



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
February 6, 2024  
7 PM PST

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## **I. Call to Order**

Hammonds

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

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

- Present:
- Sujana
- Alicia
- Nilaya
- Megan
- Naomi
- Jennis
- Eva
- Gabby
- Mason
- Adam
- Chia Ying
- Katie

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

Law

- Strike ARC Allocations
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Strike TGMF Allocations
- Add Discussion item on Incomplete Notations
- Alicia moves to add an Executive Session to discuss Thyra Cobbs Personnel Matter , Jonthan seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and an Executive Session is added.
- Jonathan moves to approve the agenda as amended, Mason seconds.
- By vote of 9-0-0,, the motion passes and the agenda is approved as amended.

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

Law

- Jonathan moves to approve the minutes from 1/30/24, Katie seconds.
- By vote of 10-0-0 , the motion passes and the minutes from 1/30/24 are approved.

## **IV. Public Comment**

Hammonds

- Hanna Skikne swears Nilaya Kanuri in for the position of Facilities Commissioner.
- Clara: "Super quick update on what CALPIRG is doing. Basically right now, we are in our pledge fundraising drive for winter quarter and we have signed up 569 new due paying members out of our goal for a thousand. Secondly, the other update is that our plastic bag ban campaign is based on trying to pass a legislative bill. Two bills are going to be introduced for that on Thursday in the assembly and one in the Senate. We are going to do a press conference as well as some events on campus. Thank you for listening."
- Eli: "Hello, my name is Eli and I am a senior here who worked in student media and I would like to appeal to USAC to reexamine my dismissal from the Daily Bruin. As some of you know, I was dismissed for speaking out as a Jewish

person against the ongoing aggressive killing of my loved ones and their families in Palestine. I have lost more families and there are more names than I can list in the two minute slot. To quote the Daily Bruin's themselves on their social media response to my termination, "The Daily Bruin does not recommend discipline or remove contributors for their beliefs or opinions." However, the managing editor and news editor told me that I had to leave the Daily Bruin for speaking out against the current aggression in Palestine which they called a quote unquote controversial issue in their words quote unquote unacceptable. I was also told by a reporter from the Daily Bruin that I was surveilled at a protest for Palestine without my knowledge and falsely accused of certain behaviors. I was accused of telling protestors not to speak with the Daily Bruin which I will attest, I did not do prior to my termination and was also falsely accused of slandering the Daily Bruin. I did not break any Daily Bruin guidelines while speaking in support of a ceasefire. As Daily Bruin writers, according to their guidelines, we can speak on nonpartisan causes but are barred from writing on the topic with these actions in mind. I think it is clear that my termination was a direct consequence for a position against Gaza. I ask USAC to revoke the retaliation that I received. I would like to work for another news magazine at UCLA and receive credit for workshops. I was told that I would have to redo that. More than anything, I would like to put this behind me as I fight for my dear friends and their families in occupied Palestine. Thank you."

## **V. Funding**

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| A. <u>Capital Contingency*</u>  | Yin      |
| B. <u>Contingency Programming*</u>  | Yin      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requested: \$26,450.00</li> <li>- Recommended: \$11,634.02 for 51 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity</li> <li>- Megan moves to approve \$11,634.02 for 51 non USAC entities and 1 USAC entity, Jonathan seconds.</li> <li>- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and \$11,634.02 is allocated for Contingency Programming.</li> </ul> |          |
| C. <u>SFS Allocations#</u>  | Wong     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allocation: \$1,740.00 to 5 non USAC entities</li> <li>- No opposition, passes as a consent item.</li> </ul>   |          |
| D. <u>SWC Programming Fund Allocations#</u>   | Kang     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allocation: \$477.58 to 3 non USAC entities</li> <li>- No opposition, passes as a consent item.</li> </ul>   |          |
| E. <u>Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#</u>   | Jussim   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allocation: \$8,279.00 for 8 non USAC entities</li> <li>- No opposition, passes as a consent item.</li> </ul>  |          |
| F. <u>Grassroots Organizers for Working Students Grant Allocations#</u>   | Jussim   |
| G. <u>ASRF Allocations#</u>   | Sridhar  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allocation: \$2,20.21 to 2 non USAC entities</li> <li>- No opposition, passes as a consent item.</li> </ul>  |          |
| H. <u>AAC Travel Mini Grant Allocations#</u>  | Sridhar  |
| I. <u>ARC Allocations#</u>  | Verdugo  |
| J. <u>TGIF</u>  | Curran   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allocation: \$41,018.00 to 1 non USAC entities and 2 USAC entities</li> </ul>  |          |
| K. <u>USA/BOD Allocations*</u>  | Broukhim |

## **VI. Special Presentation**

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| A. <u>Sepulveda Transit Corridor Breakdown of Alternatives 1-6 Presentation</u> | Jussim |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tabled until next week.</li> </ul>     |        |

## **VII. Appointments**

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| A. <u>Student Conduct Board#</u> | Hammonds |
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- a. Vivaan Turakhia
  - No opposition, Vivan Turakhia is appointed to the Student Conduct Board.
- b. Raaz Daryaei
  - No opposition, Raaz Daryaei is appointed to the Student Conduct Board.

## **VIII. Officer Reports**

- A. President Hammonds
  - Attended a UCLA Alumni Leaders Conference Networking Dinner
  - Attended ASUCLA Entities Meet & Greet where I had the chance to interact with Pouria and the ASUCLA BOD appointments
  - Attended our first Downtown Programming Committee meeting of Winter Quarter
  - Hosted our first town hall for academic clubs/organizations
  - Attended honorific naming committee meeting
    - Reviewed the history of the buildings across UCLA
  - Attended our January UC Council of Presidents meeting
  - Met with ASUCLA BOD members
  - Reviewed South Bay Implementation Committee meeting notes and recording
- B. Internal Vice President Law
  - No ARC interviews so far!
  - Meeting with PAACT
  - Meeting with ETA
  - Meeting with OP Appointment Director
  - IVPxFAC Meeting
  - Meeting with ESE
  - ACA Lunar New Year Festival
- C. External Vice President Jussim
  - Exec
    - Meeting with sonya, outreach to grad student housing
    - LA Business Council
    - UC Student Regents Townhall
    - Drake
    - SBWU
  - Local
    - Mutual aid drive
    - ASUCLA CEO, Services Committee about STC meeting 1/31
    - DB op ed for STC
    - Survey w FAC has 350+ responses
    - Shay: setting up tenants rights workshop with KYY office, legal aid
    - LA Valley College reached back out to us. Reaching out to local churches
    - Long Beach CC: safe parking cost \$70k/year
  - State
    - Lobby corps has 650 signups
    - 3/12 and 3/19 hearings re: edu for budget shit
  - Federal
    - Hill day prep, beginning to reach out to legislators
    - Agenda is being finalized this week
    - Hoping to schedule meeting with Rep Brad Sherman re: STC
  - Civic
    - Democracy workshop with LA County Registrar was a success!
    - New Democracy Workshop is in the works
    - Still on bruinwalk every wednesday to flyer

- BIG with Isaac Bryan was posted! Cool!
- Student relations
  - Tabling event with bruin dine, swipes, calfresh 1/30 was a slay. Helped people sign up
  - Handed out KYR flyers
  - Promoted students demand action as well
  - Gonna do that again week 7 - week 8, since people will be able to donate swipes by then
  - BAG hearings on Thursday 2/1 12 applicants
  - KYR feedback form
  - Sasha has been attending NWWNC meetings?
- UC
  - Cal grant equity fw lobbying planning
  - Reso about financial aid transparency with swipe our hunger
  - Preparing targeted PC trainings for regents meetings in march from various resource centers and marginalized community hubs
  - Networked with UCSC for RJN efforts
  - UC Latine organizing chat for Latine Lobby Day in February 26. Created on Discord
  - Black student success survey was finally released. Hoping to spread that around.
  - Week 7 collab with ASU for academic reparations awareness week
- Having Regent Tesfai come in to talk about Black student research

D. [General Representative 1](#)

Pool

- Held our All Staff Gen Rep meeting this past Sunday
  - Discussed forms of prizes for BHM Essay Contest
- We are looking for rooms for Financial Literacy Night
- Discussed at our meeting where the ideal location would be to reach students interested in Financial Literacy

E. [General Representative 2](#)

Lasry

- Gen Rep 2 Internship applications are now open.
- Working on a social media campaign with the Marketing Intern and Directors of Commuter Safety & Affordability, to inform commuter students on available resources.
- Ordering resources for a Mental Health Awareness tabling.
- Directors are working on their 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.
  - First-Gen students letters to home

F. [General Representative 3](#)

Valenzuela Mejia

- Overall Office
  - Working on the Mid-term report that will be published within the week that retells the work that the GR3 office has done so far
  - Continuing to expand our presence on social media with highlighting our staff
  - Attended the ASUCLA Meet and Greet with Naomi.
  - Did the ARC interview for Raaz, nice to get back into the ARC interview mood
- Platforms:
  - Bruin Health
    - Masks are continuing to be added in our cubby like always! Feel free to grab one if needed on the third floor.
    - Working on making a map of sites with masks and rapid tests on campus for those who may continue to need either of those resources.
  - Bruin Worldwide
    - Reopening application within the week for the Winter quarter.
    - Working on current pairings between mentor and mentee
    - Having a couple social events to have buddies and mentors pair up together.

- Sign up for Bruin Buddies once the application reopens! Pls pls pls, the main need is UCLA-based students!
- Bruin Resources
  - Planning a meeting in collaboration with some other Latine organizations on professional workshops.
  - Working on collaborations with OP, AAC and IVP on events to help student resource availability
- Bruin Representation
  - Met with more UC Berkeley students to discuss collaboration with establishing permanent Latinx Resource Centers on our campus.
  - Working on a bicameral resolution to be passed by both ASUC and USAC within the month
  - Establishing a potential working group of both USAC and ASUC members regarding collaborative efforts such as the bicameral resolution.
  - Meeting with HSI in the coming weeks to discuss further collaboration events
- Bruin Convenience
  - Reaching out to ASUCLA facilities as well as UCLA BruinCard office again

G. [Academic Affairs Commissioner](#)

Srihar

**Academic Senate**

- Attending Undergraduate Council meeting this Friday 2/9
- Had a check-in with Executive Policy Analyst and Council chair to discuss ADT Transfer pilot taskforce
- Incomplete Notation proposal will be on the agenda and hopefully approved!

**Access & Equity**

- Met with Internal Vice President's office to propose a resource fair focused on summer resources (employment + ensuring food/housing insecurity when school is out of term)
- Also collaborating with IVP to discuss a financial readiness workshop
- Attended meeting with bookstore representatives and librarians to plan a survey to circulate between faculty


H. [Campus Events Commission](#)

Miller

- AFROFEST was a success! shoutout NSA!!
- **"LISA FRANKENSTEIN" SCREENING TOMORROW (FEBRUARY 7th)**
  - **7pm**
  - **Landmark Westwood**
- **"BRIDESMAIDS" SCREENING FEBRUARY 13th**
  - **7pm in AGB**
  - **collab with ASUCLA**
- NoonTunes on Thursday!
- had our new hire orientation and director's retreat
- working on ASU collaboration for BHM
- Indie-Rock concert coming this quarter

I. [Community Service Commissioner](#)

Wong

- Houselessness Days of Service was a success, thanks all for coming out to support.
- We have a raffle for our CSC Listserv, where we're giving out gift cards and prizes to 6 lucky winners. Follow our IG and subscribe to our listserv for service opportunities and updates
  - [Subscribe to CSC ListServ](#)
- Nonprofit Networking Night on Thursday 5pm - 8pm
  -  [2024 NNN Program.pdf](#)
- Supported our project VNLC for their Tet Festival!

J. [Cultural Affairs Commissioner](#)

Verdugo

K. [Facilities Commissioner](#)

Curran

**Upcoming Events/Announcements:**

- Sustainagoals is going to be promoting the Kerckhoff reusable mug program next Wednesday, February 14, at Kerckhoff Patio. There will be sustainable prizes to incentivize people to download the Reuzzi app.
- The Disabled Student Union is collecting anonymous data about permanent incomplete notations on transcripts, as well as academic and financial penalties due to these incompletes. Please share [this form](#) widely!
- We were alarmed at the content of the [recent Daily Bruin article](#) detailing CAE's understaffing and the way that it's been incredibly harmful for students with disabilities. We will be working with SWC and IVP on outreach methods.

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

- Our Access on Board team is working on re-joining the Disabilities and Computing Program to support the MetaMaps project.
- Our Access on Board team is also working on a presentation about the Disability Cultural Center to present at next week's UCOD meeting.
- Our Transportation, Equity, and Access project is collaborating with the Institution of Transportation Studies on an event talking about universal basic mobility and mobility justice.
- We received an update from UCLA Transportation regarding UPASS use and renewal as of February 1st. Over 13,000 students ordered their pass for the Winter Quarter! Here are the number of individual taps recorded for the top ten agencies:
  - Big Blue Bus - 110,604
  - Metro - 96,439
  - Culver CityBus - 15,929
  - Metro Micro - 1,906
  - LADOT Commuter Express - 1,794
  - Long Beach Transit - 1,216 (includes 182 local rides besides the route to UCLA)
  - Antelope Valley Transit - 558 (includes 11 local rides)
  - Foothill Transit - 398 (includes 170 Silver to Silver rides)
  - Santa Clarita Transit - 302 (includes 23 local rides)
  - Gardena - 132 rides
- We are also planning on collaborating with UCLA Transportation to deliver more clear messaging regarding and bolster UPASS renewal, as well as virtual UPASS use!
- The Building our Space team is collaborating with UCLA Recreation to find spaces to host this quarter's Study Nights, which is a space appreciation/utilization project that usually takes place during Finals Week.

#### **Sustainability:**

- I re-established connections with the Buy Your Values coalition. We will be working together to advocate for workers' rights and sustainability standards at UCLA.
- Environmental Justice Now! met with the Westwood Farmers Market and will be tabling for Healthy Streets LA to increase voter turnout and promote Students 4 Safer Streets. They will also be working with EVP's BruinsVote!

#### **Appointments/Committees:**

- I met with the OSAC team to discuss office space applications for the 2024-2026 period. The applications will be released within the next few weeks and the goal is to have office space allocated by the time USAC Elections have been decided in May. OSAC is also hiring committee members!
- I attended today's TGIF allocation week meeting and introduced myself to the rest of the committee.
- I resumed communication with the Transportation Services Advisory Board and will be attending the Winter Quarter meeting on Friday.

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

- I met with SGS staff to begin the onboarding process. I gained access to the FAC budget, mailbox, workflow system, etc.
- 1/26: We met with AVC Mick DeLuca, AVC Suzanne Seplow, and ResLife event coordinators to discuss a potential temporary space for a Disability Cultural Center on the Hill.

L. [Financial Supports Commissioner](#)  
 M. [Student Wellness Commissioner](#)  
 - [USAC Meeting Agenda](#)

Broukhim  
 Kang

- Commissioner Updates
  - Check your emails: proposing a resolution advocating for academic leniency and campus safety in light of Israel Palestine; will be introduced next week
  - Working on ASU/HC x USAC x UCSA Pan-African Mental Health Awareness Week with Thyra
- SWC Updates
  - [Weekly SWC E-Board & Committees' Updates Sheet](#)
  - Peer Support Lounge open through week 10!
    - Kerckhoff 308 open to all students for snacks, coffee, tea, lounge space
    - Tuesdays through Thursdays weekly from 10am-5pm
  - 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: "The new Student Regent is coming next week and I am still finalizing the location and everything so big. Thank you to the EVP office and Eva for helping out. I believe I got an email from her so I will schedule the USAC meeting with the Student Regent so I am just coordinating with the GSA and as soon as I get the day I will let everyone know."
  - Jessica: "Not many updates but just wanted to share that we have a lot of great programs coming up by ASUCLA so please if you are around the union, check them out. We also have signups open currently for the ping pong tournament which is going to be really exciting so there are doubles or singles so if you have a friend and you want to enter into this ping pong tournament. The winners are each going to get a \$150 gift card to the UCLA store so please sign up if you have any interest."
  - Jonathan: "CALFRESH is now accepted at the Luvalle Commons store so that is exciting. I think that is now at all of the stores which is exciting. Another friendly reminder that if you have a funding body, your allocations are due to SGA weekly. We have been telling you since week one that REQ's are due this week. Tomorrow is the last chance to sign up for the Talent Show. I know your wonderful Naomi is performing so you can go and perform alongside her."

## **IX. Old Business**

## **X. New Business**

- A. [Resolution in Support of a Heavy Rail Line Along LA Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor\\*](#) Jussim
- Tabled until next week.
- B. [Discussion on Incomplete Notations](#) Sridhar
- Sujana: "I have been kind of speaking about incomplete notations in my officer reports throughout my term but I feel that I have recapped it so many times that I probably don't need to recap it anymore but the official proposal that is being brought to the undergraduate council and graduate council is placed on the agenda for this Friday which is so exciting. It was definitely a process because we asked for a lot of things to supplement the proposal including confirmations of feasibility from the registrar as well as certain data points and many different things. So one important thing that I would like to bring to the table is a demonstration that the undergraduate community is also in support of this proposal and so that is why to accompany this discussion, I have a sign on letter which I sent in the slack. If you think you would like your name on the bottom. This letter just states that we would like the policy to be changed to which is a permanent and complete removal of incomplete notations and the reason that permanent and incomplete is important is because the transcript is used for many different things and is sent externally to employees but also internally between departments so that is especially relevant for graduate students and so on. This is important because there would be no indication that an incomplete was received and it shows on this sign on letter the details on what the policy is exactly. We explain some of the reasoning behind our advocacy for this change which I think I have touched on a few times as well but you know this really does harm students opportunities post grad and within their

undergraduate or graduate time. It disproportionately affects students with disabilities with dependence or with chronic illnesses. As part of our proposal to the academic senate, we have also been collecting public testimony from many undergraduate and graduate students to back this up and we have been getting so many responses and so many students sharing their stories of what a hard time they are having with this.”

C. Personnel Matter

Verdugo

- Jonathan moves to enter into executive session, Alicia seconds.
- By vote of 11-0-0, the motion passes and the executive session is started.
  
- Executive session adjourned at 8:20pm.
- No action taken during executive session.

**XI. Adjournment**

- Naomi adjourns the meeting at 8:21pm.

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