



Student Union Assembly (SUA), Office of the External Vice Chair

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Student Union Assembly,

Under my duties as External Vice Chair of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A Number 3 of the SUA Constitution, I present my April 2014 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly. I will outline all of my events, logistical planning, activities and constructive criticism with areas of improvement in hopes of providing a detailed account in this month's report.

Goals and projected timeline for the month of April between pay periods March 31st, 2014-April 28,2014

Goal	Dates Proposed	Final / Periodic Assesment
Student Lobby Conference and debrief	April 2014	June 2014
Lobby Visits	April 2014	May 2014
Local Affairs meetings	April 2014	June 2014
USSA/UCSA Campaigns	April 2014	June 2014
UCSA meeting with President Napolitano	March 2014	March 2014
Attending UCSA BOD Meeting	April 5th, 2014	April 2014
Weekly meetings with interns	April 2014	June 2014
Check in with UCSA field organizers	April 2014	June 2014
Duties as UCSA Undergrad Committee Chair	April 2014	March 2014
Duties as Student Observer, Committee on Finance for the UC Regents	April 2014	July 2014



Completed projects, campaigns, events, or activities:

- ✚ In the beginning of this month, we were fortunate enough to take 44 passionate and motivated students to Sacramento to learn, network, and lobby state legislators on issues pertinent to the overall welfare of a UC education. I was successful in my goal of bringing a diverse group of new and experienced students, being able to give the perspective and experience to a group as broad as possible. We attended many workshops and learned about legislation currently in the Assembly and Senate that could drastically change the affordability and accessibility of our education. At the end of the conference, our delegates were able to lobby the offices of 8 state legislators in both houses and receive feedback. I personally lobbied the offices of 6 legislators along with other UCSA board members, which was a good experience as well to hear from those Assembly members and Senators. After the conference, we held 2 debrief meetings and had a total of about 25 people attend. All those that were unable to attend received a debrief synopsis email and were told that any and all resources they needed for their events were accessible through the EVC office.
- ✚ In addition to the lobby visits that students had the chance to participate in at SLC, we will be continuing our lobby efforts with lobby corps. Throughout the month of May, we will go to Sacramento several times for May Advocacy Days, May Regents meetings, and separate lobby visits. Our goal is lobby and talk to the offices of legislators we haven't talked with before and see their point of view. Additionally, as bills come to committee hearings we will have students go to Sacramento and testify as need be. For the SB 1017 hearing, we had 2 students go and testify before the Senate Education Committee before it successfully passed.
- ✚ We have been having several meetings with local leaders and legislators to introduce and affirm student issues within their offices. The local affairs director and I were able to meet with the board of TAPS, with whom we discussed the planning of the new 18 route, the possibility of 17 route becoming free and making a stop on campus, and additional lighting around bus stops. We also met with the director of public works for the County of Santa Cruz to discuss lighting, water, and other safety issues in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz where students currently live. This will be an ongoing project that needed introduction and further initiative will hopefully follow in the following EVC's office. Lastly, we met with city councilwoman Cynthia Mathews to again address our concerns with Santa Cruz in areas of transportation, lighting, and student involvement with the city. We will continue to meet with and build relationship with local officials and begin to build a base for local affairs in the future.
- ✚ UCSA campaigns are moving along fairly well, with both SB 1017 and SB 967 passing out of the first committee. These are 2 of the 7 bills that we lobbied on at SLC so its nice to see that they are progressing. We are also continuing to have discussions about FFUC and the formation of the task force agreed to by the Regents in January. There should be an



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update on this issues after the May Regents meeting in a few weeks.

- ✚ A couple weeks back, my fellow UCSA exec board members and I met with UCOP and Janet Napolitano to discuss several pressing issues. We talked about the sexual assault cases that have been on the rise in the UC system as well the happenings at UCSB during “Deltopia”. Additionally, we discussed the possibility of the president publicly supporting SB 1017 and Prop 13 reform, which she was willing to consider and discuss. We also talked about a few tuition models that UCOP and the Regents were briefly talking about and gave the student opinion on that. I hope that the open communication and collaboration with the president and the rest of UCOP continues in the future, as they are a huge aid to our efforts.
- ✚ I attended the UCSA Board meeting in Sacramento on April 5th before SLC. We confirmed the dates of UCSA Congress to be held August 14th-17th in Oakland. We further discussed bill stances for those bills lobbied on at SLC, and had lengthier discussions in UG. Additionally, we passed a resolution in regards to the activities that took place during UAW strikes on campus at the end of last quarter.
- ✚ I have been continuing with the weekly check in’s with UCSA in discussing how we are moving forward with UG and campaigns in general. These check ups have been helping a lot in utilizing all resources and actively looking at how these campaigns are being progressed. Luckily, UCSA is getting their original field organizer back in the coming days after a several month absence. I will be requesting for UCSA staff to come to campus and host educational events.
- ✚ I chaired the board meeting in Sacramento and discussed several things pertaining to campaign planning and what each campus is doing. I will continue to check in with UCSA staff and plan about what we are doing.
- ✚ I am planning to attend the Regents meeting in Sacramento in May to participate as the Student Observer and give my remarks on the agenda items when those are released.

Total Number of Hours Worked: 107 Hours



April Review and Areas of Improvement [continued]:

- ✚ Echoing what I have said in the past and I will continue to say this, that SUA members need to be more accountable and responsible for what we do. We take a lot of pride in passing resolutions and saying things that sound great, but not actually acting on them. The biggest concern I generally hear is that students don't know about the SUA and thus they don't want to get involved. This nobody's fault except for ours, we must be more accountable and transparent on how we are serving the students. If only half of SUA is actually doing something, we will only get half the work done and then criticize ourselves for not doing anything. As with any organization, there needs to be more participation to be successful.
- ✚ Lastly, this is not really an area of improvement but rather a challenge to members of the assembly to be more critical of officers and what they are doing as that is a good way to keep everyone accountable and make sure we are completing our required duties.

In conclusion, I provide this summary as my detailed report for the month of April 2014. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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