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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 September 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 September between pay periods September 1,2013-September 28,2013**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Dates Proposed</b>	<b>Final / Periodic Assesment</b>
Planning Week of Action for November 2013	November 18-23, 2013	November 2013
Planning "Future of Public Higher Education" event	October 1, 2013	October 2013
Meet with all College government chairs/presidents	September/October 2013	October 2013
Outreach for the SUA	September/October, 2013	June 2014
Meetings with Administration	September 2013	June 2014
USSA/UCSA Campaigns	August 2013-June 2014	June 2014
Meeting with UC Police Department	September 2013	June 2014
Meeting with SC Metro and TAPS to discuss future programs	September 2013	June 2014
USSA/UCSA Delegation Check-Ins	September 2013- October 2013	October 2013
Attend UCSA BOD meeting	September 7-8, 2013	June 2013
Hire Interns	September 2013	October 2013
Check in with UCSA/USSA field organizers	September 2013	June 2014



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

- ✚ A large part of the responsibilities of the office of external affairs is to organize and act around the campaigns of our coalition organizations, UCSA and USSA. One of the ways that I see this being achieved is by putting on a week of action in mid November right after the Student of Color Conference at UCLA. The week action is split up into 5 days, focusing on 5 different campaigns of both organizations. Monday would be focused on Student Loan Debt, Tuesday on Student Fees/Shared Governance, Wednesday on CMED (Oil Severance Tax), Thursday on Fossil Fuel Divestment and Friday on the IGNITE campaign. Each day will include tables and students in multiple locations on campus including Quarry, McHenry Library, S&E Library, Jack Baskin Engineering, Porter/Kresge Dining Hall, Eight/Oakes Dining Hall, and the Stevenson/Cowell Dining Hall. The first, and probably the most important, resource we have is people. When it comes to USSA campaigns, all USSA Congress Delegates will lead the action days and the same with UCSA campaigns. There were 8 enthusiastic and empowered students that attended USSA Congress, as well as 29 that attended UCSA Congress. Some of these folks may also attend SOCC and put together UCSA resources when it comes to those campaigns. Additionally, I have been in contact with Chirag Bhakta, the West Coast Field Organizer for USSA who will be in attendance for the first two days during the USSA campaigns along with USSA VP Maxwell Love. As for the UCSA campaigns Julian Martinez (UCSA Field Organizer) and Kareem Aref (UCSA President) will come out for the UCSA campaign days. Lastly, we always have the support and backing of the SUA in any efforts we make towards the student movement.
- ✚ The event, "Future of Public Higher Education" is a continuation of my civic engagement/ political activism event that I included in last months report but with a different name. The event essentially revolves around the future of the UC and where we see it going as students and most importantly what action we can take now to save the UC. I have secured 3 key speakers that will be in attendance fielding prepared questions and answering questions from students directly. California State Senator, William Monning, Santa Cruz Mayor Hilary Bryant, and Campus Provost/Executive Vice Chancellor Alison Galloway will be the speakers present. I have secured the Namaste Lounge for October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-10 pm with the actual event being held from 7-9pm. I have made a flier for this event but in an effort to be more sustainable I am trying to not print anything and use electronic sources for advertising. I have been advertising for event as much as I can posting all over Facebook and speaking about it at every SUA outreach event. I am hoping for an outcome of about 100 students.
- ✚ When I attended the UCSA Board of Directors Meeting at UC Berkeley on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the issue of new UC President Janet Napolitano was discussed. There was a group of students that put forth a resolution which essentially called for UCSA to enact a vote of no confidence in the new President until she completes 9 demands that are present in that resolution. During that time, I received upwards of 30 calls, text messages and notifications from students all across the UC urging to vote yes on the resolution but I also understood that this was a very one sided and biased opinion that I was getting. Upon my return to UC Santa Cruz, I set a goal to meet with every college government



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Chair/President to discuss this issue, present them with the resolution and essentially get a feel for how they think their college would vote, not speaking for the students of each respective college. I have since met with the leadership of every college except for College 9 and Cowell College, two meetings which are scheduled for the upcoming week. In addition to the "9 Demands Resolution", I also took a chance to tell them about the "Future of Public Higher Education" event and asked them to advertise it to students who they thought might be interested in attending. Lastly I asked for when the first meeting of that senate would be as I would like to attend each college's senate meetings to discuss the UCSA Napolitano Resolution and let UCPD Chief of Police, Nader Oweis speak about a few concerns he has for this upcoming year. I am trying to make this year as transparent and accountable as possible and I saw that meeting with the leadership of each college government before the school year began was an important, proactive first step.

- ✚ A big task throughout this month was to complete SUA outreach. Something unfortunate that I noticed last year is that not many students knew about the SUA but that was because there wasn't enough outreach done and not enough interaction done with students. There were several times where myself and other officers outreached to students and other groups. We met with residential life, were present at an RA training in the Kresge/Porter dining hall where Chair Umer spoke, attended the Stevenson, Cowell, Kresge resource fair as well as walking around during move in for Stevenson, Merrill, Crown, and Eight. Lastly, we also tabled at the OPERS Fall Festival, held our annual SUA open house and attended the College 8 Senate welcome meeting and MSG Welcome meeting.
- ✚ Although the SUA was set up as an autonomous body of campus administration, I still feel that it is critical that we interact with administration to better understand our roles as student leaders. To better this lesson, the officers had lunch with UCSC Chancellor Blumenthal, EVC Galloway and myself and Chair Umer play basketball with DoS Alma Sifuentes and Chief of Police Oweis on a weekly basis. This allows for us to establish a working relationship for when we are organizing around UCSA/USSA campaigns, these individuals can be our allies instead of obstacles.
- ✚ I have been meeting with the Chief of Police of UC Santa Cruz Police Department, Nader Oweis. The purpose of these meetings is discuss how we are working to improve our campus and community safety. There are several key events that will be coming up in the Fall Quarter where the SUA will be working with Chief Oweis and UCPD to establish for the first time, a working relationship. I am also attempting to contact the Chief of Police of Santa Cruz to see how we can work together but have yet to hear from him or his office. We additionally have in the works a lighting walk event and a Cops with Coffee that will happening in early Fall Quarter.
- ✚ Met with TAPS Director, Larry Pagler to discuss the expansion of the currently existing Night Owl bus service. In an effort to increase community safety, we would like to implement a bus service that runs on routes that SC Metro cuts off after a certain time of day. I also met with SC Metro Planning Director, Erich Freidrich to discuss a few cooperative projects that the SUA can work on. We discussed issues including the fact that there is no bus service on the 20/20D route after 8:30 pm and it seems hopeful that there will be 2 more hours added to that for the 20/20D route to run until 10:30 on school days. In addition, something that SC Metro is currently working on and something that I plan to ask Senator Bill Monning, is about a transportation bond measure that he supported in 2003-04 and Proposition 1B which would allow for new buses, faculty upgrades and consequently a GPS tracking system for all SC Metro buses.



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- ✚ As everyone gets back to school, this is a perfect opportunity to meet with the delegates of both Summer conferences and check in with them to see what they are doing to further the campaigns of the conferences they attended. I have sent out notifications to the delegates of USSA Congress to meet sometime next week to discuss a few issues but among them what they are planning to do this quarter with the 2 USSA campaigns and with their respective caucus space. I have also been in constant communication with OD Ivan Medina, who is also Chair of the National People of Color Caucus for USSA to discuss what we are going to be doing this year. I plan on notifying the UCSA delegates of a meeting time within the next week, before the first SUA meeting to catch up them on how their campaign planning and organizing strategies are going.
- ✚ As is one of my constitutional duties to be the main liaison to UCSA, I attended the UCSA Board of Directors Meeting at UC Berkeley on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> with LL Lousie Cabansay, Co-COD and SUA COD Charlsie Chang, Chair Umer, Justin McClendon, Clara Skaug and Michael Amster. At this board meeting I was also chosen to be the Vice Chair of the Undergraduate committee of UCSA and will work hard with Chair Maryssa Hall from UCLA to organize around undergraduate efforts system-wide.
- ✚ I have posted all my internships, 5 in total, to the UCSC ER system and am waiting another week to close them and hopefully have everyone hired before the first SUA Meeting.
- ✚ 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: 168 Hours**

## **September Review and Areas of Improvement [continued]:**

- ✚ As with last month, I feel that more communication between officers is necessary. Having more routine officer meetings as well as check ins with other officers to know who is doing what is beneficial.
- ✚ Looking back on Summer, it would have been nice to have more planning about what happens when and who is gone when. It was a little tough to coordinate everyone's vacations and figure out when everyone is in Santa Cruz.
- ✚ Finally, as the school year begins, I challenge the officer team to stay committed to student power and activism and realize why they were elected by the students and complete their goals this year.

In conclusion, I provide this summary as my detailed report for the month of September 2013. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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