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This month in the External Office I worked on various items with the other SUA Officers, the UCSA Board and Staff, the USSA Board and Staff, and our own campus administration. One of the first things I did was finalize the post travel documents from the UCSA Board Retreat, the UCSA Congress, and the USSA Congress. I then constructed a campus Get Out The Vote (GOTV) campaign planning days and weeks of action, events and tactics to register incoming freshman and transfer students, and collaborated with the Santa Cruz City Council to establish a GOTV coalition that would work to register students to vote throughout the year. I also attended the UCSA Executive Retreat, Board of Directors meeting, and the UC Regents meeting. The External Office sent a delegation of 8 to Davis for the Regents meeting where the Regents released the year long Diversity Report and announced the next UC Santa Cruz Chancellor. I also planned and recorded the first USSA Board of Directors conference call where progress on the Higher Education Act, the Dream Act, and the Budget Reconciliation Bills were discussed and strategized around. Towards the end of September the other officers and I began planning actions around freshman move in, including: Opers Fall Fest, Its Going Down, the Fall Kick Off, the Students of Color Conference, and the GOTV year-long plan. SUA Officers also began regular meetings with Alma Sifuentes, the Dean of Students, and Chancellor George Blumenthal.

As far as recommendations go, I am excited to begin General Body Meetings in the next few weeks, and besides the recommendations I gave last time, I don't think I have any more.