



AGENDA  
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
 February 9 2021  
 7 PM PST  
 Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/97123303841>

**I. Call to Order**

Riley

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

**A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Signed via Google Docs

**II. Approval of Agenda\***

Luong

- Strike USA Election Calendar special presentation
- Add New Business action item
- Strike Capital Contingency
- Add Noe verbal officer report
- Add discussion item about Surplus
- Strike TGIF
- Strike ARCF
- Strike TGMF
- Strike ASRF
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- Emily motions to add USA Election Code Changes to New Business, Justin seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, USA Election Code Changes added to New Business
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- Emily motions to make USA Election Social Media Guidelines an action item, Justin seconds
- By motion of 8-0-0 the motion passes, item changed to action item
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- Justin motions to approve agenda as amended , Emily seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, agenda approved as amended

**III. Approval of the minutes\***

Luong

2/2/2021

- Breeze motions to approve minutes for 2/2/2021, Emily seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, 2/2/2021 minutes are approved

**IV. Public Comment**

Riley

- Public comment concluded at 7:11pm

**V. Funding**

~~**Capital Contingency\***~~

~~Minasyan~~

**Contingency Programming\***

Minasyan

Total Requested: \$5,035.11

Total Recommended: \$4,755.27

14 non-USAC entities

2 USAC entities

- Sachi motions to approve allocation for \$4,755.27, Justin seconds
- By motion of 8-0-1 the motion passes, Contingency Programming allocation is approved

**SFS Allocations#**

Wisner

**SWC Programming Fund Allocations#**

Read

Total Allocated: \$1,559.93

- No opposition, SWC Programming Fund allocation approved

<u>Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#</u>	Arasasingham
<u>ASRF Allocations#</u>	Velazquez
<u>AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#</u>	Velazquez
<u>ARCF Allocations#</u>	Ogunleye
<u>TGIF</u>	Cooper

## **VI. Special Presentations**

### USAC Budget Viewer

Linder

Jacob Linder: I work as the IT director in the ISR office. I'm also on the board of a CCI and over the past number of months we've been working to make this USAC budget viewing tool to make it easier to view the USAC budget history. So, yeah, it's almost ready to go live on the site, so I'll give you guys like a brief little tour of what it can do. So, we can look at all of the previous years of a USAC budget, and then there's a bunch of cool filters within the tool that allow you to search for exactly what you want to look for. So, like right now, you can see we're on the year 2019 to 2020. And so far, it's only been about 1.3 million inputted for this year, generally there's about like \$10 million a year, as most of you probably know. So what this does is it shows the most popular keywords from within that year's budget and then you can actually filter by these keywords. So for example, if you wanted to filter by all of the items that had something to do with utility, you can just click utility and then you get a cool little filter that says utility at the top, and then you can view the table. Then you can scroll through and you can see all of the individual items that make up that certain section. So the purpose of this tool is to allow you to filter the budget in ways that makes it easier to view exactly what you want to view. So let's say you just want to filter by the amount you can click this amount button, you can do like the highest amount so the \$50,000 charge in October 2019 for maintenance and utility charges. So I can also do searches in the table. So maybe I just want to do a search for maintenance I can type in like, maintenance, and then the table will filter to everything that has something to do with maintenance, like \$76,000. And there's a whole bunch of other ways you can filter things like maybe you want to filter by the fund. See who funded it. So we can see that. So you can see that that a quarter of the stuff for 2019 to 2020 is filtered by membership fees so I can click this and you can see we have it like a membership fee filter added and maybe I want the amounts to just be just large items, maybe I don't really care about the small items. So everything above \$30,000, so I can filter from \$30,000 to \$50,000. And then, now if I look at my table, I can see all of my members all funded by membership fees, that's above \$30,000. And I can remove any type of filters that I want, I can go back I can add different ones filter by General Ledger, I can filter by the date when the thing was added. Maybe I just want to look at stuff that was added from October to December. I can see all the items here so if there's a bunch of, there's a bunch of different ways you can filter things like I can go back to the keywords to get like a, maybe a more visual representation of everything. But anyways, so you can add your filters and then if you look down here, you can see this a copy link button so you can actually link a filter to a certain thing that you want you can copy the link and then you can send it to somebody else so that they can see exactly what you're viewing. So as a way to help analyze the budget, sort of, as a group, you can do that. So, any questions on any of the features of the budget viewer just go ahead.

### International Students Survey

Madini

Effect of the Pandemic on International Undergraduates

#### Demographics

- Number of majors: 67 spanning several departments, divisions, and colleges
- 8% transfers
- 58% have a timezone difference of 12 or more hours
- Includes 15% of incoming undergraduates

#### Key Takeaways

- Survey represents a variety of majors, more leaning towards incoming international (70%) students who reside in timelines with 12 hour difference (58%).
- Social and mental health were the most affected areas by the pandemic and time zone difference.
- Departments were generally more accommodating than individual professors, the majority of lectures are recorded, while 20% of students have required live participation in all of their classes, a half had 3 or more exams after midnight.

- Access to technology is great, but access to services became harder overall.

Bakur: So yeah, here are the results of the recent survey we did on the effects of the pandemic on international undergraduates to be specific this survey ran during the end of winter quarter to spring. So this is the scope of the data. Here's a quick view on the content. We start first with the demographics, so the good things that we have about six or seven departments represented in the survey. Unfortunately only 8% of who responded are transfers so this may be something we need to work on in the future. Generally, the survey demographic is leaning towards incoming internationals with about 70% and then students who are outside of the US and live in a time zone difference of like twelve or more hours that's about 58%. Another good thing is that this survey, the number of responses in this survey from incoming students actually represent about 15% of the income again regardless, which is about like 500 students. This is also seen in the effective time zone difference. So we have you know general well being on time zone difference effects on various areas and we see that, academics and financial although in a sense, we cannot turn a blind eye towards you know those effects in regard to academics and financial but it's still listed here compared to mental and social, especially, social. In terms of academic accommodation, we can see that departments in general were more accommodating than professors. However, the average I would say is in between very accommodating and moderately accommodating, which is not necessarily a bad thing. In terms of lectures, we are doing great in terms of recorded lectures but live participation is still required, there is about 20% of the students who filled out the survey that had all of their classes require live participation with about 50% requiring some type of participation in terms of having exams after midnight. About half of the population had at least three exams after midnight. And just to be clear, for this question we're asking about the total number of exams after midnight since the start of the pandemic, so this would mean, in a sense, since spring quarter because winter everyone was already in the U.S. but spring is where students were already back in their countries and more accurate is also fall because most of the incoming students started from fall. Then we had a select number of issues and we wanted students to rank them. And again, we can see that mental health is coming at the beginning, we can see here also that academic and physical health are also concerns, compared to the start of the pandemic visa issues are at the last end of the importance. Housing and food in general are not the main concerns. But still, there's more than 25% who answer that it's their first concern. So although they are not as important compared to mental health, which is about 50% in terms of, you know, people who are ranked it as first in terms of importance, but still it's 25%-30%. In terms of access to technology, I think this is the sole good news about the survey which is that access to technologies is really great in general. Compared to the many other issues, we're doing great. Then comes access to services, and unfortunately it's all following the same trend in terms of technology, we can see that in general there is reduced, and like, access to services is really reduced but some departments have managed to kind of improve, like the Writing Center and academic counseling Dashew center and in a sense the Career Center. But like CAPS, they're short and the library specifically the library or lacking in terms of adapting to the pandemic seeing this graph. Communication, so this is basically asking students how you rate the communications given by the University in terms of updates and developments. We can see from here that you know it's around average. There is a fair amount of students saying it is poor, and fair and others you know about 33% saying that. Entering the US. Here we are asking for three questions. The first one is, which is basically are they able to come to the US, do they want to come to the US, and will they come to the U.S. So for the first one, we can see that about 56% are able to come to the US but there are others who cannot for different reasons, starting from incoming international students, people who have country's part of a ban imposed by the US or there is like a [indiscernible] of air travel, and generally students are willing and do want to come to the US, about 80%. And there's a general belief that coming to the US would solve their issues and I think this is really because you know the timezone difference issue would be solved. So key takeaways, I think I've already covered them in the previous slides. But generally, as I said, the demographic is leaning towards incoming student international students who reside in a time zone difference of 12 hours, our social and mental health or the most affected areas, departments are generally more accommodating compared to orr professors. About 20% of students have a required life participation in all of their classes, recorded lectures are going well. Half the population had either three or more exams after midnight, access to technology is really great.

LASO ( Latin American Student Organization)

Covid-19 and Remote Learning Student Experience

About Us:

- Founded in 2019
- 35-40 active members pre-pandemic
- Social events

How the pandemic affected our members and us:

- Political instability
- Fear of deportation
- Mental health
- Moving back
- Disengagement

## **VII. Appointments**

- None

## **VIII. Officer Reports**

### **A. President**

Riley

- Working on the Vaccine Panel
- Last week we hosted a debriefing meeting about the Campus Safety Symposium
- Had our UCLA Honorary Naming Committee
- Had a follow up referendum meeting on Friday, agreed that the budgets need to be more comprehensive
- Concluded our [indiscernible] session series
- Response and Recovery Task Force - fall quarter aiming to be in person in a significant manner, trying to take a future planning lens
- Released our Bruin Mentorship Program
- Finished USAC budget and starting an Instagram series about what the USAC budget means and how to interpret it

### **B. Internal Vice President**

Luong

- Thursday - collaborating with other offices and orgs to host the vaccine panel at 6:30pm
- Friday - hosting a Student Worker town hall at 6pm
- Planning True Bruin Raise Award Ceremony
- Campus Safety Alliance meeting this Wednesday
- Post inaugural healing space coming up
- Rent relief award apps will be released tomorrow, closing February 24th
- Starting an Instagram takeover series
- Workshop Week 7
- Campus Safety Alliance planning an abolition panel week 8

### **C. External Vice President**

Arasasingham

-Our Campus Partnerships team hosted **Bruin Advocacy Grant (BAG) hearings** last week. The team had three grants for the organizations UCCRJ, BIPOC Arts, and UC Survivors + Allies and will be allocating funds to them at the end of this week to support their advocacy events.

- In light of the USAC surplus funding hearings that took place on Tuesday, January 19th, the Campus Partnerships team also drafted a proposal to request \$50,000 be put towards an endowment scholarship out of our office. The **Bruin Trailblazers Advocacy Scholarship** would be awarded to one student every year in the amount of \$2,000. The creation of this scholarship is inspired by the BIPOC and other leaders on our campus who take on roles as both students and advocates. The proposal was presented at the hearings and will be determined by council.
- January 19th was a busy day for the office — last Tuesday, Gabe Feiner and Linsay Saginaw from our State Relations team wrote and published the **EVP Office's first [Daily Bruin Op-ed](#)** of the year, "USAC EVP office calls for a California budget more committed to student needs".
- "Our EVP office will continue to pressure lawmakers to incorporate line items not listed in Newsom's proposal. Financial aid explicitly earmarked for undocumented students, especially our non-Deferred Action for Childhood

Arrivals and non-Assembly Bill 540 peers, will provide critical relief for students who are ineligible for many types of state and federal aid, and who have disproportionately shouldered the burden of our health and financial crises.

D. General Representative 1 Written

Laubach

E. General Representative 2 Written

Rodriguez

- Fill out our survey on apparel purchasing preferences at the ASUCLA Store and send it to all those around you: parents, relatives, friends, and anyone else buying from the Store. Survey at [tinyurl.com/BuyYourValues](http://tinyurl.com/BuyYourValues)
- Launched on Instagram and Facebook of FAC and GR2

F. General Representative 3 Written

Wade

- Received information from Swipe Out Hunger to continue building our campaign for food access.
- Amplifying BSAA's work for Black History Month. Every Friday they will be hosting an instagram live to discuss their experiences

Platform 1:

- Sharing student resource lists to share on social media

Platform 2:

- Finalized athlete misconceptions survey. This will be shared soon to identify and then break down misconceptions surrounding the athletic community. This will empower athletes by continuing continue to bridge the gap and tear down the barrier

Platform 3:

- Continuing to reach out to departments across campus to link our survey into their weekly departmental emails. A few have started to work with us

Special Projects:

- Meeting with another mutual aid network
- Creating instagram page and social media content for mutual aid network
- Finalizing the financial process and steps to implement our mutual aid network with several universities and other organizations. Working on the platforms to amplify the resources that will be available

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Velazquez

- Finalizing date for Books for Bruins, hoping to get out gift cards by week 10
- Proposing a seat at the table for student orgs at Academic Senate
- Office hours with UGC, first will probably be held February 18th

H. Campus Events Commission Written

Naland

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wisner

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written

Cooper

**EXTERNAL**

TSAB

- Two student agenda items:
  - Fall plans for commuter student accommodations given the cancellation of the VanPool system
  - USAC FAC and Transportation will collab on a Spring quarter no-contact Bike Recycling day to distribute free bikes to students

Office of Sustainability

- Connected regarding team updates and new projects:
  - Space allocation procedures and revitalization of underutilized space

Center for Accessible Education

- Met to discuss accommodations process and suggestions for improved accessibility

**PROJECTS**

Access on Board

- Upcoming AOB events:
  - All Brains x USAC FAC Access on Board x Blank Space
    - Create Your Own Valentines Day Cards

- Tentatively : Tuesday, Feb 16th, 2021 at 3-4pm
  - Adaptive Recreation
    - Adaptive Gentle Yoga - Monday February 22nd - 4pm - 4:45pm
    - Adaptive Teaching Kitchen - Wednesday February 24th - 5pm - 6pm
- FASTatUCLA x USAC FAC AOB
  - Collaborating on a possible magazine article, web article, and in talks about disability x fashion
  - If you are a student with a disability interested in participating in conversations about disability x fashion and/or a possible photoshoot, please email [fac.accessionboard@usac.ucla.edu](mailto:fac.accessionboard@usac.ucla.edu)
- Recruiting panelists for the USAC FAC AOB Disability x STEM panel
  - If you are an undergraduate student, graduate student, or professor in STEM and interested in participating as a panelist, please email [fac.accessionboard@usac.ucla.edu](mailto:fac.accessionboard@usac.ucla.edu)
  - People with disabilities and allies are encouraged to email! If you have any questions, feel free to email [fac.accessionboard@usac.ucla.edu](mailto:fac.accessionboard@usac.ucla.edu)
  - Those with disabilities do not have to disclose their disabilities in order to participate as a panelist.

#### Blank Space

- Assigned roles for WVIA collab

#### L.I.T. - Lighting and Infrastructure

- Assigned roles for WVIA collab

#### Sustainagoals: Bruin Bazaar

- Processed and began formatting our photos from the Giving Tree Photoshoot
- Began developing a website to give away clothing
- Spoke to TGIF people and moved forward with securing funding
- Sent survey responses to SWC to begin processing orders
- Met with BB people who can't attend our regular meetings to give updates and assign roles

#### Sustainagoals: Enviro-accountability

- Planning to connect with the newly formed team in the IVP Office

#### L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Garcia

- USAC Relief Fund released yesterday, already have over 600 apps
- Bringing readers guidelines to council next week
- Asking for student readers from each of your offices

#### M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written

Read

- Programming fund: This week, \$1559.93 was allocated towards Melanin and Medicine for a research symposium, Mabuhay Collective for a winter wellness event, the Pre-Dental Student Outreach Program for a dental hygiene trivia night, and Mann Mukti for a South Asian LGBTQ+ support circle
- Interested in working with HCI to provide input and help gauge student interest in a health equity minor? Please email [uclaswc@gmail.com](mailto:uclaswc@gmail.com)
- SHN Calendar has launched! Visit [@uclastudenthealthnetwork](https://twitter.com/uclastudenthealthnetwork) to join the network and learn more about upcoming wellness events from orgs across campus
- Registration for Bruin Run/Walk is open! DM for \$5 off

#### Upcoming Events

- Wed Week 6 (2/9): Come to Total Wellness's Valentine's DIY workshop for some valentine's craft inspiration
- Thurs Week 6 (2/9): Attend USAC's Vaccine Panel to learn more about UCLA's vaccine distribution plans
- Thurs Week 6 (2/9): SEARCH is hosting We Regret to Inform You--an event dedicated to failure! Come listen and reflect with professors' experiences of failure and rejection
- Friday Week 6 (2/10): Join Sexperts, Sexual Health Coalition, and UCLA Housing for an event on instagram live
- Sexperts podcast out now! Listen this week for a discussion on dating apps

#### N. Transfer Representative

Bravo

#### O. International Student Representative

Madini

#### Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Champawat, Chacon, Geller, O'Connor,

Perez

Josh: I wanted to talk about as we move into USAC Elections about what your role as council will be. The expectation that we have and that you should have for yourself is really the council does need to remain neutral when it comes to USAC Elections. Normally Dr.Geller or myself goes over this with council each year. So I'm just gonna go through a few things and if there are questions we will hear them. Council, we do need you to remain neutral so what does that mean. That means that council cannot advocate for any particular candidate for any race and must follow the campaign rules by the Election Board. If you are running you cannot use your position or council to support your individual run. In an election season council cannot wear shirts or buttons supporting a candidate during council meetings or any official USAC program or meeting. Council cannot use your official email to promote or endorse candidates and that includes if you are a candidate yourself, you cannot use your office to push your candidacy. As for budgets and your individual offices, your offices cannot endorse or pay for anybody's campaign including your own. Just to be clear, USAC funds cannot be used for anything that's on the ballot. What USAC can do is educate, you can educate about the people on the ballots, you can educate about the referenda, but council cannot say "vote for this referenda" or "don't vote for this referenda" or "vote for this person" or "don't vote for this person". We really wanna make sure you're not taking an individual role in the sense of your position or with your finances. This policy will also apply to council social media. Nothing from the official USAC councils can be posted to promote or endorse a council member running or referenda. What you can do is educate, particularly around referenda. Finally, when it comes to your personal social media, you are allowed to post what you please on your personal social media as long as it follows the Election Board rules.

Patti: ASUCLA is looking to expand a quarterly newsletter, excited to showcase the work you all have been working on. If there's anything you would like to highlight please send it my way.

## **IX. Old Business**

### **TSR Bylaw Change\***

Bravo

#### **USAC Bylaw Change Submission Form**

Was Bylaw Change forwarded from Constitutional Review Committee (CRC)?		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Record of CRC vote:	For: 4	Against: 0	Abstain: 0

Proposed Bylaw Change submitted to USAC by: (if applicable)	Name: <u>Zuleika Bravo</u> Position: <u>Transfer Student Representative</u>
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#### **Proposed change(s) apply to the following Article(s) (including section(s)) of USAC Bylaws:**

Article II, Section C, #4, b, iii  
 Article II, Section C, #4, j  
 Article II, Section C, #4, j, i  
 Article IV Section L. #4, c, i

#### **Summarize and Attach the Bylaw change(s) you are submitting:**

(Additions should be in **bold** and removals should be noted with a ~~strikethrough~~)

#### Article II, Section C, #4, b, iii

- b. All two (2) year appointment positions receiving a stipend, with four (4) undergraduate representatives for two (2) year staggered terms, to be appointed by the President
- i. ASUCLA Board of Directors, with one (1) member designated by the President as an alternate ii. ASUCLA Communications Board
- iii. Student Fee Advisory Committee: **one (1) appointment**
- iv. Student Health Advisory Committee: one (1) appointment

#### Article II, Section C, #4, j, i

**j. The following appointments, to be appointed by the Transfer Student Representative:**

- i) Student Fee Advisory Committee: one (1) stipended appointment**

Article IV Section L. #4, c, i

4. The Transfer Student Representative shall make the following appointments

- a. The Transfer Student Representative shall sit on or appoint to the following committees:
  - i. Committee in Support of the Student-Initiated Yield Programs (Office of the Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs)
  - ii. Transfer Leadership Coalition (Bruin Resource Center)
  - iii. Transfer Pride Week Planning Committee (Transfer Student Center)
- b. The Transfer Student Representative shall oversee the following committees:
  - i. Transfer Leaders Initiative Internship
- c. **The Transfer Student Representative shall appoint, subject to the council's approval, one undergraduate student to the following committees:**
  - i. **Student Fee Advisory Committee**

- Emily motions to approve TSR Bylaw Change, Noe seconds
- By 10-0-0 the motion passes, TSR Bylaw Change is approved

**X. New Business**

USA Election Social Media Guidelines\*

Tun

- Emily motions to make USA Election Social Media Guidelines an action item, Justin seconds
- By motion of 8-0-0 the motion passes, item changed to action item
  
- Emily motions to approve USA Election Social Media Guidelines, Zuleika seconds
- By motion of 9-0-0 the motion passes, USA Election Social Media Guidelines are approved

USA Election Code Changes\*

Tun

Naomi: So Alfred and I over the past weekend had interesting and very good conversations about elections, the calendar itself, and there has been some talk that comes from both sides, I think there's a need to clarify the extent to which council has jurisdiction and authority over the Elections Calendar and also to acknowledge that in certain cases, council overseeing the process and having a final vote on the Election Calendar is an important aspect of our government but also can infringe on the free and fair elections that occur, and that has happened in the past while acknowledging that in the past it's also been the case that council has needed to have jurisdiction over that calendar for issues related to past Election Board chairs and what not. So Alfred and I really took the time to share dialog and to hear each other on these very real concerns and really thought about how can we address this going forward. So if you look at the language in front of you all, what we are essentially proposing is that, should the Election Board release the calendar prior to Week 5 of Tuesday of Winter quarter, the chair will need to present the Election Calendar to council for approval. Any subsequent amendment of the Election Calendar prior to Week 5 shall require USAC's approval through a special presentation. Once Tuesday of Week 5 is over, the chair has the authority to approve the calendar without council's approval. However, the chair shall also do so in cooperation with the council by giving a special presentation to the council in the immediate week following the release of the calendar. This gives USAC enough room to weigh in on the Election Calendar before it's released, but it also gives Election Board the chance to, yknow, if council for whatever reason is not motivated by the correct things they can choose to release the calendar or not have to wait for USAC's approval.

- Emily motions to approve the USA Election Code final changes, Zuleika seconds
- By motion of 9-0-0 the motion passes, USA Election Code changes are approved

Surplus Round 2

Riley

Naomi: I added this to the agenda per Sachi's request about what we should do with the remainder of the surplus. I'm being mindful of the fact that we could get started with talking about surplus but I'm not sure if you all want to do it this quarter or if you all want to wait until Spring quarter.

Emily: I think it's better for us to finish it ahead of time so folks know how much funding they have for their Spring quarter projects.



Zuleika: I second.

Naomi: How do other folks feel? I'm not opposed to that idea either.

Christina: I am totally fine with discussing it in Winter but I just wanted to bring up that, at least for the Student Wellness Commission and maybe some of the other commissions as well, we're kind of anticipating having extra budget that will probably be donated, so I guess that might influence some people's decisions.

Naomi: I would say that falls in line with our politics this year of redistributing to students who are in need. I don't see that being a negative factor if we discuss in the winter. If I propose a timeline, how would you all feel about starting conversations again in Week 8, Week 9 would be the vote. Ok, I'm seeing that it sounds good, other folks seem good with Week 8.

## **XI. Adjournment\***

Riley

- Naomi adjourns at 9:49pm

### **Good and Welfare**

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