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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 3rd, 2022

To: Enrique Campos, *Program Coordinator,* UCLA Undocumented Student Program (USP)

From: 2022-2023 IDEAS at UCLA Executive Board

CC: Valeria Garcia, *Associate Director,* UCLA Bruin Resource Center (BRC)

RE: State Budget Act of 2022 - IDEAS Budget Proposal

Guiding Questions: 1. How can we directly support and provide relief to undocumented students on campus? 2. How can we support and expand current IDEAS programs and possibly create new opportunities where possible?

Proposed Budget Narrative:

MAP - Overall, we agree with the allocation proposed for the MAP Scholarship. We lowered the proposed amount by $300 which was allocated to other line items. The MAP Scholarship has been a central facet of what IDEAS & USP's partnership can do for students; we believe it's important to continue investing in this critical program.

Emergency Grants - We were distraught with the proposed amount to be invested in emergency grants. Undocumented students continue to disproportionately face the negative effects of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, including increasingly high costs of living and basic needs as a result of high inflation. Our students need direct financial support. As we all know, financial insecurity and barriers are one of the leading issues affecting undocumented students' holistic wellbeing and ultimate retention in higher education. As we highlight the barriers to financing a UCLA education through the Opportunity for All Campaign, including for the vast majority of our students who are overwhelmingly unDACAmented, we believe it is necessary and without question that we must immediately provide every undocumented student on campus with an Emergency Grant. Additionally, we believe it should be an emergency grant that truly reflects the level of expenses facing our students and while we know we cannot address all of their issues, the support we provide should be just that, true support. For this reason, we strongly recommend the increase to $125,000 for this line

item. Even if not all funds are utilized after the disbursement aforementioned, we are content with the remainder remaining in this emergency fund.

Graduate Division - Following the same reasoning as the Emergency Grants line item, especially highlighting the end of DACA, we also felt the funding allocated for graduate students was not sufficient. Knowing personally of the experiences of some of our graduate Board members in how they struggle to afford and retain themselves in their programs, we strongly recommend the increase to $150,000 for this line item.

UndocuBruins Fellowship - Overall, we were content with the proposed allocation for fellowships, but recommend increasing to $70,000.00 for an additional two fellowships. Fellowships that we would be more than willing to figure out how we can even create new fellowships in new campus areas and even within IDEAS and/or the Undocumented Student-Led Network (USN).

IDEAS/AB540/USPARC - This year, IDEAS celebrates its 20th Anniversary as a result, we are committed to a high-intensity year as we reflect, rebuild, and power ourselves into the next chapter of our community. Currently, USPARC mentors are stipended through UCOP funds, with an increase to $10,000 for this line item, we are committed to stipending the AB540 Project Directors at the same rate. Though both of these funding sources are only for this school year, we will also use a portion of these $10,000 to plan and execute the IDEAS 20th Anniversary Gala which will heavily emphasize a fundraising component that will raise funds to begin to provide solutions for the absence of these funds as we stipend these positions moving forward. Any remaining funds will also be used to support general IDEAS/AB540/USPARC projects, events, fundraisers, and provide us with a strong budget to accomplish our community's goals for the year.

Departmental Programming - Given that programming should be a joint effort between IDEAS and USP, we believe that $10,000 specifically set aside for departmental programming is sufficient to cover the needs of the year. Though, unclear, we are also operating under the assumption that USP has a baseline budget each year provided by UCLA/Student Affairs. Similarly, we do not believe that USP needs $30,000 to fund programming with other campus partners. Those partners should 1. Recognize the lack of resources already available to our program/students and 2. Should be willing to find and locate other campus funding sources to supplant their programs. Finally, again, undocumented student programming must always be a joint effort between us, we believe that also helps clear the need for a $30,000 cross-campus fund.

USP Director - If a title and responsibilities change is imminent for the USP Program Coordinator, we would be more than happy to support an increase in salary and benefits for the position. However, the rate at which your proposal would increase the salary for the position is incredibly high and we do not believe is complacent with the needs our students are seeing on campus. Additionally, given the support of the USP interns and the partnership that is meant to exist between us, we do not currently see a need to create and fund a separate position to lead, direct, and/or coordinate USP at the current moment. We support only an increase to $80,000, benefits included, and no additional new positions/hires.

USP Interns - For similar reasons, we support funding 3 USP interns at ~$7,333.33 each. We believe our community would be better served in the expansion of other aid line items.

Discretionary - We support investing in a discretionary fund and recognize its need, with the shifts made in other line items, we propose a $40,000 allocation to this fund.

Budget Act of 2022	
UC Los Angeles - $547,000	Projected
MAP (Basic Needs Scholarship)	40,000
Emergency Grant	125,000
Graduate Division - Graudate Student (non-DACA) Funding	150,000
UCLA UndocuBruins Fellowship	70,000
IDEAS/AB540/USPARC	10,000
Departmental Programming	10,000
USP Director	80,000
USP Interns	22,000
Discretionary	40,000
Total:	$547,000.00

USP-Proposed Budget (No Written Narrative Provided)

Budget Act of 2022	
UC Los Angeles - $547,000	**Projected**
USP Program Director (Salary & Benefits)	$100,000.00
USP Program Coordinator (Salary & Benefits)	$80,000.00
USP Program Interns (4 @ $7,300 each)	$29,200.00
MAP (Basic Needs Scholarship)	$40,300.00
Emergency Grant	$30,000.00
Graduate Division - Graduate Student (non-DACA) Funding	$100,000.00
UCLA UndocuBruins Fellowship	$60,000.00
Departmental programming and collaboration with IDEAS (AB540 &	$22,800.00
Programming in collaboration with campus partners	$30,000.00
Discretionary	$54,700.00
Totals	**$547,000**