



STUDENT UNION ASSEMBLY

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Job: Leader and principal spokesperson of the Student Body; Chair the meeting of the Assembly; Ensure cohesive and effective interaction within the Assembly and the campus; Act as an ex-officio, non-voting member of all SUA committees, subcommittees, and task forces; Required to hold weekly office hours at the SUA office; Attend weekly officer meeting(s) to ensure communication and collaboration; Work in collaboration with the other officers, business manager, committees, subcommittees and taskforces to create a budget for the following academic year, which must be approved by the SUA in spring (Article VII, Section A); Prepares a monthly report evaluating the SUA, which provides constructive criticism, for the purposes of improvement; Carryout any other duties set forth in this constitution, the bylaws and/or as assigned by the Assembly; Appoints the Treasurer and the Recording Clerk by the last meeting of the Fall Quarter. The selection needs to be ratified for the Treasurer by the body by a simple majority vote; Shall meet once a quarter with the College Senate Advisor and the Organization Advisor in conjunction with the Council of Chairs and Leaders of the Organizations to ensure cohesiveness and explain happenings of the Student Union Assembly in order to establish transparency. The Chair does not adhere to any administration, unless stated in system-wide or university policy.

End of July: Went back to Santa Cruz to prepare for the next conference which was USSA Congress. This was again a space for meetings, caucuses campaign writing but, especially for our delegation, quite a bit took place. There was drama concerning privilege and identities that was difficult to, and some of it not, handled. There was attacks on identity and on individuals for their views concerning marginalized communities. More than once UCSC delegates were unable to be a part of discussions because of the way some felt they were targeted or treated. I cannot say that it was the worst conference I've ever been to but considering the space that I felt USSA has and could be it was upsetting and shocking at how some certain circumstances went down.

August: This month was not as exciting as the previous because it was a lot of meetings, trainings, office work and getting to know the real officers. While days felt long, it was nice to be back to work for me. When the school year is going there is limited time in the office so this month, now coming into my new position, gave me an opportunity to start quite a few projects and present at different events, trainings, etc that the school had going on.

I began to work more closely with the GSA president and as she was not only new to the position but also new to the GSA she had a lot of new and different ideas but didn't know where to start. Her passion and thoughts started dialogues that I hadn't expected and I hope that this

will be the beginning of a year of communication and connection between the SUA and GSA that I haven't seen or heard of since I've come to UCSC.

I also had regular meetings with the SUA Advisor, Sayo, because unfortunately we have no office manager so many of the happenings in the office went through her or her office, SOAR. While I hope we can move forward on the hire, for now things are moving slow when it comes to getting out office up and going.

I also began regular meetings with David O (Finances) and because he was just hired between OPERS, the SUA, e2 and CSC he knows how to manage his times and tasks and stays very ontop of e-mails. In all the chaos of the systems that UCSC uses for payroll, finances, budgets etc David makes sense of them. I hope that we can get a few systems in order by the end of this summer (at the latest end of Fall) so that it will be simpler for the SUA to function with working activity codes and easily understood categories (that will theoretically follow our budget as opposed to UCSC's lists).

The trainings, discussions and group meetings ranged depending on who you asked, but coming into a new working group and space many of them were crucial if not mandatory for our starting a new year. The officers are all very strong individuals but as a collective it is hard to say.

Criticisms: This leads me to the criticisms part of our monthly reports. I feel that some people know why they're here, they know exactly what they will accomplish in the next 11 months and they know what/who they need to get it done. Others are here for the general community, the definition of community ranges from officer to officer, but it is clear that most have concerns outside of their own preview (and those around them). What I am a little concerned about it people's inability to see outside of their scope. While one person may work one way, that is not how everyone is going to respond and will not be the most effective for the entire group. I have in the past month checked in with everyone on an individual level and while we may not all be on the same page, most are willing to cooperate. For me, I just need to gain patience and take in everything with a grain or salt.

Our office is quite interesting, not everything is functioning. And what does work, some people seem to have problems with or needs outside of the office availability. A few officers have stepped up their time and have assisted in a lot of the troubleshooting and general office upkeep that needs to be done but there is no full time individual to do. But it is still hard with so much going on and everything on (and off) campus is so slow.