EVPSA Updates

- Regents meeting today and tomorrow, sent 8 UCSB students up to advocate on two main issues
  - Mauna Kea: Students are there to hold a demonstration outside the Regents meeting as well as speak out against the UCs involvement in TMT
  - Opposing tuition hikes: The Regents abruptly decided that they were going to hold a vote on raising tuition or adopting a cohort-based tuition model, which I and all of the other EVPs unanimously disagree with. They let us know a day before the meeting that they will no longer be holding a vote, but that they will be changing it to a discussion item.

- Advocacy trips
  - We’ve been continuing to fund trips by other organizations, mainly for conferences
  - Just gave UCSB LEAD $10,000 for law school visits, funded Muslim Students Association a couple thousand to go to a conference.
  - We fund any organization that seeks to advocate for their communities, especially marginalized ones. Always accepting new budget requests in person or via email.

- Internal Updates
  - Hired a new Organizing Department to support our Organizing Director in campus based advocacy
  - Working on rehaul of EVPSA website, which will allow students to get steady updates on legislation, request funding, schedule meetings, etc.
  - Working on regaining control of our Twitter and Instagram which were lost by officers years and years ago
  - With all of these tasks we’re hoping to be more transparent and be more accessible to students

Lobby Corps Updates
- Upcoming mental health lobbying day (01/30).
- Planned trips in conjunction with the UCSA (SAAM, Basic Needs, Black Student Day, Financial Aid).
- Side projects: local road project and statue project.
- Continued search for a labor director. PLEASE HELP.
- Upcoming town hall. Feb 2 at 4PM.

LARGER UPDATE: AFSCME wins contracting fight.