

Legislative Liaison March 2014 Report

Tasks:

- Facilitated weekly lobby corp meetings. Updated lobby corp on new bills from UCSA, gathered input for bill stances, and prepared lobby corp for visits with legislators.
- Attended UCSA March Board Meeting. We discussed how to improve board relations. Official stances on legislative bills were approved and goals were set for post card campaigns, and SLC.
- Helped coordinate and implement Week of Action for FundtheUC.
- Prepared delegations for LegCon and SLC at pre-delegation meetings.
- Scheduled lobby visits for SLC and created a google drive with resources to help delegated.
- Led LegCon delegation at SLC. Made sure delegates were on task, and convened delegation meetings to discuss how to bring back conference to UCSC. Some of the ideas included a week of action with events put on my delegates, connecting and sharing lobbying resources with community colleges, and working with the vote coordinator to help plan the 2014 vote campaign.
- Assisting in planning for Dunk Tank Student Debt Campaign by LegCon delegates.
- Organizing volunteers and lobby corps to take to Sacramento to Testify at lobby hearings.

March Review and Areas of Improvement

- We collected over 500 hundred post cards for our week of action. However, this was only about half our goal. It would've been helpful to table and collect postcards during the week before SLC, but logistically that was difficult to organize since it was the beginning of the quarter.
- Lobby Corp is continuing to do well, students have expressed interest in lobbying other legislators from outside the district and we will work to meet with those legislators that are not located near a UC campus. We will also be attending a hearing for SB 1017 (oil severance) in mid April, and possibly have some capitol visits on that day as well.
- It was disappointing that we were not able to lobby legislators in DC during LegCon, but we hope to meet with their staff in-district or with legislators themselves when they visit.
- I am very happy the LegCon delegation has been thus far very active in their plans to bring USSA campaigns to campus, I hope to facilitate the SLC delegates to do the same after SLC.

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