

October 2024 Student Government Luncheon

10/7/2024 | 12:00-1:00pm

Location: Balboa Island B SCES

Zoom: <https://uci.zoom.us/j/94766073385>



1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Get Out the Vote

- a) Update on programs, events, and GOTV campaigns
 - i) Kylie Jones, ASUCI, External Vice President
 - ii) Rebecca Angela Ruiz, AGS, Vice President External

3) Financial Aid

a) Context

- i) This year, there were significant delays in the disbursement of financial aid offers to undergraduate and fee-paying graduate students, leading to many students facing increased financial insecurity. Additionally, students have reported significant cuts to grant money relative to previous years, loss of health insurance, issues with incorrect disbursement amounts, and an inability to reach people in OFAS.

b) Questions

- i) What steps is OFAS taking to ensure that these issues do not repeat themselves in future years?
- ii) What mechanisms are in place right now for students to have their disbursements fixed if they were given an incorrect amount of aid?
- iii) What discussions, if any, has OFAS had with university offices regarding the decrease in grant funding and the potential to secure more grant funding for students?
- iv) Are there going to be future communication mechanisms put in place so OFAS is able to promptly communicate with SHC, ACC/Housing, and other entities when there are delays with financial aid to avoid termination of health insurance benefits, late fees, etc.?

2) Veto of 'Opportunity for All'

a) Context

- i) Earlier this month, Governor Gavin Newsom vetoed Assembly Bill 2586 (Opportunity for All), which would have provided undocumented UC students without DACA to be employed; the UC Regents previously delayed implementation in Spring 2024. Without employment, undocumented UCI students without DACA cannot serve as TAs/GSRs or do work study. This has left undocumented UCI students with limited financial options.

b) Questions/Discussion

- i) With the veto, what plans are being discussed at the UCI or UC-level to provide financial support to undocumented students (e.g., need-based grants, fellowships)?
- ii) What current funding mechanisms are in place to provide financial support to undocumented undergraduate and graduate students?
- iii) How do we see this potentially affecting financial aid in future years at both the undergraduate and graduate levels?