



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

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During the months of December and January, the SUA and I continued to work towards advocating for student interests. During this time, the Chancellor of UC Santa Cruz, George Blumenthal, came in to the SUA space to answer questions from students. Students came in to ask the chancellor about tuition hikes as well as other pressing issues which affect students around campus. The meeting with Chancellor Blumenthal was very telling and encouraged the SUA to pass a Resolution of No Confidence in the UC Regents.

The SUA also worked to fund many different RSO's through SOFA as well as students who submitted a request to buy items from the student activism fund. Furthermore, the SUA has recently been discussing our relevancy and how much we truly advocate for students' interests. The SUA has formed a relevancy committee which will work on creating ideas to help the SUA focus our interests in a way which students can relate and to create a more positive name for the SUA and student government. We also wish to create more positive relationships with student organizations around campus rather than to simply be a funding body. Shortly, we will be releasing a survey for students to gather more information about how the general student body feels about the SUA and what we can change in order to be more responsive to the needs of the undergraduate student population. We will also be discussing the elections timeline for Spring 2015 as well as some referenda which could potentially be put on the ballot this upcoming election season.

Lastly, one of the most exciting things the SUA has done this quarter is to fund the Holi festival which will be happening next quarter and is arguably the best event this campus has ever had which started last year. Hopefully this tradition lives on in future years as well.

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