy
 - Hill day prep beginning now
- Fellowship app extended to Friday. Beginning mentorship program for winter.
- Civic
 - Asm Isaac Bryan BIG next week
 - Met Sen Laphonza Butler
 - Voter training w LA County Registrar
 - LATC T 6-8pm Democracy Workshop, free food!

- Student Relations
 - CalFresh x KYR tabling 1/30
 - Student labor organizing conference in spring. Beginning to plan.
 - GROWS round in march, finalizing last one. BAG apps due 1/26.
 - Establishing relationships with Sexperts.
 - Emma, Sherry, Anna beginning students demand action at UCLA.
- UC Relations
 - Jenna and Javier going to UCSF Regents, PC about RJN and CRP
 - Discussions with basic needs to make transparency in apps so applicants know
 - SOCC signups, Latine Lobby Day signups!
 - 10 more survey responses for STC!
 - Brainstorming way to increase calgrant testimonial soon
 - PC training
- Fliers about non confidential resources we can have

D. [General Representative 1](#)

Pool

E. [General Representative 2](#)

Lasry

- Met with Fernando to discuss funding new projects.
- Directors are working on several new initiatives:
 - Partnering with the rec center
 - Scholarship for commuter students
 - Bi-weekly tabling events to interact with students in order to raise awareness about USAC.
 - Gen Rep 2 Internship Program
- Worked on promoting available USAC appointments, specifically Elections Board Chair.

F. [General Representative 3](#)

Valenzuela Mejia

- Overall Office
 - Attending the Students of Color Conference on Friday! Thanks EVP!
 - Meeting with staff consistently! Very excited to have a wide variety of members in our office.
 - Transparency reports are available!
- Platforms:
 - Bruin Health
 - Students have been consistently obtaining masks and hand sanitizers and we have been consistently adding everyday or every other day.
 - KN95s are very popular and we hope to get more soon to ensure whoever needs one can obtain one
 - Available on the third floor of Kerckhoff next to the elevator
 - Bruin Worldwide
 - Restructuring the program to ensure it can be more effective
 - Transitioning in new staff for the program so it can pick off.
 - Bruin Resources
 - Posting our presentation on internship opportunities with HACU very soon!
 - Working on the next event to highlight more opportunities with HACU given that UCLA will hopefully soon become an HSI.
 - Working to collaborate with some offices soon! My director will be in communication with you all with figuring out next steps and meeting
 - Bruin Representation
 - Will be sending delegations to a variety of Latine student events to discuss ways that USAC and the GR3 office can support them
 - Bruin Convenience
 - Presentation today!

G. [Academic Affairs Commissioner](#)

Srihar

Holding a social @ the beach this Saturday

Ordering merch for committee members

Upward Movement

- Inquiring about reserving Bruin Plaza between 2/12 and 2/14 for We're Not Really Strangers project
- Meeting with Career Center to plan programming for this quarter

Internship

- Accepted an intern class of 7 people this quarter!

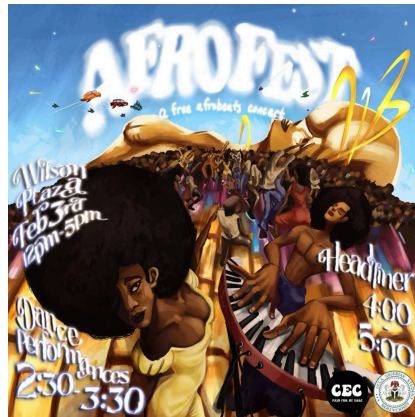
Academic Senate

- Met with Senate staff to discuss representative attendance + commitment
 - Received attendance report for Fall 2023 from Senate staff and following up with academic senators as appropriate
- Proposing Incomplete Notation proposal again for next UgC meeting agenda

H. Campus Events Commission

Miller

- Trixie Mattel was a HUGE SUCCESS (over 1100 students)
- **AFROFEST CONCERT SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3rd**
 - **collaboration with Nigerian Student Association**
 - **link to tickets will be posted on IG soon!**



- Afrikan Student Union collaboration coming Week 7 hopefully
- finalizing a new sponsorship hopefully within the next few weeks that will last until the end of this year and hopefully be renewed next year (#externalfunds), thank you Jonathan and Pamela
- doing interviews for new PR and Concerts staff

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wong

- This year's Houselessness Days of Service aims to engage students in discussions about Houselessness in the LA Community and provide students with opportunities to directly serve the community. We are partnering Midnight Mission, Bruin Shelter, GCGP, EVP, Hunger Project, Project Lux, BAFA, Unicef at UCLA, ECHO and more!
 - From 31st January to 2nd February, take this opportunity to learn more about issues surrounding Houselessness and play your part to help those around you.
 - Service opportunities both on and off campus
 - RSVP now at tinyurl.com/houselessnessevent2024
- Launched CSC Transpo and Finance Cheatsheets on our website
 - An invaluable resource compiled by CSC Outreach that consolidates information about funding and transportation opportunities for organizations involved in community service. The cheat sheets consist of different funding sources broken down by line items, transportation options, eligibility, deadlines, step-by-step application guide, and more!
- Feb 8 NNN <https://volunteer.ucla.edu/nonprofit-networking-night>
 - This networking event is designed to connect UCLA students and young alumni with non-profit career professionals who share similar career aspirations. Students who are interested in learning

more about or are looking for opportunities (e.g. jobs, internships, etc.) can gain valuable insight about a wide variety of positions and organizations in the community. This program provides students with information about ways to get involved outside of and after graduating UCLA. Students are encouraged to think more about their post-graduation goals, allowing them to continue with their academic careers with more focus and intention.

- Participating organizations in the past have represented the fields of education, environment, family & children, health, homelessness/poverty, international, public policy/legal, and disability services.
- Nonprofit Networking Night 2024 will be an in-person event on **Thursday, February 8** from **5pm - 8pm PST** at the **Grand Ackerman Ballroom** inside Ackerman Union.

- J. [Cultural Affairs Commissioner](#) Verdugo
- K. [Facilities Commissioner](#) Curran
- L. [Financial Supports Commissioner](#) Broukhim
- Met with Vice Chancellor Michael Beck
 - Met with Jessica and Josh from SGA with my directors
 - Set up weekly meeting with Josh about audits
 - Set up meeting with Todd from the New York Times
- M. [Student Wellness Commissioner](#) Kang
- Commissioner Updates
 - Check your emails: proposing a resolution advocating for academic leniency and campus safety in light of Israel Palestine
 - Working on ASU/HC x USAC x UCSA Pan-Afrikan Mental Health Awareness Week with Thyra
 - Meeting with SGS this week about SWC Therapy Grant project
 - SWC Updates
 - [Weekly SWC E-Board & Committees' Updates Sheet](#)
 - THIS Thursday 1/25 [Heart to Heart: A Conversation about Reproductive Health](#)
 - Kerckhoff Grand Salon and Patio 4-7pm
 - [Register here](#)
 - Panel of doctors, student activists, advocates
 - 10 organizations and entities tabling
 - GIVEAWAY: apple watch, airpods, polaroid camera, owala water bottle, SWC merch
 - Peer Support Lounge Opening Week 4 Tuesday 10am!
 - Kerckhoff 308 open to all students for snacks, coffee, tea, lounge space
 - Tuesdays through Thursdays weekly from 10am-5pm
 - Body Image Task Force event Friday guest speaker Carly Compton, eating disorder therapist and body liberation advocate
 - 6-8pm in Math Sciences 5117
 - \$50 gift card giveaway
 - Health, Nutrition and Fitness free Equinox classes
 - 1/26 10:30am, 11:30am
 - Going on retreat this weekend to Palms Springs with our interns!
 - UCLA Radio collabs
 - Sexperts: Mondays 11pm
 - Active Minds: Sundays 12pm-1pm
- N. [Transfer Student Representative](#) Cobbs
- O. [International Student Representative](#) Tfayli
- P. [Administrative Representatives](#) Luna, Alexander, Moran, Klimoski, Wisner
- Orlando: "Hello everyone, it is good to be back, I was deathly ill last week and so thank you all those that sent me messages and get well messages. I appreciate it. Tomorrow is SOLE's winter two day event. Tomorrow is in person and Thursday is virtual. We will host a series of workshops for new registered groups as well as other types of workshops such as funding, community service training, driver's training. If you are

interested in looking at these workshops, they are great especially if you belong to other groups that are sort of startup groups. These are great workshops to attend. The agenda is on the website so the other is I have been working with the Vice Chancellor Monroe Gordon's office on the UC student regent recruitment event which will be happening on February 13th. I am a little bit behind schedule on that so I will be reaching out to the EVP and GSA EVP to collaborate with them as well. If you are interested in becoming the student regent or you know someone that is, please send them my way and or to the town hall that is going to be on February 13th."

- Jessica: "Just a couple things on the SGA front. Just some friendly reminders that we are still seeing a lot of requisitions coming in and requests for electronic payments to other students via Zelle, Venmo, Cash App, things like that. Just a reminder that this is not an approvable expense so if you are a funding chair or an officer signing off on these reforms, just keep an eye out for that. In some cases, where you are paying a vendor and the vendor is able to provide an invoice, it may be acceptable but you should really check that before you complete that payment because we might not be able to approve it for expense. If you are going to personally reimburse a student and then submit a requisition form to reimburse yourself for that transaction that is not going to be approved, so just a reminder for that. Also just a reminder for your office space. If you are going to be storing food and things in there, it is best to get a secure bin to keep the food within and definitely don't keep anything that is like open packaging, anything that is in cardboard, just because of the pest issue that we had over break. We want to make sure that we don't have those issues in the future and please let us know immediately if you notice something unusual. This way, we can look into it. Make sure you put your trash out in the hallway because our amazing custodial team in ASUCLA do not go into individual offices to take out trash but they do take care of the public hallway receptacles so just make sure you are disposing of things out there."
- Lori: "My only update is that I am going to create a document and drop it in the slack channel on how to reserve spaces with UCLA REC. I am seeing a lot of emails from people needing spaces and I can't always stop and check to see if things are available so this will be the easiest way for you to see what is available and request it so you have no questions about the space."
- Jonathan: "Hi, hey, hello. Just some other office things. OSAC did a little office audit of every single student office in Kerckhoff this past week. If you had any violations, you will be receiving an email so please keep any eye out for that email and please promptly attend to any violations that your office may have had. If you are in person, you got a laminated off-campus procedure card from me today. Please take this with you on retreats, put it in your office, put it in your first aid kit, preferably somewhere you are able to get it in case anything urgent happens. Don't forget that your requisition due dates for fall are due Week 5 on Friday. I am sure as you all know that you will need to have a facilities commissioner appointment on the agenda that comes out on Friday in order to be in line with your constitutional duties. Another appointment that I do want to highlight is the distinguished teaching award committee. They do need someone by February."

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. [Books for Bruins Funding Guidelines](#)

Sridhar

- Council decides to look over them on their own time to vote on next week.

XI. Adjournment

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 9:24pm.

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