



University of California, Santa Barbara Associated Students
Office of the Associated Students President
Executive Order

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE SAFE TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

I. Introduction

WHEREAS, UC Santa Barbara and the surrounding Isla Vista community is facing unprecedented circumstances as a result of personal and public safety concerns that are causing students academic stress, mental health struggles, and worry for personal safety; and

WHEREAS, several instances have occurred in the community in the past weeks including, but not limited to, attempted kidnappings, isolated acts of violence, a shooting at a local hotel, planted cameras in homes; and

WHEREAS, Associated Students recognizes the importance of public safety and personal well-being for UCSB students; and

WHEREAS, UCSB students must traverse safely to and from campus in order to complete their coursework;

WHEREAS, several AS entities have sought to respond to the student body's needs because of the current nature of this safety crisis; and

WHEREAS, various boards, commissions, units, and entities are responsible for the safety and security of students of the University of California, Santa Barbara through such functions as emergency management, financial procedures, academic aid, basic need services, inclusive spaces for communities, and the delivery of other essential services; these entities have a variety of communications systems in place, often limited in their ability to communicate seamlessly both within and among departments and other AS entities during this time. Similarly, many local jurisdictions have similar limitations on their abilities to communicate during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Associated Students recognizes the significance of centralized information and resources to enable communications between entities and efficiently approve financial expenditures and funding in a more streamlined manner; and

WHEREAS, the attainment of effective communication requires department-wide coordination and leadership;

II. Identification of Authority

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Yuval Cohen, President of Associated Students by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the bylaws of Associated Students, do hereby order as follows in order to allow UCSB students to feel as safe as possible in their community:



III. Purpose

- a) Create a Safe Transportation Task Force appointed by A.S. President, Yuval Cohen, and AS Executive Director, Marisela Marquez
- b) Appoint this year's Head Financial Officer of the Finance and Business Committee and the ASOP Head of Staff to be co-chairs;
 - i) The President will be Acting Chair in the event that either position is vacant
- c) Invite every BCU chair, A.S. Executives, or approved proxies, to sit on this committee as a voting member.
- d) Reallocate funds from Account #405, previously collected from A.S. entities through the "Executive Order Establishing the COVID-19 Response Task Force" issued on April 28, 2020, to a new fund called the Safe Transportation Fund.
 - i) This fund will allow students to be reimbursed for rideshares under the following parameters: rides must either start and/or end on the UCSB campus from the hours of 6pm till sunrise and up to the dollar amount of \$12
 - ii) Rides can be from, but not limited to: Uber, Lyft, Taxis, other rideshares, etc.
 - iii) The individual student seeking reimbursement will need to ensure their own safety and select the rideshare program that they are most comfortable using. The Task Force is not prescribing any particular service over another; nor can it limit the risk to the individual student.
- e) A.S. executives and entities are able to allocate more funds to the Safe Transportation Fund, as desired:
 - i) They must include the terms on which they are transferring the funds and whether or not they would like to be involved with the Task Force
 - ii) Interested AS executives/entities should reach out to the President directly and facilitate the transfer of funds
- f) Widely advertise said program, invite students to send in their reimbursements and original receipts through an application process, and review applications in a manner decided by the Task Force, and distribute reimbursements related to transportation and addressing safety concerns due to recent violent and disquieting campus and local area events.
- g) Centralize all forms of communication within Associated Students regarding these safety concerns with the President's office through this Task Force.
- h) This ride share program will function similarly to the Disabled Students ride share program that is currently in existence.
- i) This funding and Task Force's goal is to support the individual student's choices to gain safe access after dark to and from the UCSB campus.

IV. Duration

This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until the end of the 2021-2022 school year on July 1, 2022, or until the funds are depleted.



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V. Signatures

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Yuval Cohen, AS 2021-2022 President

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