

University of Santa Barbara

Associated Students

Office of the President

Fall | 2020-2021

Any Questions or Comments? Reach out: as-president@ucsb.edu

COVID-19

COVID-19 Grants

- 450 individual grants of \$350
- Worked with organizations including AS SCORE, the Environmental Justice Alliance, and La Familia Des Colores to create specialized grants for underrepresented communities

Funding

- Funded projects from Beloved Community and Food Not Bombs

In IV

Distribution

- Worked with other Executive Offices to assist mask and thermometer distribution in IV

COVID-19 in Isla Vista

Media Campaign

- Worked with Student Health to create an informational campaign regarding testing procedures, sites, and overall safe practices during the pandemic

Partners

- Created an open letter with University administration, Greek Life leaders, and other A.S. Execs discouraging students from gathering in large groups and/or partying during the pandemic

Council of Presidents

UC President

- **Met as a Council with new UC President Michael Drake**

UC Campuses

- **Met on an as-needed basis with other student body presidents of all UC schools to discuss issues on our campus**

Senate

Meetings

- Met one-on-one with interested senators throughout the quarter to discuss their goals for the year

Legislation

- Worked with senators to write legislation regarding issues like the 2020 conflict in Armenia

Bi-Weekly Meetings with the Chancellor

Grading

- Advocated successfully for the extension of the P/NP deadline

Testing

- Advocated for increased accessible COVID testing for students

RA Demands

- Met with AV Chancellor of HDAE Willie Brown, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Margaret Klawunn

Basic Needs Vending Machine

- Working with University staff to continue the basic needs vending machine project and find a permanent location

A.S. Student of the Quarter

- Recognition system for exceptional work within A.S., as nominated by fellow peers

A.S. Bike Shop

- Worked with Bike Shop and Campus Planning Committee representatives to finalize the permanent location of the new A.S. Bike Shop
- Currently reviewing designs to finalize the building's layout

Mental Health Task Force

- Met with the University's Mental Health Task Force to discuss student mental health needs, particularly during the pandemic

MH Town Hall

- Working to coordinate a Mental Health Town Hall during Winter and/or Spring Quarter

Mental Health Posts

- Launch of Mental Health Monday posts to publicize mental health and wellness resources on campus

A.S. Lightbox Therapy Proposal

- Will be sent out to the Mental Health Task Force by the end of fall quarter.

Pearman Fellowship

- Interviewed and placed fellows in various positions across A.S.
- Created a weekly curriculum to introduce fellows to the inner workings of A.S.

A.S. 2025 Strategic Vision Plan

- Operated out of the office to develop and distribute surveys to all Association members
- Creation of 2 out of the 3 surveys. The 3rd survey will be finished during Winter quarter, focusing on all undergraduate students. On track to complete the plan during Spring quarter.

Committee on Budget Strategy

- Provided input on ways of curtailment that don't affect students academically
- Reasoned with administration to not lower financial aid or raise tuition [ultimately decision would be from the regents]

A.S. Sustainability Policy Committee and ECOalition

- Attended meetings and provided input on policy improvements and updates to the sustainability trainings

A.S. Roster

- Complete a holistic roster of all AS entities in hopes to ease communication and maintain connections once graduated

BCU Contact List

Created an email list of BCU's to contact and work future on project proposals

Chancellor's Campus Sustainability Committee, TGIF Committee

- Attended meetings and provided input on sustainability initiatives regarding COVID-19 and on grant applications for TGIF

Leadership

- Met with Interim Director of Community Affairs, Student Development, and Leadership to create a leadership development program for UCSB students

Employment

- Sat on a panel for Jopwell Talks, an organization that works to get BIPOC students jobs after graduation

Breonna Taylor

- Contributed \$1,000 to the Until Freedom event that brought Breonna Taylor's mom to speak at UCSB

Academic Senate

- Met with new chair of the Academic Senate to discuss how best to support students in her new role

Stay tuned for all the amazing things coming out of the A.S. Office of the President Next Quarter!