



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
December 8, 2020
7 PM
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123Would303841>

I. Call to Order

Riley

- Naomi calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Signed via Google Docs

II. Approval of Agenda*

Luong

- Add Discussion Item to New Business - Attendance
 - Strike AAC officer report
 - Strike TGMF
 - Strike ASRF
 - Strike BAG
 - Strike Capital Contingency
 - Strike SFS
 - Strike SWC programming fund
 - Strike ARCF
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- Breeze motions to approve the agenda as amended, Sachi seconds
 - By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, agenda approved as amended

III. Approval of the minutes*

Luong

12/1/2020 minutes

- Breeze motions to approve 12/1/2020 minutes, Promise seconds
- By motion of 8-0-3 the motion passes, 12/1/2020 minutes are approved

IV. Public Comment

Riley

Alex: Good evening everyone. My name is Alexander Barry and I work in the Office of the President as the Congressional Advisory Board Operations Director. I'm here today to speak in favor of adoption of the last two resolutions under the New Business heading, those are kind of collectively the resolutions, the CAB input resolution set. Those resolutions will allow organizations represented on CAB to send representatives to USAC and allow them to speak on certain resolutions that are under consideration. Over the past quarter I've had the opportunity to work with a lot of wonderful advocates in my work on the Congressional Advisory Board and it's truly been a privilege to have learned from their viewpoints and opinions to learn about the communities that they represent and to work alongside them to push their views and ideas. I think that at the conclusion of this quarter, it's important that council move to bring these individuals in as well, because I've gained so much from the experience of hearing their input and I know given the opportunity to do so, and through the adoption of this special role and through the guidelines that we've outlined, these advocates will be able to make a real impact on the work that USAC does and provide real material input on resolutions in a way that will allow you all to make policy that's better and more representative of the interest of all of your constituents. Thank you.

Kristi: Hello, my name is Kristi Mai, and I am the External Vice President of the Vietnamese Student Union and the Community Advocacy Coordinator for the Asian Pacific Coalition. I want to voice my strong support for USAC's Congressional Advisory Board because it will increase student access and allow us to address our concerns directly to USAC and administrators. CAB would allow for greater collaboration between student organizations on issues ranging from how to support students during COVID to basic needs to sexual violence on our campus, and I believe that CAB will only help decrease barriers to accessing resources while increasing communication to the student body.

Angela: Hi my name is Angela and I'm the Director of the Asian Pacific Coalition and also the Vice Chair of the Campus Retention Committee. APC is a part of CAB and I just wanted to share my support of CAB because it's incredibly important that USAC really does represent the diverse student body. CAB allows an opportunity to amplify and uplift the voices of student leaders who are already familiar with conditions and I just wanted to thank Naomi and Alex for starting CAB and giving us the opportunity to share our thoughts.

- Public comment concluded at 7:14

V. Funding

Capital Contingency*

_____ Minasyan

Contingency Programming*

Minasyan

Total requested: \$4,284.71

Total recommended: \$3,441.57

7 non-USAC entities, 1 USAC entity

- Promise motions to approve \$3,441.57 to 7 non-USAC entities and 1 USAC entity, Sachi seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, Contingency allocation is approved

SFS Allocations#

_____ Wisner

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

_____ Read

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

_____ Arasasingham

ASRF Allocations#

_____ Velazquez

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

_____ Velazquez

ARCF Allocations#

_____ Ogunleye

TGIF

Cooper

- Allocated \$85,000 to ASUCLA to implement Calfresh POS compatible system
- Allocated \$3,000 to fund future TGIF positions

VI. Special Presentations

USAC Seat at the Table Initiative

Riley

The Pediatric AIDS Coalition at UCLA (PAC)

Initiatives and Challenges of the 2020-21 academic year

Who are we?

- The Pediatric AIDS Coalition is a philanthropic organization that aims to defeat the stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS and to raise money to make existing treatments available to HIV + mothers so that they do not pass the virus to their child
- With roughly 140 members, PAC is the largest student organization on the UCLA campus and the largest student-run nonprofit organization on the West Coast
- PAC hosts UCLA's largest annual philanthropic event in Pauley Pavilion: Dance Marathon

Our cause: why pediatric AIDS?

- Because an AIDS free generation is possible!
 - Children at risk of mother-to-child transmission of HIV are extremely vulnerable in utero, during childbirth, and when breastfeeding. Without treatment, the chance of an HIV+ mother giving birth to an HIV+ child can be as high as 45%. However, with antiretroviral medication and proper care during childbirth, doctors are able to reduce the chance of mother-to-child transmissions to less than 2%
 - But, due to widespread stigma surrounding HIV and limited access to HIV testing and holistic reproductive healthcare, over 400 are born HIV+ every day.

Dance Marathon

- Dance Marathon is PAC's annual 26-hour-long event in Pauley Pavillion that aims to raise money and spread awareness in the fight to end Pediatric HIV/AIDS and the stigma surrounding it.

- When people (mostly UCLA students) register for Dance Marathon, they pledge to take a literal stand against HIV/AIDS, by staying on their feet (yep, no sitting) for all 26 hours of the event! They also pledge to raise a minimum of \$10 for every hour they're standing.
- Dance Marathon is also an educational event. Dancers are joined by our child sponsors, who are all kids who are either infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, guest speakers, and representatives from our beneficiaries.

Our Beneficiaries

- Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (70%)
- UCLA AIDS Institute (15%)
- The Laurel Foundation (14%)
- PAC's Direct Service (1%)

PAC has 18 committees:

- Catering
- Corporate relations
- Finance
- Fundraising
- Operation
- Rublicity
- Public relations
- Cause engagement
- Design
- University relations
- Student relations
- Community relations
- Family relations
- Dancer relations
- Media
- Morale
- Entertainment
- Moraler Relations and Internal (MRI)

Challenges we are facing due to the pandemic

Our main challenge this year is figuring out how to plan and market Dance Marathon when the public health guidelines for five months from now remain uncertain.

- We are hoping to have some type of hybrid/in-person event if possible but, again, don't know if it will be safe or possible to have any in-person component.
- If we commit to planning an entirely virtual event the question remains: what will that look like?
- How do we market an event when we don't know what it will look like?
 - This impacts...
 - The amount of dancers we are able to register
 - Corporate sponsors willing and able to get involved
 - The overall experience for our child sponsors
 - The amount of money we are able to raise for the cause
- Committee -specific challenges (from some of our steering directors):
 - Finance: "Can't apply for grants/funding we normally do because our program/schedule has changed and the traditional USAC funding process doesn't work well with being virtual (slow, requires solid plans, etc)"
 - Student Relations : "having to rely upon virtual means of communication and promotion. Unable to put on events where members of various student orgs can physically interact. With the uncertainty of the year, orgs are at various stages of involvement, making it harder to build connections."
 - Internal Relations: "Significantly harder to facilitate the internal community culture of PAC using only virtual platforms. A huge part of what makes PAC such a great organization is our cohesion and closeness and that is a struggle this year"
 - Cause Engagement: "difficulty connecting with other club members on a personal basis"

- Corporate Relations: “Can’t use previous/have to redesign Corpo-benefits, schedule was changed, not all companies/businesses have as much disposable income as they typically do, uncertain nature of DM due to Covid makes corpo’s logistics difficult”
- Operations: “the transition from virtual to hybrid/ physical bc deadlines are still in place to get permits and locations & we fear that everyone is gonna start asking us for stuff in a time frame that doesn’t work

Initiatives for the year

- Dance Marathon in one form or another!
- DM sponsors, silent auction, Duffl + other fundraisers, potential CEC x PAC sponsors
- Organizing PAC around HIV - specific advocacy or activism, connecting with media outlets and speakers, keeping PAC up to date with current events
- Running high school curriculums around HIV, outreach to other colleges for DM registration, connecting members of local organizations with the student body (forum nights, volunteering)
- Connecting with fellow student organizations and creating solidarity between the diverse interests and populations of our UCLA community. Co-programmed events w/ various social and cultural student orgs (movie nights, forum discussions, presentations) to broaden the discussion around the causes of PAC and other campus orgs
- Social media marketing, events in collaboration with other campus organizations, events in collaboration with local organizations
- Facilitating internal social culture of PAC and coordinating moralers at dance marathon
- Recently joined the Student Health Network and finalized our role as an SWC affiliate

CALPIRG Quarterly Update

Rai

CALPIRG Fall 2020 Quarter in Review

Mission

- CALPIRG Students’ mission is train student leaders to act on problems that affect the lives of all Californians and to promote solutions.
- We do this by combining the energy of students with the expertise of professional staff including advocates and organizers who work both on and off campus to advocate for the public.

Statewide Organization

- WE have chapters at 8 of the UCs
 - Expanded to other schools over the summer! (USC, Oxy, UCM...)
- Student Board of Directors
 - 36 elected student members
 - Voters on budget + statewide lead campaign + approves new campaigns
- UCLA Board Representatives:
 - UCLA has 6 representatives on our state board
- Statewide Executive Committee
 - 6 students elected from the Board of Directors
 - 3 of the committee members are from UCLA!
 - Drives statewide priorities

CALPIRG @ UCLA

- 252 Volunteers
- 80 Interns
- 7,800 students educated via online class presentations
- More than 12,000 students on our email list

Campaigns

- NVP
- BruinsVote
 - Made up of 40 individual student groups, UCLA Athletics, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Marching Band, and UCLA Housing. Led by CALPIRG’s New Voters Project and EVP

- Partnerships with @UCLA @UCLAHousing @UCLAAthletics @UCLASpiritSquad @UCLAMarchingBand
- Over 2.4k students registered in all of 2020
- Over 2.8k GOTV banking and text banking contacts made
- Hunger and Homelessness
 - Raised over \$2,000 for LA Food Bank
 - Hosted a basic needs panel with speakers from CPO, Semel HCI, SWC, Swipe out Hunger, Bruin Resource Center, Bruin Shelter, and Res Life
 - Had over 60 attendees!
 - Reached 43,000 people about UCLA resources through digital efforts
 - Federal lobby day - met with 60 elected officials for COVID relief bill
- 100%
 - Working to commit California to 110% clean electricity
 - 79 people in attendance
 - Gathered 283 petitions in 3 weeks
- Affordable Textbooks
 - UC wide open textbook grant program!
 - Working with professors and UC regents
 - Goal: open resource textbooks so they are cheaper or even free for students

Organizational Highlights

Fall Kickoff

- 123 students attended our Kickoff Meeting this quarter! This was the largest PIRG kickoff meeting across the country
- Speakers including CA Assemblymember Kamlager Dove, CALPIRG Executive Director Emily Rusch, and EVP Aiden Arasasingham

Pledge Drive

- 460 new members
- 4300 total pledging members
- 13% pledging

Next Quarter

- 100% Lead campaign
- Also running:
 - Textbooks
 - End oil drilling
 - NVP
 - Antibiotics

Elections Board Stipends*

Tun

- Justin motions to approve special request to increase the four E-Board Director stipends to \$112 per week, one Vice Chair to \$112 per week, and the Chair stipend to \$142 per week for the 2020-2021 academic year, Promise seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, special request for stipend increases have been approved

Graduate Services Equity

Santos

Jp/ Letty

JP: Hey USAC, it's nice meeting you all. I'm JP Santos, I'm a fifth year PhD candidate in electrical engineering, I'm also the GSA President this year.

Letty: Hi y'all, I'm Letty Travino, I'm a fifth year PhD student in the department of Spanish and Portuguese. I'm this year's Vice President for Academic Affairs. My pronouns are she/her/hers/ella.

JP: So the reason that we wanted to come to council is because we wanted to kind of get undergraduate support. I know many undergraduates often think about graduate school, especially around this time of year. One of the things that is actually really interesting about this concept of graduate services is the idea that, many of you are undergrads obviously, and the services you have although you may think maybe it requires a little bit of work, what happens is that the services that are provided for graduate students are actually lacking severely compared to undergraduate services. The thing is that it's not just lacking in the sense the generic of the word, but it's understaffed, underfunded. The reason why this is so important is that for graduate school and especially just for those who may be going to law or Anderson for business school, the reality is that we are very much [indiscernible]. The nature of our programs it's not as intermingled as undergraduate education. For example, before I was in GSA I was just huddled up in Engineering 4 all the time, and that pretty much made a [indiscernible] effect. What that has really done is that essentially campus resources for example has decreased individual academic departments and even academic professors who you do research for, has often endorsed the idea that resources local to the academic department or local to the research is much more important than essential campus resources. At the same time, resources has take that attitude from faculty and used that as an excuse to not use our student fees in proportion to our population and actually use that to ignore and neglect a lot of our student resources. One example I often tell is that for career services, graduate students who are about 12,000-13,000 students total on campus, there's only one graduate career advisor that services all 13,000 students. I believe for undergraduate there's about 5-10. What I'm saying is that graduate services needs to be at least on par to what our population is that consists within UCLA. What this resolution is actually doing is that I'm asking council to vote and support this resolution because we really feel that, for example, many of you are going toward graduate studies and the reality is that once you transition from undergraduate education to graduate education, the type of services you enjoyed in undergraduate is not gonna be on par when you become a graduate student at all. What we're doing with this resolution is that we're actually calling on student affairs to make, for example, the orientation that you enjoyed as undergrads on par with GSO. Our orientation right now is not funded by Student Affairs whatsoever. The campus does not campaign our orientation as essential Bruin experience. Orientation is important because essential services and resources are disseminated to the student body. That's actually what we're asking for, is that Student Affairs in the graduate division actually pay attention and market these events as essential Bruin experiences. The third thing in this resolution is actually calling for the EVCP's office to actually support better staffing to graduate career services quantitatively and qualitatively on par with undergraduate career services at least on population percentage. Finally, we're asking for the Chancellor to actually create this specific standing committee within UCLA that's actually composed of the GSA and various institutional units between UCLA that only talks about how services and resources are disseminated to graduate students and how we can improve that because right now there really is no motivation and no institutional reason why Student Affairs needs to focus on graduate students. The reality is that graduate students still amount to about 28% of our population at UCLA. So there's got to be more logistical support so that we can have better services for graduate professional students.

Letty: If we're looking at higher education nationally, this is a huge issue. The way that universities are designed is that they're designed to support and think about the undergraduate student body. I know that sounds a little ludacris, but that is the truth of the matter. When you're looking at student services, when you're looking at student affairs services, when you're looking at student support and retention programming, almost all of it is geared towards undergraduates. And I say this from experience, because for the last 5 years at UCLA I've sat on any number of different committees. Almost every time we're talking about students, we're talking about undergraduate students, we're not actually talking about graduate students. When you're talking to faculty and you're talking about inclusive pedagogy or student support, they'll tell you what they do for their undergraduate students if they do anything. Graduate students never come across anyone's mind. That's the kind of culture we're working against. All of these challenges are coming together to make is so that one, graduate students are isolated, two, if you're looking at the rates of anxiety and depression, graduate students have some of the highest levels of mental health illnesses. When you're looking at academia as a whole, they are only second to the U.S. military in terms of corruption and abuse. A lot of graduate students are facing different types of abuse. It runs the gambit of intimidation, retaliation, sexual harassment, extortion, name it and someone in our population has been through it. When you're looking at the kinds of services that are graduate specific, we're understaffed and underfunded. I've sat on Graduate Student Orientation Committee for the last three years, orientation is run by students, which is impressive, but that's a problem. It's a problem that the onboarding system for graduate students on this campus is run by students. We do get administrative support from the Graduate Resource Center, but the actual programming, reaching out to people, thinking up the event, and when it was in person, the manual labor was all run by students and volunteers. Frankly speaking only two students are compensated per orientation event. So that's also a huge problem in terms of compensation for our labor. EDI faces the same kinds of struggles. If we're looking at retention in graduate school, students of color, students from marginalized backgrounds, and students from vulnerable populations are less likely to finish their graduate career by a significant margin. In my time at UCLA I have seen five women drop out of their PhD. That's just kind of the

background in terms of the culture we're working against that isn't singular against UCLA but we're trying to combat it here at UCLA.

- Breeze motions to move the agenda item "A Resolution for Graduate and Professional Equity at UCLA*" up to be voted on, motion passes by consent

A Resolution for Graduate and Professional Equity at UCLA*

Luong

- Emily motions to approve A Resolution for Graduate and Professional Equity at UCLA, Aidan seconds
 - By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, resolution is approved

VII. Appointments

Ye Jin Kwon to ASUCLA Communications Board*

Riley

- Promise motions to appoint Ye Jin Kwon to ASUCLA Communications Board, Emily seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, Ye Jin Kwon is appointed to ASUCLA Communications Board

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Riley

- Met with Sarah in housing, talked about subcommittee and the plan for next year
- Had another campus renaming committee meeting today, creating an FAQ
- Had a town hall this week, questions about deferment and positive cases rising
- Divest /invest faculty has released abolition reel

B. Internal Vice President

Luong

- Office graduated 41 interns on Monday
- Pets n Prep event December 12th at 7pm
- Game Night December 10th at 7pm
- True Bruin Raise award will happen this year, \$50 per student, apps due Week 3
- Rent College Pads is on home stretch of implementing this platform

C. External Vice President

Arasasingham

The **Bruin Advocacy Grant** began its first Winter Quarter funding cycle this week. The application deadline was on 11/27 and we received three applications to support the advocacy work of student organizations on campus. Emails were sent out to the applicants and they signed up for a hearing time for the BAG Committee to ask questions. The BAG Hearing Committee held the first hearing of the quarter with the Afrikan Student Union. We have two more hearings next week and will be sending out our first allocations for BAG during Week 10.

- *Want to learn more about the Bruin Advocacy Grant? Click [here](#)*

The **Double the Pell Panel** was extremely successful. We had about 70 students and community members attend the event which discussed the current status of the Pell Grant, the reasons for doubling it, and the best routes for advocacy to achieve that goal. The event featured Vice Provost Youlanda Copeland-Morgan, UCLA Financial Aid Executive Director Marvin Smith, UCLA Associate Director of Federal Relations Ashley Dominguez, California Student Aid Commission Executive Director Marlene Garcia, and UCLA student Moises Garcia.

- *Didn't get a chance to see the panel? Watch on our [Facebook Page](#)*

D. General Representative 1 Written

Lee

E. General Representative 2

Rodriguez

F. General Representative 3 Written

Wade

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Velazquez

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Naland

I. Community Service Commissioner Written

Wisner

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Cooper

EXTERNAL

TGIF

- Allocated \$85,000 to ASUCLA's CalFresh POS system, potential additional allocation of additional \$15,000 for marketing pending detailed budget breakdown
- Allocated \$3,000 for 3 stipended student positions within TGIF: Outreach Coordinator, Social Media Manager, Graphic Designer

John Wooden Board of Governors

- First meeting will be scheduled for early Winter quarter

Buy Your Values

- Hosted a successful panel event with Gen Rep 2 on the importance of supporting worker co-ops with our consumer dollars
- Had over 50 attendees
- Panelists emphasized the importance of collective action and connecting with the stories of workers in making a difference in the apparel industry
- Panelists expressed a desire to continue to work with students and respect for the power of student advocacy

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Written

Garcia

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Read

N. Transfer Representative Written

Bravo

O. International Student Representative Written

Madini

Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Champawat, Geller, O'Connor,

Perez

Patti: Excited to announce we will be collaborating with UCLA Athletics and ASUCLA, we will be hosting a halftime hangout this Saturday

Fernando: Sometime in January the USAC website will be down.

IX. Old Business

Resolution in Support of Academic Accommodation for International Students*

Madini

- Sachi motions to support a Resolution in Support of Academic Accommodation for International Students, Zuleika seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, a Resolution in Support of Academic Accommodation for International Students passes

X. New Business

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE INPUT OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY BOARD*

Riley

- Breeze motions to approve A Resolution Providing Additional Guidelines for the Input of Representatives from the Congressional Advisory Board, Emily seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, resolution is approved

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SPECIAL RULE OF ORDER ALLOWING THE INPUT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY BOARD ON CERTAIN AGENDA ITEMS*

Riley

- Zuleika motions to adopt A Resolution Adopting a Special Rule of Order Allowing the Input of a Representative of the Congressional Advisory Board on Certain Agenda Items, Sachi seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, the resolution is approved

Attendance

Riley

Emily: I just wanted to talk about how we need to understand the importance of coming to council meetings first of all. I think just because our by law mandator is $\frac{2}{3}$ of the quarter doesn't mean we should only be going $\frac{2}{3}$ of the quarter. Council meetings provide an opportunity to provide transparency to the student body, something that we've been working on and I think that's a really important function of our role as representatives. Something else is that in order for me and Naomi to run the meeting it's important for us to know if we have quorum for the day, or not being sure if a council member is going to show up at all because they don't show up very often. I think it's hard for us because we have to count and make sure that we are going to be able to have a meeting. So I just wanted to bring that up and talk about it a little bit. Obviously I do understand that we're all going through hard times, but even joining without your camera can make a difference.

Naomi: I just wanted to echo what Emily said and really emphasize that even if you're not taking your stipend you still need to fulfill your constitutional mandated duty to attend council and make sure that you are attending and being attentive. Like Emily said, I know we're in difficult times but it's still something that we can and should do for the sake of the student body who we have been elected to represent and serve. We just again wanted to echo that. I just wanted to point out too that there are folks who message me on the side and let me know that they can't come, that makes Emily and my job a lot easier because we're not having to worry about quorum, so if you could at least provide that transparency that would be helpful.

Sachi: I appreciate you all bringing this up. I think that we are always advocating for increased accessibility and understanding that everyone is kind of going through it right now, but in our positions on this council and what we signed up for the least we can do is be transparent with each other if not the student body. We can't all make it to every meeting, that's understandable, but every time someone is absent from the table not only is the student body missing that perspective but also that transparency.

XI. Adjournment*

Riley

- Naomi adjourns at 10:45pm

Good and Welfare

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