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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 December 2013 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 November between pay periods November 24,2013-December 21,2013

Goal	Dates Proposed	Final / Periodic Assesment
Planning Appetizers with Administrators	January 22 nd 2014	January 22 nd 2014
Planning with Legislative Liason for Lobby Corps	November 15-17, 2013	November 15-17, 2013
Planning events for January	December 2013	January 2014
Attending VC UR candidate interviews	December 2013	June 2014
USSA/UCSA Campaigns	November 2013	June 2014
Planning lobby visits for Winter Quarter	November 2013	June 2014
USSA/UCSA Delegation Check-Ins	December 2013	June 2014
Planning UCSA BOD meeting	January 10-12 2014	January 2014
Weekly meetings with interns	December 2013	June 2014
Check in with UCSA/USSA field organizers	December 2013	June 2014



Completed projects, campaigns, events, or activities:

- ✚ I am currently planning an event for January 22nd 2013 titled Appetizers with Administrators. This event is not directly correlated to one portion of the External Affairs office and is more aimed to be a kickoff event for Winter Quarter. The basis of the event is to have every Vice Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellor and Dean there to discuss ongoing issues with students. I had originally hoped to have Chancellor Blumenthal and a UC Regent there, but unfortunately this date falls under the January Regents meeting. I have contacted the offices of every VC, EVC, and the Deans and have so far received confirmation from some of them. Furthermore, I have contacted Lucy Rojas to reserve the location for the event. Advertisement about this event will begin at the start of Winter Quarter and my hope is to have about 50-70 students in attendance.
- ✚ I have been planning with the Legislative Liaison about the things that we will start doing with Lobby Corps starting Winter Quarter. We currently have either meetings or events planned for every Wednesday of January and February. The basis of each meeting will be to learn how to lobby, what the important issues at hand are, and how we should be talking about them to legislators and students alike to make them care about it. Additionally, there will be a Lobby Corps retreat on Sunday, January 12th with UCSA Leg Director and hopefully the voter registration coordinator from Santa Cruz County.
- ✚ In addition to all the events that will be going on with Lobby Corps there are few more events happening in January. There will be a Local Affairs Forum on Tuesday, January 14th before the SUA meeting, a USSA teach in on Wednesday, January 29th, as well as beginning to put out USSA Leg Con applications.
- ✚ UCSC admin has set up a search committee for the new VC UR and as a part of the search, all candidates are brought to the UCSC campus to give a short presentation and field questions from the crowd. I have attended both presentations that have happened and listened to what these candidates plan on doing with UR. Although, the students may not have much of a say, it is still beneficial to have a student, and SUA, presence at this stage of the interview.
- ✚ We just finished the week of action for Fall 2013 and I would like to thank all those that came out and participated. As winter break begins, the external affairs staff will be planning how we are going to move forward with UCSA/USSA campaigns for Winter Quarter. I am preliminary planning to have another week of action in the month of February that I hope people will get involved in planning.



Completed projects, campaigns, events, or activities [continued]:

- ✚ The Office of External Affairs is in full swing of planning all our lobby visits for Winter Quarter. We have contacted the Congress members of the CA-18th, 19th, and 20th, as well as Senator Boxer and Feinstein. We will be discussing national issues, specifically the reauthorization of the higher education act, HR 1330. As far as state legislators, we are contacting the offices of State Assemblypersons and Senators from several districts around us to discuss prison reform, an oil severance tax, and other issues pertaining to public higher education in California. We have sent off all requests to meet with these elected officials and replies are slowly coming in.
- ✚ Due to this month being short with Thanksgiving break, I have not been able to get in contact with the full delegation of UCSA and USSA congress, however those delegates that want to get involved have already been involved with an aspect of the External Affairs office. I hope that we can have a check in meeting sometime in the middle of Winter Quarter, about 2 months before SLC.
- ✚ The next UCSA BOD meeting will be happening at UC Santa Cruz, from January 10th-12th and I have begun planning for that by contacting Lucy Rojas to begin on room reservations and other logistics. Furthermore, I have contacted the GSA, as this meeting is coordinated with the SUA and GSA.
- ✚ I have been having weekly meetings with all my interns to discuss what they are doing and planning for Winter Quarter. As we move in the break, I will be in constant contact with all my interns about how they are moving along with their work remotely.
- ✚ As before, I continue to have weekly check-ins with the UCSA field organizer and have one scheduled with the USSA field organizer soon.

Total Number of Hours Worked: 56 Hours



Completed projects, campaigns, events, or activities [continued]:

- ✚ As I stated before, we had one UCSA Congress delegation meeting and I plan to have another probably during the first week of Winter Quarter to discuss our plans for that quarter. I have been attempting to plan a USSA delegation meeting but due to almost no response for delegates, it has become increasingly difficult to plan a meet up. I will continue to advocate for USSA campaigns and hope that delegates will get involved.
- ✚ I set up a weekly call with UCSA Field Organizer Julian Martinez and we talk about what we are doing and how we are progressing forwards with our projects. I plan on speaking with Julian at least once a week if not more often this quarter to discuss our campaign planning efforts. Additionally, I have spoken with West Coast Field Organizer Chirag Bhakta several times about USSA, its campaigns and how we are working together to progress the organizing of the campaigns.

Total Number of Hours Worked: 132 Hours

November Review and Areas of Improvement [continued]:

- ✚ My biggest area of concern, and I spoke briefly to this in the last assembly meeting, is holding the SUA accountable of its decisions. As we passed resolutions, it is my job, and those of the reps, to educate constituents on these issues. However it is increasingly difficult to plan anything when only a few people commit to help. This brings me to my point of getting everyone involved and responsible for our actions. If we have any hope of winning these campaigns this year, we need the support of the entire assembly, something that I see is completely lacking.
- ✚ 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 December 2013. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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