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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 February 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 February between pay periods February 1, 2014-February 28,2014

Goal	Dates Proposed	Final / Periodic Assesment
Planning with LL and National Affairs for lobby corps	December 2013	June 2014
Events for February, March, spring quarter	January 2014	February 2014
Leg Con and SLC planning	December 2013	April 2014
USSA/UCSA Campaigns	January 2014	June 2014
Lobby visits	January 2014	March 2014
Delegation Check-Ins	December 2013	June 2014
Attending UCSA BOD Meeting	February 1-2, 2014	February 2014
Weekly meetings with interns	December 2013	June 2014
Check in with UCSA field organizers	December 2013	June 2014
Duties as UCSA Undergrad Committee Chair	January 2014	January 2014
Duties as Student Observer, Committee on Finance for the UC Regents	January 22, 2014	Janauary 22, 2014



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- ✚ We have been continuing to plan for Lobby Corps with the LL and the National Affairs Director. We have been going over all state and federal issues, but because Leg Con is coming up we have focusing more heavily about federal issues. We have been prepping and going to several lobby visits with federal legislators, and I will talk about it later in this report. Lobby corps now has an established group of people that go weekly, are familiar with issues, and have experience with lobbying on the state and federal levels.
- ✚ In February we finished a few events including a visit from UC Regent Ruiz and began to plan for future events. I would say that the events went well, but as always would have liked to have more attendance. In March, our biggest event will be the Fund the UC Week of Action. We are planning on tabling at McHenry and S&E from Monday, March 3rd - Thursday, March 7th. The point of tabling will be to both inform students about the Fund the UC campaign and to sign postcards that we will then use at SLC when lobbying. Our goal is to get 1200 postcards signed throughout the entire campaign, and this week will make a significant dent in that. Furthermore, in March we will hosting students to go to USSA Leg Con in D.C. For next quarter, I am coordinating with the local affairs director, vote director, and LL to plan events focusing around educating and getting more students involved with efforts to the increase the quality of a UC education.
- ✚ At this point we have finished planning all of Leg Con. Flights, hotels, registration and transportation have all been booked and ready to go. There are a total of 15 students that will be traveling to D.C. to represent UCSC and lobby our legislators on federal issues. For SLC, we have closed applications are taking a total of 44 students to Sacramento on April 5th-7th. These students will have the chance to meet and network with many other UC students, as well lobby state legislators on UCSA campaigns. I will talk about delegation meetings and logistics further on in the report.
- ✚ For USSA campaigns, most of our work has been centralized in lobby visits and getting our voices heard by the offices of these congress members. All of the visits that we have had went quite well and staff are receptive to our issues. For UCSA campaigns, I have been actively working with FFUC organizers in moving the campaign forward. We have met with the Academic Senate Chair, ENVIS department chair, and plan to meet with the College 8 provost and try to get staff and faculty on board with this campaign. Furthermore, we have been talking with the Alumni Association to see if they can support our efforts and make a unified voice at UCSC. In addition, we are planning to have 3x5 flyers displayed in all dining halls on the week of March 9th-16th to educate students about the campaign and see how they can get involved. Lastly on FFUC, we are hosting an event on Thursday, March 6th showing a screening of "Do the Math", as apart of the week of action to show how fossil fuel divestment can be used as a source of investment into



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the UC. For CMED, the bill has been introduced in the Senate as SB 1017 and will be a major talking about on lobby visits and SLC. On IGNITE, most of the work is done because the last two pieces of legislation, SCA 5 and AB 420, have reached a point where we know what's going to happen. UCSA UG is currently talking about what other bills, if any, that we should add to the IGNITE campaign.

- ✚ We have had a total of 6 lobby visits with both state and federal legislators and Lobby Corps has been instrumental in making these happen and moving our voices forward. We have met with the offices of Assemblymember Mark Stone, State Senator Bill Monning, Congressman Farr, Congresswomen Eshoo, Congresswomen Lofgren, and US Senator Feinstein. The visits have gone well and the offices have been quite receptive to our concerns and support our campaigns. We are trying to expand the breadth of the lobby visits and hear more from legislators on opposite sides of the aisle. We will be continuing our lobbying well into Spring Quarter, with many committee hearings, and advocacy days in Sacramento.
- ✚ I attended the UCSA Board meeting in Irvine March 1st and 2nd. We discussed many things and made significant ground on some legislative stances and campaign actions. The biggest thing to happen was the discussion about ASUCI's withdrawal from UCSA and how this affects board structure and culture. Irvine had several reasons as to why they withdrew, and we spoke about these concerns and more, about how to make UCSA a more functional organization. We will continue to have these talks, but for the time being ASUCI will not be a direct board member for the remainder of this school year. Please contact me if you have any specific questions on this topic.
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ In my role as UG chair I have been doing a few things. First off, UCSA is in the process of hiring of new Executive Director and as UG chair, I am the undergraduate representative on that committee. We have had the initial hiring committee with 9 applicants and narrowing that down. After staff goes through the second round, we will re convene once more to finalize and hire the new Executive Director. Aside from this, I have coordinated with UCSA staff and prepared the agenda for the UG meeting in Irvine. I chaired that meeting 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 haven't really done much with this role in February because the next Regents meeting is in March. I will prep and go to the Finance Committee hearing at that meeting and speak.

Total Number of Hours Worked: 117 Hours



January 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 January 2014. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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