

General Information

- On Feb. 4 & 5, Neha, Izeah, Daniel, and I attended the February UCSA Board of Directors meeting. A few highlights included discussing Governor Brown's budget and its impact on the UC, meeting with a representative from UCOP Government Relations, and determining three tangible goals for each UCSA campaign with the other EVPs.
- The Chai Talks Board has been formed and the first event will be held in Spring quarter.

Important Dates

- Sun. 2/26: Deadline to submit UC Student Regent and Undergraduate Student Advisor application
- Mon. 2/27: UCSA Government Relations trip to Sacramento
 - Neha will be taking a group of students to Sacramento with UCSA Government Relations to share stories on college affordability with the state education committee. If you know of anyone who has a story related to how they are able to afford college, what the toughest costs to cover are, financial aid, how the tuition increase impacts them, or basic needs support, please reach out to Neha. Additionally, if you are personally affected and have a story, please reach out as well.
- Mon. 2/27 to Wed. 3/1: first UCSB Federal Advocacy trip
 - Izeah will be leading a group of six students to Washington DC to lobby legislators on Pell Grant protection and expansion, protection of DACA through the BRIDGE Act, and FAFSA simplification. The selected students will participate in a lobby training session prior to the trip. Izeah and Kristin have been in contact with UCSB Government Relations and UCDC Government Relations. We also hope to meet with the USSA President while in DC.
- Mon. 2/27 to Thurs. 3/2: Fund the UC Week
 - This week will consist of a series of activities and events to raise awareness on the recently passed UC tuition increase and explore the intersectionality between affording tuition and other student issues. Plans include a speaker series, a social media campaign centered on relevant legislation, and a panel with key UC stakeholders. Neha met with the Vice Chancellor today to discuss how we can increase faculty and staff involvement and hope to recruit more professors to help us out as well.
- Sat. 3/4 to Sun. 3/5: March UCSA Board of Directors meeting
 - Location: UCSB campus
 - Great opportunity to network with other UC student leaders
- Sat. 3/25 to Mon. 3/27: UCSA Student Lobby Conference

- ASUCSB Lobby Corps will be leading a delegation of students to Sacramento to attend SLC. More details will be released as the date approaches. Please be aware that this is during Spring Break.
- Fri. 3/31 to Mon. 4/3: USSA National Student Power Summit
 - The EVPSA office will be leading a group of 30-40 students to Washington DC to attend the USSA National Student Power Summit. This is an opportunity to lobby federal legislators, connect with college students across the country, and learn grassroots organizing techniques. Applications will be released soon. Please be aware this is taking place during Spring Break.
- Tues. 4/11: Mental Health in STEM Panel
 - The purpose of this event is to open discussion between STEM students and faculty about the correlation between the rigorous academics STEM majors have to face and mental health issues. We will have department chairs, CAPS counselors, and professors present. More details will be released as the date approaches.