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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 November 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 October 27,2013- November 23,2013

Goal	Dates Proposed	Final / Periodic Assesment
Planning Week of Action for November 2013	November 18-23, 2013	November 2013
Attend SOCC	November 15-17, 2013	November 15-17, 2013
Planning events for January	November 2013	January 2014
Meetings with Administration	November 2013	June 2014
USSA/UCSA Campaigns	November 2013	June 2014
Meeting with UC/SC Police Department to discuss future programs	November 2013	June 2014
Meeting with SC Metro and TAPS to discuss future programs	November 2013	June 2014
USSA/UCSA Delegation Check-Ins	November 2013	June 2014
Attend UCSA BOD meeting	November 16, 2013	June 2014
Hire Interns	October 2013	November 2013
Check in with UCSA/USSA field organizers	November 2013	June 2014



Completed projects, campaigns, events, or activities:

- ✚ The week of action occurred on the week of 11/18-11/21 with three days of action. On Monday, 11/18 we tabled in the Quarry Plaza, talking about the ongoing financial debt crisis going on in regards to student loans. We got Root Beer floats and would hand them out to interested students. In addition, we had students sign the Fund Our Future cards and got approximately 150 cards sign that day. At night, we had the Student Debt Workshop hosted by USSA and about 20-25 students came out to hear the presentation. On Tuesday, we hosted a table in Quarry to discuss Student Fee Legislation and its effects on students at UCSC. That night, we had Max Love and Chirag Bhakta from the USSA present to the SUA on what they were doing and how students here can get actively involved. On Thursday, 10/21, we hosted a table at the Quarry Plaza and outside 9/10 Dining Hall to talk to students about the ongoing Fossil Free UC campaign and how important it is for the UC Regents to divest from all Fossil Fuel holdings.
- ✚ I attended the UCSA Student of Color Conference, hosted at UCLA from November 15-17, 2013. It was one of the best conferences I have attended and learned a lot of information that I plan on integrating into our on campus campaigns. I attended several workshops focusing around diversity in the UC and the ongoing problem that we face with not having the UC be as accessible and representative of the California as possible. It was also a great opportunity to meet with many other highly motivated students from all over the UC and see what they were doing on their campus, in terms of actions. I certainly look forward to having post-delegation meetings and see how the delegates that attended can get involved with UCSA campaigns, and educate UCSC students on what we're trying to accomplish. Lastly, I would like to commend OD Ivan Medina, and COD Charlsie Chang for planning an amazing conference and sorting through all the logistics of nearly 100 people
- ✚ Planning the External Affairs calendar for the month of January has begun in full swing. I have spoken with some of my interns about what events we are putting on regarding their job descriptions. There will be an event occurring every Wednesday of January as well a few in-district lobby visits of California legislators to encourage them to support our campaigns and efforts on the UCSC campus. Some of these events include teaching students how to lobby, bringing UC Regents to campus, and hosting teach-ins. I look forward to what will be a great month of January.
- ✚ As an ongoing project throughout the school year, I want to meet with many individuals from campus and system wide administration to discuss the ongoing student issues and how we can best integrate that into the goals of these admin. This month, I met with VC University Relations to discuss a few things specifically. We talked about the \$5 million that was allocated by UCOP to undocumented students on campus and how that would look for our campus. Additionally, we spoke on how we can best institutionalize voter registration on campus, as well as better our lobby visits and win our campaigns. Furthermore, I attended the November UC Regents Meeting, in my role as the Student Observer for the Committee on Finance. I spoke to the dire urge of more financial aid necessary for students, as well capital improvements, and most importantly reinvestment in academic quality. Later this month, I plan on meeting with Nathan Brostrom, the Executive Vice President of Business Operations for UCOP and discuss how I can best integrate student needs into speeches at Regent meetings.



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

- ✚ I have been actively working on planning UCSA and USSA campaigns. First off, the resolutions that I introduced in October regarding support of the IGNITE and Fossil Free UC campaigns have unanimously passed and I will be doing my best to hold the assembly accountable for its decisions. Secondly, we hosted the UCSA delegation meeting on 10/27 and laid out some groundwork for what campaigns people would like to get involved with. There were people interested in all 3 campaigns and I will hold all those folks accountable to what they said as well. It is my hope, that with the help of UCSA delegates, we can put on massive education drives to teach UCSC students about what we are trying win for the student movement this year. With USSA, I have been working with OD Ivan Medina and educating students about how these campaigns are progressing. I have hired the National Affairs Director and am working closely with her to set up lobby visits and put on workshops to educate students about national issues. Her, as well as a few others, were integral to putting on the USSA action days.
- ✚ I have been meeting with the Chief of Police of UC Santa Cruz Police Department, Nader Oweis. The purpose of these meetings is discussed how we are working to improve our campus and community safety. In addition, we are planning to meet later this quarter, with the Local Affairs Director, to plan out a few events for Winter Quarter. I have been further reaching out to the SC Police Department and will be meeting with them soon to discuss how we can integrate their efforts to those of the student body. It is my hope, that we can put on a few events revolving around community safety, and knowing how to stay safe. The Local Affairs Director will be integral to planning these meetings a facilitating town hall discussions on what students see most important when it comes to safety in the Santa Cruz community.
- ✚ I have been meeting continually with TAPS director, Larry Paegler, and SC Metro Planning Director, Erich Freidrich. Our discussions revolve around how we can use both those departments to make it easier for students to get home safer and faster. We have a few plans for transportation enchantments in the city and making buses more accessible. I will be meeting with Mayor Bryant, Vice Mayor Robinson, and Donna Blitzer; all of who sit on the SC Transportation Board too see how we can convince that body to expand routes tailored to UCSC students. Additionally, I am planning with Mr. Freidrich, a plan to more economically get students to San Jose during holiday high times and throughout the year a little more affordably.
- ✚ At SOCC, I attended the UCSA Board Meeting. We discussed the resolution between AFSCME and UCSA, a budget update, staff governing/human resources update of UCSA. In UA, we discussed the resolution passed to move Regents meetings to other locations and how that is moving along. In UG, we heard from proposers of both FFUC and CMED campaigns and all updates in regards to those campaigns. Additionally, we moved the dates of SLC to April 5th-7th and our Fund the UC Game Plan.
- ✚ On 11/2-11/3, we hosted our hiring committee and interviewed/hired 4 new interns. I am meeting with interns weekly, and discussing what we were going to be doing this quarter and for next quarter. I appreciate the 2 people who volunteered their time to sit on the hiring committee and partook in this important process.



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 November 2013. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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