"USSA lock in fee was voted in by students this year

This fee will provide the UCSB Associated Students with funds that promote undergraduate interest in student advocacy efforts, including setting aside funds to pay for basic membership into the United States Student Association (USSA). The USSA is a non-profit organization that tracks and lobbies federal legislation and policy, organizes students on member college campuses, and trains them to win concrete victories on their campuses. The USSA is led by a Board of Directors composed of elected student leaders at the national student congress held annually in August. Funds will be used by the Associated Students for advancing student advocacy efforts, hiring staff organizers, among other efforts to increase national student representation.

So with this lock in fee,  we have a total budget of $130,568 to spend this year. If you have any questions on how this amount came about, I will send you the ballot language for the lock in.

We’re holding interviews on personnel to carry out the vision of the lock-in.

Kristin will do personnel - someone will be hired for budget, advocacy and training, and evaluation

Focus points of the organization

What does victory on this campus look like? Tracking/lobbying and federal legislation and policy, hiring staff organizers, advancing student advocacy efforts and continuing membership, and to have complete transparency,  having evaluations of how we use these tools pre/post year, and having weekly, quarterly, and annual reports

Three tiers of this program

1. Federal advocacy education program - majority of focus will be on legislation that affects students and policies that affect students day to day
2. Grant program where UCSB campus organizations and AS BCUs can apply for financial support
3. Outreach program

Areas of impact that we want to focus on:

AS entities

Underrepresented communities

And we want to do that through literacy and numeracy"