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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 May-June 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 May-June between pay periods April 29th, 2014-June 6th, 2014

Goal	Dates Proposed	Final / Periodic Assessment
May Lobby Days	May 13 th 2014	May 14 th 2014
Lobby Visits	May 6 th 2014	May 6 th 2014
Statewide Call-Ins	May 2014	June 2014
USSA/UCSA Campaigns	April 2014	June 2014
UC Regents Meeting	May 15 th 2014	May 16 th 2014
Attending UCSA BOD Meeting	May 1 st 2014	May 2 nd 2014
Weekly meetings with interns/ Lobby Corps meetings	May 2014	June 2014
Check in with UCSA field organizers	May 2014	June 2014
Duties as UCSA Undergrad Committee Chair	May 2014	March 2014
Duties as Student Observer, Committee on Finance for the UC Regents	May 2014	July 2014



Completed projects, campaigns, events, or activities:

- ✚ On May 13th and May 14th, we sent 5 students up to Sacramento to do joint lobby visits with Regents on behalf of UCSA campaigns and the issues we lobbied on at SLC. The visits were successful overall and our message was communicated quite clearly. Most of the visits that we went on were with legislators that already agreed with our points so it was just a sort of check up on some pieces of the legislation. This was also a good opportunity to further network with both Regents and other UC students. Furthermore, at night I was able to attend the Regents dinner and network with Regents, Chancellors, and other UCOP staff.
- ✚ In addition to the May Lobby Days, Lobby Corps went on an additional few lobby visits to Sacramento the week before to lobby on the same bills/campaigns. We tried to go outside our comfort zone and lobby legislators that generally don't agree with us and they were not very receptive to the campaigns, as expected. This was good experience for students in Lobby Corps to understand that not all legislators will agree with us and to magnify the importance of lobbying.
- ✚ May has been a critical month as all the bills that we have been working on all year are reaching committees and moving on to their opposite houses. Bills that were heard were SB 1017, SB 1210, SB 967, and few others. For all these hearings we had students conduct call ins to the legislators on these bills to urge them to move them on to the next stage. Some of our efforts were successful, namely with 1210 and 967 but unfortunately were not successful with 1017 as it has died in committee for the 3rd year in a row. There are certainly some changes that can be made in future about how UCSA lobbies and contributes to these efforts.
- ✚ As we approach the end of the year, most of the campaigns are also coming to a close. All bills except for AB 420 have been either passed/veto'd/ or moved on with IGNITE. It has certainly been an effective campaign and I hope that the board chooses to take on a campaign with a similar theme next year. FFUC also reached a critical point during the May Regents Meeting when the Regents and the President announced that there would be a committee meeting after the students met with the newly hired CIO. Additionally, they announced that there would be an announcement at the September Regents meeting on a potential vote or progression of this campaign. I would suggest that we continue with this campaign but changed in a few ways with how students interact with UCOP, FFUC, and other partners. Lastly, our CMED campaign was successful in the sense that we got the bill authored and introduced but unfortunately it died once again in committee. Next year will be critical if students hope to get an oil severance tax passed they will have to plan and organize about it differently and more effectively.



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

- ✚ I attended the May Regents meeting where I spoke during the Finance Committee about the necessity of funding the UC by the state legislature and urged the Governor to pay attention to higher education in California. Additionally, I praised UCOP on the cost cutting that they are going through to save money and making themselves a model organization in terms of money handling and effective organization. I hope that the state of California follows suit and begins to fund our education.
- ✚ Louise and I attended the final UCSA board meeting of the year and held the UCSA round of Student Regent interviews. During the meeting we discussed several bylaw changes made to the UCSA bylaws about how conferences and campaigns are ran. It was a good year for UCSA this year and I think that we certainly made a significant amount of progress despite all the things that we faced with staff changes and other things out of our control.
- ✚ I chaired the board meeting in San Francisco 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.

Total Number of Hours Worked: 89 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 May-June 2014. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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