



Student Union Assembly Monthly Report

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Students of UC Santa Cruz,
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Under my duties as Vice President of External Affairs of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A Subsection 2(j) of the SUA Constitution, I present to you a sum of my September 2017 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly.

You will notice that in this report I do not include specific dates like all other reports. Instead, I have decided to provide an overview of my projects/focuses for the month, which will allow me to track their progress in the long run. I will make sure to include the work I am doing as both the President of UCSA and the External Vice President of SUA, UCSC.

- UCSA September Board Meeting - UC Merced: 9/9 - 9/10
- UC Regents Meeting - UC San Diego: 9/12 - 9/14
 - Met with [UC Student Affairs](#) before attending the September Regents meeting
 - Items discussed:
 - DACA & Sanctuary UC - Comprehensive Immigration Reform
 - UCSA's New "We Are 3D" Campaign
 - UCSA's Graduate Professional Student Agenda
 - Preparation to Present Standard of Living to President Napolitano
 - Addressed the UC Regents for the first time - [President Speech](#)
 - Focused on building relationships with the Regents and UC stakeholders
 - Followed up immediately after
- Undocumented Student Coalition - Action Plan: 9/16 - 9/17
 - Drafted an action plan as requested by the Undocumented Student Coalition
 - Received input from the Execs
 - Offered to connect the coalition with Crystal Martinez, Director of UC Federal Gov. Relations (UCFGR)
 - Took the chance to edit my statement
 - Now waiting for feedback from the folks in the coalition
- [Sacramento Trip](#) : 9/21 - 9/22
 - Purpose: Introduction to coalition partners and key legislative staff who influence the UC budget process and help shape our policy priorities for the year.

- Met with: Campaign for College Opportunity; Meredith Turner, UCOP State Government Relations; CA Student Aid Commission (CSAC); Governor's Office (with Cal Bears!!); and Jeanice Warden Washington, Assembly Higher Ed Committee Chief Consultant
- UCSA/ [UCFGR](#) Call: 9/25
 - Discussed UCSA's pause on DACA-related advocacy, UCOP's efforts around undocumented communities, UCOP efforts around Title IX, and a potential federal trip in the spring
- UCOP Budget Consultation: 9/27
 - Discussed standard of living document and how UC system must work on developing systemwide solutions
 - Discussed how UCSA has been reaching out to campus-specific leadership at dining, housing, and finance departments. We will also be presenting this with Napolitano on Oct. 23
 - Deferred maintenance was brought up in the discussion, so I talked about the Cultural Hub in UC Merced and its harmful effects on students
 - Urged transparency of funding for graduate divisions to see where the money is going and to have that data publically accessible.
 - Spoke about how Becky is leading graduate division's advocacy.
- UCSA/UCGPC
 - Responded to media before staff released the President's statement
 - Checked in with staff and Parshan
- "Grade Your Regents" Survey
 - Was contacted by The Daily Bruin because they had questions about the survey
 - I suggested a follow-up after October board meeting

SUA Thoughts and Improvements

I have slowly been transitioning into my new role as President of UCSA and working towards balancing both my roles as EVP and President. As President, and as UCSC's EVP, I have been able to put UCSC's needs at the forefront of many conversations with UCOP, State Legislators, and UC Stakeholders. I'm able to take what other campuses are doing and apply it to our practices here at UCSC. I look forward to meeting the new Assembly (SUA) and including people in the conversations!