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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 March 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 February between pay periods March 4, 2014- March 31,2014**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Dates Proposed</b>	<b>Final / Periodic Assesment</b>
Lobby Corps planning	December 2013	June 2014
March Week of Action	March 3-6 2014	March 3-6 2014
Leg Con and SLC planning	March 2013	April 2014
USSA/UCSA Campaigns	March 2014	June 2014
UCSA ED interviews	March 2014	March 2014
Delegation Check-Ins	March 2014	June 2014
Attending UCSA BOD Meeting	March 1-2, 2014	March 2014
Weekly meetings with interns	March 2014	June 2014
Check in with UCSA field organizers	March 2014	June 2014
Duties as UCSA Undergrad Committee Chair	March 2014	March 2014
Duties as Student Observer, Committee on Finance for the UC Regents	March 19, 2014	March 19, 2014



### Completed projects, campaigns, events, or activities:

- ✚ As we approach both legislative conferences, lobby corps is continuing to plan and discuss what we are going to lobby on at both conferences and after. Unfortunately, lobbying was cancelled at Leg Con for external issues but we did lobby every legislator's office in prior months that we would have lobbied at the conference anyways. As new developments arise on federal issues, we will follow up with our point people and ensure that they continue to support us. As far as state legislation goes, we will be going to SLC on April 5-7<sup>th</sup> and lobbying state Assemblymembers and Senators on issues important to maintaining an affordable and accessible UC education. The SLC delegation will also be bringing back what they learned at the conferences in the forms of various events.
- ✚ We hosted our Fund the UC Week of Action at which we tabled in several locations, and held events to inform students how we can fund our future through alternate sources. In total, we collected about 450 postcards and the SLC delegation is collecting about the same to bring to the conference. We unfortunately had to cancel an event due to a campus strike but were still able to hold a FFUC screening on how fossil divestment can actually act as a catalyst to UC funding.
- ✚ Leg Con occurred from March 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> and we sent 15 student to Washington D.C. to learn, connect, and lobby on issues important to students on the national level. Unfortunately, lobbying was cancelled at Leg Con for external issues but we did lobby every legislator's office in prior months that we would have lobbied at the conference anyways. All the delegates came back eager to bring issues back to campus and host events to show students the reality of student debt. These events should be happening in the month of April.
- ✚ Most of the work around USSA campaigns has been centralized around lobby visits that we held throughout winter quarter. Throughout our 5-6 national lobby visits, we conveyed our message for the need to be continuously supported by Congress members and our message was well received. We will continue to do this moving into Spring Quarter. For UCSA, as we approach SLC it is important to stay up to date on how each campaign is moving along and what we are going to be lobbying on. SB 1017 was supposed to have been heard in the Senate Education Committee on April 2<sup>nd</sup> but was postponed to April 23<sup>rd</sup> per the author's request. There are no updates on AB 420, the last remaining IGNITE bill, UCSA board will be adding more bills for this campaign prior to SLC. FFUC is moving along quite well with the development and growth of the task force and this task force should be meeting soon.
- ✚ Throughout the month of March, I attended 2 rounds of interviews for the new Executive Director of UCSA. After an extensive process, we have chosen the most qualified candidate. This individual should be announced and start working mid-April.



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

- ✚ Delegation check-ins will continue throughout Spring Quarter as delegates for both Leg Con and SLC bring back their events. Furthermore, all delegates are encouraged to attend Lobby Corps and blueprint plans for Spring Quarter and beyond. The events that these delegates bring back will be a crucial part of the conference effectiveness.
- ✚ I attended the UCSA Board meeting in Irvine March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.
- ✚ I chaired the board meeting in Irvine 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.
- ✚ Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the UC Regents meeting in March due to Finals on the day that the Finance Committee was held. The Regents graciously agreed to have someone else read my speech and I attended the next day to follow up and ensure the students voice was heard.

**Total Number of Hours Worked: 68 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 March 2014. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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