



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
April 20 2021  
7 PM PST  
Zoom: <https://ucla.zoom.us/s/97123303841>

## **I. Call to Order**

Riley

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

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

- Signed via Google Docs

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

Luong

- Strike SFS
- Add Transportation Fund Allocation
- Strike BAG
- Strike ASRF
- Strike TGMF
- Strike Capital Contingency
- FAC verbal report
- Gr 3 verbal report
- Strike ARCF
- FSC verbal report
  
- Emily moves to make the USA Election Code item an action item, Justin seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, item changed to an action item
  
- Jonathan moves to approve agenda as amended, Sachi seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

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

Luong

4/13/2021

- Justin moves to approve 4/13/2021, Zuleika seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, 4/13/2021 minutes are approved

## **IV. Public Comment**

Riley

Jason: Hi everyone, my name is Jason Vu and my pronouns are he/they. I'm a fourth year global studies and Asian American studies double major, and I'm also the President of the Vietnamese Student Union at UCLA. I'm here today to voice strong support for the resolution in support of the VISION Act, also known as AB 937. I want to start kind of with an anecdote. It was March 15th when 33 Vietnamese refugees were deported after weeks of activism and organizing among different communities of color and leaders within the immigrant's rights movements. This moment was really shocking for me because we had taken, you know through social media to calling the white house and demanding the flight be stopped and we were met with resounding silence. The silence was deafening. For a lot of the folks who were impacted by this, a major part of the reason why a lot of these folks were able to be deported was immediately after they had served their time in prison, they were immediately picked up by ICE, and this is something that the VISION Act is trying to resolve. By showing support for this act we are trying to stop this direct line between the police and ICE in order to deport our community members. For this reason, I'm calling for strong support and asking the council to also vote in favor of this resolution. This is an issue that not only impacts our communities but we also recognize that it impacts Black, Indigenous and other people of color communities as well. We are in solidarity with them as well. With that, I will yield my time. Thank you.

Prab: Hi y'all, happy earth week. I'm Prab, the previous Calpirg chapter chair. As you guys probably know by now, we're a statewide student org at eight UCs and we advocate for students on issues they care about the most so the environment, supporting basic needs, and getting out the youth vote. More importantly this quarter, we've been working to introduce more

affordable open textbooks to the UCs, ending oil drilling in California and institutionalizing voting to get ready for the next election. We're also getting our state to take even bolder action on climate by going 100% by 2030. There are a few things I wanted to give you an update on from the past week. I mentioned last week that we would be electing a new board for next year, we just had those elections yesterday and we had a really solid race and I wanted to share who won. Our new chapter chair is Rada Patel, our new vice chair is Shaun Kim, and our members at large are Adriana Schweiger, Daniel Turner, Grace Leary, and [indiscernible]. It's definitely a great team of people and I really look forward for them working with you guys and the new council once they are elected in and you will get to meet all of them officially at the end of the quarter presentation that we do to the old and new council. I'm also going to be around a lot, and I also found out where I'm going next year, I'm going to be a campus organizer at Berkeley, I found out like an hour ago so I'm pretty excited about that. The last thing I wanted to mention is that our statewide climate action summit is on Earth Day which is this Thursday. So one of the ways that we wanted to build up grassroots power and visibility for our 100% by 2030 campaign is with this upcoming climate summit. So Calpirg students are hosting a summit, it's a statewide event to bring together hundreds of student activists, experts, and policy leaders for a day of workshops, panels, and discussions. It's going to be from 10am-3pm, we want to have 300 people there. We already have more than 800 RSVP'd so we're doing pretty good. We did a lot of outreach beyond UC campuses and also the community colleges and CSUs but that's to show the governor all the support for 100% clean energy by 2030. We'd love to have you all attend, that includes council and any members of the public that are on, it's 10am-3pm but feel free to jump in and out. It's definitely a cool experience, I'll actually be moderating the youth activist panel happening at 12 where we'll have [indiscernible] who is an environmental student activist at the University of Hawaii, [indiscernible] who is a youth game changer awardee from the California Energy Commission, and Natalie Olivas who is a community organizer. I have the RSVP here if you want to fill it out. Thank you all for your support this past year and thank you all for the roles you play in working to make the world a better place. I think especially in light of today, it's pretty obvious that it's not easy, it's never been, but just remember we have to challenge the world is to actually get that better world. I will see you guys soon.

Sarah: Hi everyone, I'm Sarah Munoz, I use she/her pronouns. I am a second year linguistics and philosophy major here at UCLA. I just wanted to talk about climate change. As we all know, climate change has been a major area of concern for many years. I was personally first exposed to it in middle school when I served in the Environmental Committee in my district's model United Nations. Even from the age of twelve, I have known that the world is on a clock. Every year that passes is just a reminder that we have not done enough to save it. We all know that this is not a small problem and it will not go away on its own. So we as a community need to put our heads together and do something right now before it is too late. Since California is the largest economy of any state in the U.S. and the fifth largest in the world, by switching to clean energy it can make a clear difference that can inspire countless others to combat climate change. Their efforts can contribute to the preservation of vital habitats and resources and this small investment could result in the saving of innumerable lives. So this is why I came here to support USAC's resolution and why I believe y'all should too. Thank you.

Anusha: Hi everyone, thank you so much. My name is Anusha and I go by she/her pronouns and I'm a first year dance major volunteering with Calpirg's 100% clean energy by 2030 campaign. I'm also here speaking on behalf of the resolution to show support to get California to speed up their commitment to 100% clean energy by 2030. Speaking on behalf of my experience living in the bay area of Northern California, the effects of climate change are especially prominent, and one example being the wildfires which directly threaten our community and the environment and the lives of others. Additionally, as we all know, heavily seen in Los Angeles and additional many other areas, vulnerable communities are disproportionately exposed to harmful effects of climate change, such as fossil fuels that are literally right out front of their doors. It's important that we fight against climate change by taking action right now to stop it in order to ensure a livable and equitable future for all of us. Moving away from dirty energy and toward clean energy is the clear solution to do this. That's why I'm here to support and encourage passing the resolution and USAC in support of moving our state toward clean energy as this would also be very beneficial to the future collective. As Sarah also mentioned and I wanted to reiterate, not only would this create a cleaner future but UCLA taking lead on environmental and social justice issues can be a huge model and inspiration for more campuses and local governments to follow seeing that this transition is possible and that young people are behind it. Thank you so much.

Jennifer: Hello, my name is Jenny Cao and my pronouns are she/her. I'm a second year Cognitive Science major here at UCLA and I believe that California needs to take another step forward in fighting climate change by committing to 100% clean energy by 2030 and making this issue truly a priority. I'm from Agoura Hills and just a few years ago we all had to evacuate because of the Woolsey fire. Two of my friends lost their homes in that fire, three people lost their lives. This is a community that the exact same time was devastated by the mass shooting at Borderline Thousand Oaks. When you look at these instances, it's really easy

to get caught up in the specific contributing factors, it's easy to forget that they're both symptoms of much larger problems, that the fire wasn't just a one off incident. It was part of a larger pattern, and when you see that pattern especially firsthand, it's hard to deny the far reaching and damaging effects of climate change and what it's done and it's continuing to do to our communities. SB 100 was a huge step forward and I want to recognize that but with the recent joining industry report draft we know that 2045 isn't the best we can do, you know, outlines past to reach our goal by significantly sooner than that by 2030. While I do think this sounds ambitious, I think we need to be ambitious for an issue like climate change which is so often pushed to the side as a future problem and not the current problem that it is. That's why I think it's important for USAC to pass the resolution in support of moving our state toward 100% clean energy by 2030. Thank you for your time.

Jamie: Hi, my name is Jamie and my pronouns are she/hers and I'm a second year Psycho-Biology major. I am the current Political Advocacy Coordinator of the Vietnamese Student Union, and today I'm here to express my support for the resolution of AB 937. So I wanted to start off by stating that despite President Biden's 100 day deportation moratorium, thirty-three Vietnamese refugees have been scheduled to be deported by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement and for this reason I believe it's important to recognize that our justice system does not work for the rights of undocumented individuals, refugees, and immigrants. Rather than providing members of our marginalized communities with justice, the system instead removes this justice by separating individuals from their families through deportation and sending them to detention centers. And again, rather than working to create a reform for laws that hurt undocumented citizens, the criminal justice system cruelly augments punishment and seems to make no progress in working for the rights of all individuals. For all these reason, I support the resolution of AB 937 and taking this step to prevent the deportation of Southeast Asian refugees while also reforming the criminal justice system for all marginalized communities which disregards the rights of refugee, immigrant and undocumented individuals. For this reason overall, I believe that the resolution for AB 937 should be passed.

Alfred: Hi council members, just a public comment about the endorsement guidelines for USAC and for USAC offices. So I sent an email to all council members yesterday about the endorsement process for USAC and USAC offices and these instructions can be found on our website at [www.uclaelectionsboard.org](http://www.uclaelectionsboard.org) or in the email. Essentially, the process for USAC to endorse this year is that USAC simply needs to put an action item, and you just need to vote, and a simple majority is needed for USAC to officially endorse a ballot proposition. This year we have allowed USAC to endorse both ballot propositions, both constitutional amendments and referendums. But USAC is not allowed to endorse candidates. I would highly encourage USAC to hold a vote on its endorsements the next week because the next week is honestly the latest time that could be possible given that if you extend it a week afterwards it's going to be in voting week and it might be a little bit too late. So I will recommend you decide to hold a vote the next week for the endorsements. As for separate USAC offices, separate USAC offices can also endorse both constitutional amendments and referenda. The way that they do it is just completing the endorsement process that's also outlined on our website. If you have any questions about the endorsement process you can message me, email me, and I'll be happy to provide further clarification on the endorsements process. Thank you all for listening.

- Public comment concluded at 7:23pm

## **V. Funding**

### **Capital Contingency\***

Minasyan

### **Contingency Programming\***

Minasyan

Total Requested: \$7,710.52

Total Recommended: \$6,893.14

16 non-USAC entities

- Emily moves to approve \$6,893.14 to 16 non-USAC entities, Justin seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, Contingency Programming allocations are approved

### **SFS Allocations#**

Wisner

### **SWC Programming Fund Allocations#**

Read

\$850.00 allocated

- No opposition, SWC Programming Fund allocation passes by consent

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Arasasingham

ASRF Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Velazquez

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Velazquez

ARCF Allocations# \_\_\_\_\_ Ogunleye

TGIF \_\_\_\_\_ Cooper

- \$25,000 allocated to Pandemic Relief Fund
- \$225,00 allocated to a second round for the Pandemic Relief fund

Community Service Transportation Funds# \_\_\_\_\_ Wisner

- \$3,792.58 allocated to 3 non-CSC groups and 1 CSC group
- No opposition, CSTF allocation passes by consent

## **VI. Special Presentations**

USAC Seat at the Table Initiative

Riley

CalFresh Initiative

Mission

- The CalFresh Initiative at UCLA began in 2017 in order to bring awareness to and promote CalFresh (SNAP) as a resource to the thousands of college students that are eligible on our campus, in order to fight food insecurity and support healthy eating habits.

Eligibility

- Work study (do not have to be working a work study job) -OR-
- Cal Grant A-OR-
- Work more than 80hrs/month and make under \$2128/month -OR-
- Have (a) child/dependent(s)
- NEW: EFC is zero
- \*cannot live on the hill
- Can convert stipends into monthly income by dividing by the federal minimum wage (\$7.25)
- In general, CalFresh eligibility is available to most immigrants
- Eligible household members can get CalFresh benefits even if other members of the household are not eligible
- Individuals with a student, tourist, or work visas are not eligible to apply

Apply for CalFresh:

- Verification Documents\*
  - ID Card
  - Rent/Lease Agreement
  - Schedule of Classes
  - Proof of Financial Aid
  - (optional) Pay Stubs
  - Not all required, but recommended to bring as many as applicable for your case
  - EFC is zero
- FAQs
  - CF does not affect financial aid
    - Financial aid does not count as income
  - Apply as a 1 person household
  - Main communication is through the mail or phone
- Come to virtual office hours!
  - Make an appointment: [calendly.com/uclacalfresh](https://calendly.com/uclacalfresh)
  - Drop ins also welcome
  - Enroll online: [getcalfresh.org/s/ucla](https://getcalfresh.org/s/ucla)
- Moving off the Hill
  - Who is eligible

- University apartments
- Non-university apartments
- Sorority and fraternity
- Co-op residents
- Residents can apply as soon as they move into their new off-campus address

Renew CalFresh

- 6 months: SAR-7
- 1 year: recertification process
  - In the mail or DPSS website

Other Food Security Resources

- CPO Food Closet
- CPO Grocery Bundles
- Meal Voucher Program
- 580 Cafe
- HCI Sunset Rec Garden Plots
- Bruin Dine
- Swipe Out Hunger
- FITTED Eats
- Economic Crisis Response Team
- Financial Wellness Program
- Basic Needs Coordinator
- CPO Holiday Boxes

Contact Us!

- Email: [uclacalfresh@gmail.com](mailto:uclacalfresh@gmail.com)
- Instagram: uclacalfresh
- Facebook: uclacalfreshinitiative

**VII. Appointments**

- None

**VIII. Officer Reports**

**A. President**

Riley

- Met with Student Advocate Board last week, getting them onboarded
- Campus Renaming Committee - talked about having meeting with student leaders about shaping policy in regards to that, proposed that we have our own separate event
- Had Public Health Compliance Meeting - talking about move to orange tier and what that means for UCLA
- Meeting with Vice Chancellor Gordon, talked about SOUs and recommendations for going forward, continuing the conversations with the mother orgs, talked about commencement and expanding commencement, talked about housing situation

**B. Internal Vice President**

Luong

- Put Workers First Committee is having a town hall Friday at 3pm
- Transformative Justice Now Committee had an event last week about the main tenets of transformative justice
- In final the steps of requisitions for Rent Relief awards, should be finished by this week
- Gathered questions to ask admin, facilitating a Q/A with them
- Campus Safety Alliance met today, collected questions through a form and relaying them, asked AVC Deluca about reopening campus and about UC data breach

**C. External Vice President**

Arasasingham

- Final round of Bruin Advocacy Grant funding allocations
- Office continues to be working on Title IX and advocacy issues, backing the Greek Act in sexual assault lobby day this week

- 2 events planned for Week 6: North Westwood Neighborhood Council Candidates forum, also candidates forum for Assembly District 44
- Final preparations for two major system wide meetings, meeting with president Drake next week, and student regent selection process
- Participating in two panels tomorrow

D. General Representative 1 Written Laubach

E. General Representative 2 Written Rodriguez

F. General Representative 3 Wade

- Finished our two campaigns, releasing this Friday

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner Velazquez

- Closed Books for Bruins applications, need directors to help assist with the project
- Onboarded Student Advocate Board, creating a guide for transition
- Hosting a decolonization of the mind event on thursday
- Workshop for MEChA Youth Conference this past weekend, another workshop Week 5

H. Campus Events Commission Written Naland

I. Community Service Commissioner Wisner

- Volunteer Appreciation Week this week, finishing up project literacy
- Active Minds giving a workshop tomorrow about mental health and the pandemic
- Doing an IG live takeover of the Volunteer Center

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Written Ogunleye

K. Facilities Commissioner Written Cooper

- There are some recreation UCLA facilities that are open, all are outdoor - Drake stadium and Marina Aquatic Center
- Student orgs can apply to have in person events, whether outdoor or in person, process is first come first serve, orgs should apply at least 4 weeks prior to the event

L. Financial Supports Commissioner Garcia

- Finished reading all apps for the relief fund, 1,253 students awarded, received additional funding from TGIF
- Awarded \$25,000 and an additional \$225,000 for an additional second round of relief funds

M. Student Wellness Commissioner Written Read

N. Transfer Representative Written Bravo

O. International Student Representative Madini

Q. Administrative Representatives Alexander, Chacon, Geller, O'Connor, Perez, Solomon

Dr. Geller: I wanted to mention that the administration is looking for a member of council who is available to serve on the Higher Ed Emergency Relief Fund Grand Committee. Asking that Naomi submit the name soon, so anyone who is interested please let Naomi know.

Josh: Today was a very impactful day so make sure that you are taking the time you need to take care of yourself. If you need any support let any of us know.

Patti: There are a lot of student jobs available currently at UCLA for multiple job openings. ASUCLA is in collaboration with CPO and the Basic Needs Committee, doing a meal drive through the Food Closet starting next Thursday.

## **IX. Old Business**

- None

## **X. New Business**

USA Election Code Amendment\* Riley

### **2.6 Duties of the Elections Board Transition Director**

1. :
  - a. Prepare documents and archive them for future Elections Board Chairs;
  - b. Categorize and archive all the forms used by candidates as well as those requested by the current Elections Board Chair;
  - c. Create a final report for the Elections Board Chair of the next cycle as directed by the incumbent Elections Board Chair;

- d. Assist the next cycle's Elections Board Chair in the recruitment process for members of the Elections Board;
  - e. Carry out such other functions and duties as required by the Elections Board Chair and the Election Code;
  - f. Carry out such other functions and duties as required under the USA Constitution and Bylaws.
2. The appointment time for the Elections Board Transition Director shall be no later than week 1 of spring quarter.
  3. The Elections Board Transition Director must be able to serve a full term upon appointment.
  4. The Elections Board Transition Director shall not be a member of the Elections Board Executive Committee nor have the ability to vote in Executive Committee decisions.
  5. The Transition Director may reapply to be Transition Director again the next year but shall not be eligible to apply for any other Executive Committee Position. This shall preclude the Elections Board Transition Director from resigning in order to apply for an appointed voting position on the Elections Board.

- Justin moves to approve USA Election Code Amendment, Breeze seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, USA Election Code Amendment is approved

Resolution in Support of Using 100% Clean Energy at UCLA\*

Cooper

**2020-2021 SUPPORT OF COMMITTING CALIFORNIA TO 100% CLEAN ENERGY BY 2030**

Sponsors

Aidan Arasasignham, External Vice President  
 Laura Laubach, General Representative 1  
 Jonathan Wisner, Community Service Commissioner  
 Sachi Cooper, Facilities Commissioner  
 Elijah Wade, General Representative 3

**WHEREAS**, UCLA has been a leader on environmental issues, such as clean electricity<sup>1</sup> and banning single-use plastics<sup>2</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, we are in a global climate crisis that has been unequivocally linked to anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases<sup>3</sup> which are irreversibly degrading our environment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the world's average temperature has risen 2.09°F since the 19th century, our oceans are acidifying and warming, our glaciers retreating, sea levels rising, and natural disasters increasing<sup>4</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, burning fossil fuels, especially for power and transportation, account for 75% of the United State's carbon dioxide emissions<sup>5</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, coal fired power plants account for 42% of poisonous mercury emissions and 66% of sulfur emission and majority of soot in our air<sup>6</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, ocean acidification and water pollution can devastate local environments and global environments<sup>7</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, increased exposure to air pollutants, like ozone, due to climate change can exacerbate a variety of health issues<sup>8</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, fossil fuel pollution is an environmental justice issue as observed here, in Los Angeles, where over 71% of the

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/100-percent-clean-electricity>

<sup>2</sup> <https://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/ucla-policy-single-use-plastics>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/02/AR5\\_SYR\\_FINAL\\_SPM.pdf](https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/02/AR5_SYR_FINAL_SPM.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.nrdc.org/stories/fossil-fuels-dirty-facts#:~:text=Fossil%20fuels%20produce%20large%20quantities,quarters%20of%20our%20carbon%20emissions.>

<sup>6</sup> IBID

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.greentechtalk.com/how-does-non-renewable-energy-affect-the-environment/#:~:text=Non%20renewable%20energy%20typically%20releases,other%20gasses%20into%20the%20atmosphere.&text=As%20we%20burn%20more%20non,essential%20biodiversity%20within%20habitats.>

<sup>8</sup> <https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/climate-impacts/climate-impacts-human-health.html>

city's Latinx population live in areas with the most polluted air<sup>9</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, climate change, as exacerbated by the use of fossil fuels in our power sector, can have devastating economical impacts from the billions of dollars spent on recovery from natural disasters, such as wildfires and hurricanes, to harming our ability to produce food<sup>10</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sweden has pledged to go completely fossil fuel free by 2040 and Costa Rica is already using 95% clean energy, proving that large scale shifts towards clean energy are possible<sup>11</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, UCLA students have historically been in support of environmental issues, including stopping climate change, as seen in the Zero Waste commitment and in CALPIRG's work to commit the UCs to 100% clean electricity; and,

**WHEREAS**, 20,000 UC students signed on in support of SB 100 which commits California to 100% clean energy by 2045<sup>12</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, thus far the student advocacy group, CALPIRG, has received 2,900 UCLA student signatures and 18,000 UC students signatures statewide in support of their campaign to commit the state to 100% clean energy; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, the 2020- 2021 Undergraduate Student Associated Council affirms its support for committing California to 100% clean energy sector wide at UCLA by 2030.

- Justin moves to approve a Resolution in Support of Using 100% Clean Energy at UCLA, Sachi seconds
- By motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, Resolution in Support of Using 100% Clean Energy at UCLA is approved

Resolution in Support of the VISION Act (Carrillo, AB 937)\*

Luong

**Resolution in Support of the VISION Act (Carrillo, AB 937)**

**Sponsored by:**

Emily Hồng Vân Lương, Internal Vice President  
Aidan Arasingham, External Vice President  
Zuleika Bravo, Transfer Student Representative  
Justin Rodriguez, General Representative 2  
Promise Ogunleye, Cultural Affairs Commissioner

**Supporting Organizations:**

*Vietnamese Student Union at UCLA*  
*Asian Pacific Coalition at UCLA*  
*IDEAS at UCLA*

**WHEREAS**, refugees and immigrants are a vital part of California's heart and identity, and we recognize the humanity of all people who call our community home;

**WHEREAS**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity does not serve public and community safety; rather, its presence incites fear and inflicts violence on immigrant communities;

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<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=1a3970fcd4af42b78e418e9de2cb7787#:~:text=of%20Environmental%20Racism-.Studies%20show%20that%20in%20Los%20Angeles%20county%20more%20than%2071.much%20more%20affluent%20surrounding%20neighborhoods>

<sup>10</sup> <https://blogs.ei.columbia.edu/2019/06/20/climate-change-economy-impacts/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/11-countries-leading-the-charge-on-renewable-energy/>

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<https://environmentamerica.org/news/ame/university-california-berkeley-commits-100-clean-energy#:~:text=BERKELEY%2C%20Calif.,transportation%20and%20electricity%20by%202050>



**WHEREAS**, California’s criminal justice system unjustly and disproportionately harms Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and Asian and Pacific Islander American communities;

**WHEREAS**, with the passing of SB 260, SB 261, SB 1437, AB 1812, which amended paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, and Proposition 47, the Legislature and California voters have demonstrated a strong commitment to reforming our criminal justice system and ending mass incarceration;

**WHEREAS**, despite these reforms, California reinforces systemic racism when its jails and prisons voluntarily and unnecessarily transfer immigrant and refugee community members eligible for release from state or local custody to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for immigration detention and deportation purposes;

**WHEREAS**, jails and prisons serve as the main pipeline to fill immigration detention beds, and approximately 70% of people detained in ICE custody, nationally, have been funnelled through our criminal justice system;

**WHEREAS**, California should not subject these community members to a cruel “double punishment,” and disregard their humanity, records of rehabilitation, stable reentry plans, and community support, purely because they are refugees or immigrants;

**WHEREAS**, ending ICE transfers in California is a reflection of the state’s commitment to ending racial injustice and mass incarceration;

**WHEREAS**, the VISION Act (Assembly Bill 937), authored by Assemblymember Carrillo, prohibits jails, prisons, and other public agencies from funneling community members who are eligible for release to ICE jails where they endure deplorable conditions and face permanent separation from their families and communities;

**WHEREAS**, through the passing of the VISION Act, California has an opportunity to set a model for the nation and advance a positive vision of a society based on care, healing, and transformation;

**WHEREAS**, the University of California has failed to adopt sanctuary campus practices to protect its undocumented student population;

**WHEREAS**, the USAC condemns any use of local and state resources to separate children from their parents and detain and deport millions of parents, neighbors, co-workers, and friends;

**WHEREAS**, the USAC values all members of our community, embraces compassion, equality, and inclusion, and proudly defends the rights of all residents, including refugees and immigrants.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the USAC is in strong support of the passing of the VISION Act in California.

**LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, that the USAC stands in solidarity with student organizations working to advocate for the rights of undocumented people, including the Vietnamese Student Union, Asian Pacific Coalition, and IDEAS at UCLA.

**LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED**, that the USAC urges the University of California to support its undocumented student population in amplifying and uplifting the community's calls for abolition and immigrant justice.

- Emily moves to approve a Resolution in Support of the VISION Act (Carrillo, AB 937), Promise seconds
- By a motion of 14-0-0 the motion passes, a Resolution in Support of the Vision ACT (Carrillo, AB 937) is approved

[A Resolution to Endorse the Carbon Dividend and Energy Innovation Act\\*](#) [Arasasingham](#)

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE CARBON DIVIDEND AND ENERGY INNOVATION ACT**

**Primary Sponsors:**

*Aidan Arasasingham*, External Vice President

**Co-Sponsors:**

*Emily Hồng Vân Lương*, Internal Vice President  
*Sachi Cooper*, Facilities Commissioner

**Endorsing Organizations:**

*Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL)*

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, greenhouse gas emissions in the United States totaled 6,577 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents;<sup>13</sup>

**WHEREAS**, global warming caused by greenhouse gas emissions has far-ranging environmental and health effects including, but not limited to, severe natural disasters, food supply disruptions, increased prevalence and effects of wildfires, and respiratory disease from smog and air pollution;<sup>14</sup>

**WHEREAS**, reducing greenhouse gas emissions would greatly reduce the impact of climate change on U.S. environmental and economic well-being. Further, emission reduction would save thousands of lives;<sup>15</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the development and large-scale of clean energy technologies is essential to reducing greenhouse gas emissions;

**WHEREAS**, UCLA and the University of California (UC) have taken steps to implement climate and sustainability favorable policies;

**WHEREAS**, the University of California (UC) is launching a Center for Climate Justice to address climate change as a social justice and equity issue;

**WHEREAS**, other climate and sustainability initiatives by the University include its move towards zero-emission vehicles, increasing sustainable food purchases, and diverting more than 90 percent of waste from all 10 UC campuses;<sup>16</sup>

**WHEREAS**, greenhouse gas emissions from the University of California (UC) have fallen by 13 percent since 2013 when the University announced its 2025 Carbon Neutrality goal;<sup>17</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the federal government must follow the University of California's lead and enact similar policies to tackle climate change;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the UCLA USAC supports H.R. 2307, the Carbon Energy and Innovation Act to create a Carbon Dividend Trust Fund for the American people in order to encourage market-drive innovation of clean energy technologies and market efficiencies which will reduce harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable, and more prosperous nation for future generations.<sup>18</sup>

- Justin moves to approve A Resolution to Endorse the Carbon Dividend and Energy Innovation Act, Laura seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, A Resolution to Endorse the Carbon Dividend and Energy Innovation Act is approved

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<sup>13</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/inventory-us-greenhouse-gas-emissions-and-sinks>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/greenhouse-gases#:~:text=Greenhouse%20gases%20have%20far%20ranging,change%20caused%20by%20greenhouse%20gases>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.climate.gov/climate-and-energy-topics/emissions-reduction-0>

<sup>16</sup> [https://www.ucop.edu/sustainability/\\_files/annual-reports/sustainability\\_report\\_2019\\_final.pdf](https://www.ucop.edu/sustainability/_files/annual-reports/sustainability_report_2019_final.pdf)

<sup>17</sup> <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2020/03/carbon-emissions-down,-growth-up-across-the-university-of-california.html#:~:text=Highlights%20from%20the%202019%20Sustainable,19%20were%20electric%20or%20hybrids>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2307>

## Surplus Proposal: Pandemic Relief Fund

Garcia

Noe: Thank you all. So for the discussion, I was discussing with Sachi about the possibility of this second round of relief fund. I think one concern that we have that has yet to be addressed is still the SGA whether they'll be able to handle the amount of rec forms that we will be submitting. The other problem was the logistics of the time crunch of our volunteers, both readers and direct form volunteers. So after talking with Sachi, we were discussing possible stipends for the readers, both the readers of the first round of the relief fund and the second round as well as those who are completing the rec forms.

Sachi: Just briefly, I mean I think it's an incentive for people to volunteer and I know that it's really difficult for students to take on unpaid labor in general, but it is an incentive for more people to apply for that work. The other thought process I had is very different but similar in the sense of like volunteer to help give our vaccines and you might get early access to a vaccine, you know, you're volunteering to do this work for the student body, potentially, a small monetary stipend is like a thank you for that contribution of time. Just to be clear, TGIF would ultimately be the committee with discretion over that because it would come from the TGIF funding.

Noe: Yeah, so again if it's up to TGIF and they can find our readers and volunteers, coming up with an estimate of how much we would pay or stipend our readers, assuming we have 50 readers, 30 from the last round, 20 from the new round and we pay them either \$50 for the readings or \$100 for the readings and then our rec form volunteers, if we have 20 volunteers from past and future relief fund, we could either do \$25 or \$50. Pretty much the two elements would be \$3,000 minimum or \$6,000 or something in between. So a max would be paying \$6,000 for our volunteers in hopes that with them being volunteers, they can then distribute over \$225,000 plus any additional funding that we have. So it would be sort of an investment on our readers and rec form volunteers and we would be paying the previous readers and volunteers as well for their labor. I'd also like to promote Emily from FSC, they have experience with the rec forms and readings as well as just volunteering to read.

Emily: So for me it takes between two to three minutes to do each rec form, so that is going on the lower end of that minimum, that's about three hours and twenty minutes in total just to read 100. I'm sorry, it's three hours and twenty minutes for doing rec forms total, and then for reading an application I think it's about 10 minutes per each application. So about 142 apps.

Noe: I think it'd be a larger estimate just based off of, I texted Justin on his experience and he said that an estimate would be about five hours to complete the readings. So if we're planning about five hours of reading, that's where we're getting the stipend and then versus three hours to complete the rec forms, that's where we're getting that estimate. I just want to open up the floor and see if we're interested in this stipend, or how we feel about it. I know the stipend would be coming from TGIF but if we do request the surplus funding then we would have a little bit more money to afford more students.

Justin: So, to clarify, this stipend money would be coming from TGIF and therefore you wouldn't be asking for money this round of surplus?

Noe: So TGIF could be able to provide funding for stipends, and then we'd still be asking for our allocation that we're going to be asking for \$35,000 from surplus, that's to distribute more awards. So it's like an investment on time and that way we can solicit more volunteers from all of your offices who are willing to do readings for about \$100 which is, I would say, average minimum wage, I don't think we should be underpaying anyone. So that's where we get our estimates from.

Sachi: I think the logistic concerns are very valid. I think the SGA issue still stands but at least with stipends I believe that the issue of the turnaround time on applications and recs is a lot faster.

Noe: Just to summarize, this isn't my surplus ask. This is just more of a proposal if we're comfortable with still launching the second round of the relief fund with the stipulation that we'll be providing students with gift cards whether that may be a Visa or UCLA is still in the air. We provide them with the Visa gift cards in order to be able to complete our readings and our rec forms by the end of this quarter still. So we would still do the same process that I mentioned earlier. The reason why we want to provide them a gift card is to provide the incentive to finish it on time and to really solicit more volunteers.

Emily: Noe, was that your presentation or do you have another presentation?

Noe: Do I have to have a formal presentation for the [indiscernible]?

Emily: No, I just need your amount that you're asking for.

Noe: I'll be asking for \$35,000.

Emily: Perfect, thank you so much Noe.

### Surplus Proposal: Transfer Graduation Packaging and Shipping

Bravo

Transfer Graduation Packaging and Shipping

Funding for the TSC

#### No Permanent Funding

- Every year the BRC allocates 10k to the TSC to support all non-personnel programmatic and outreach expenditures
  - Includes events like
    - Graduation
    - Promotional items
    - T-shirts, etc
  - Last year, the BRC allocated a portion of their SFAC funding to support TSC to hire student staff
  - The TSC still cannot afford its \$120,000 rental commitment to ASUCLA

#### Things to Consider

- Every year approx. 72% of transfers graduate within a 2-year timeline
  - This means approx. 2,500 transfers graduate each year.
  - Do you believe that 10k can support the center's retention efforts for transfers?
- The TSC has used the 10k to purchase promotional items to garner engagement and outreach for transfers - items for transfer graduates
- Cannot afford packaging or shipping without dipping into BRC funds

Breakdown

#### Cost

- \$5.00 Packaging +
- \$8.00 Shipping
- = \$13.00 per package
- X 1600 packages ready
- = \$20,800 total
- We are asking for \$15,000

### Surplus Proposal: Bruin Trailblazers Scholarship

Arasasingham

Surplus Request:

- \$16,266 (Requested)
  - \$7,400 (January) + \$26,334 (March) already allocated
- Annual Scholarship
  - \$2,000 (Year 1), grows over time
- Perpetual Growth
  - \$50,000 in 2021 doubles and triples over time

Evolution and Implementation

- The scholarship fund shall be invested by the USAC Endowment in accordance with best practice environmental, social, and governance (ESG) values-based standards.
- The Bruin Trailblazers Scholarship shall be administered by the UCLA Alumni Association's Alumni Scholars Club, an existing resource center with a proven track-record of student-alumni engagement and mentorship.
- An board of alumni former student leaders and current student leaders (not applying) shall impartially review applications and offer support.
- Applications will be prominently advertised each Fall and take into consideration leadership outside of UCLA so as not to create barriers for transfer-inclusivity.

#### In Closing

- Coupled with other direct student aid proposals for surplus, the Bruin Trailblazers Scholarship will meet immediate needs while providing guaranteeing long-term support to students and their communities.

#### Surplus Proposal: International Student Orientation

Madini

#### Surplus Allocation Proposal to ECRT/Dashew

#### Why?

- #1 Priority
  - Housing - 35%
  - Food - 25%
- Financial Wellbeing
  - Poor - 7%
  - Fair - 17%
- Grants/scholarships enough?
  - Strongly disagree - 17%
  - Disagree - 16%
- Additional expenses, less financial resources
  - Travel
  - Tuition
  - Tech
  - Orientation
  - Moving

#### Proposal

- \$25,000 to ECRT and Dashew
- Amount of individual grants are left to ECRT

#### Previous Allocation

- USAC allocated in the year 19/20 to \$50,000 to ECRT for grants to specific to international students

#### Why ECRT?

- Already established system
- Have experience through their relation with Dashew with international specific issue
- Known source that international students are referred to

#### Why now?

- This is in place until other funds are available by the next council
- Summer comes with increased expenses for international students
- A Lot of international students will be moving in (many for the 1st time)

#### Planning Process

- New Student Orientation (20%) and iSTART base-need
- iSTART Orientation Subsidization
- \$300 ECRT grants
- Varying ECRT grants

#### Surplus Allocations\*

Riley

Pandemic Relief Fund: \$34,500

Transfer Graduation Packaging and Shipping: \$15,000

Bruin Trailblazers Scholarship: \$16,266

International Student Orientation: \$23,182

- Aiden moves to allocate \$15,000 of surplus money to Transfer Graduation Packaging and Shipping, Zuleika seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, \$15,000 to Transfer Graduation Packaging and Shipping is approved
  
- Promise motions to allocate \$16,266 to Bruin Trailblazer Scholarship, Bakur seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, \$16,266 to Bruin Trailblazer Scholarship is approved
  
- Emily moves to approve \$23,182 for International Student Orientation, Promise seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, \$23,182 to International Student Orientation allocation is approved
  
- Bakur motions to allocate \$34,500 to the Pandemic Relief Fund, Promise seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, \$34,500 to the Pandemic Relief Fund allocation is approved

## **XI. Adjournment\***

Riley

- Emily adjourns the meeting at 9:44pm

## **Good and Welfare**

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