



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.

July: The newly elected SUA Officers and I began with a few bumps and scheduling conflicts with the outgoing officers but were all able to find common needs and agree to certain ideas. At the end of June, I went to the UCSA Board Retreat to transition the new UC wide board as I was leaving. It lasted four days and while in San Diego for the retreat I also celebrated my 21st. Four current officers from SUA attended whichever portions we were available for including the IVC, EVC, OD and myself. I had a chance to see the potential new group dynamics of UCSA and this has allowed for me to better understand that external space in which I would see for the coming year. Also, as an outgoing board member and outgoing committee chair I facilitated a number of trainings and lead a few discussions to assist the new board in preparations for the year to come and organizing needs for their campaigns.

On July 2nd all officers returned to begin group work and I started my eight hour a day summer commitment. We were able to do group transitioning for five ½ days with the outgoing officers and the other ½ of each day was for individual work, meetings, trainings etc. During this time cleaning-out old officer's cubicles and reorganizing space. Having meetings with administration and our advisor in order to prepare for the year to come was another part of our work during July.



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During my transition I helped the new EVC plan the summer conferences but quickly learned that I was more needed for questions as opposed to the process. How great it is to see someone get their job without much training, she already was ready from the year. I attended the UCSA 9th annual Congress that twelve people attended in Santa Barbara from July 14th-19th. At this conference all other UC undergraduate and graduate student bodies were present. There were multiple workshops and caucus spaces for delegates to attend as well as group meals, meetings and after hour activities to allow for interaction and socializing such as a bonfire, banquet and karaoke night. One meeting that was particular to my position as Chair was the Student Body Presidents Council (SBPC) which took place during one of the lunches. At this meeting we discussed previous actions and use of the space and elected co-presidents of the president council (one graduate and one undergraduate). Alex the Grad President at UCR and myself as the undergraduate president were elected. At the end of the conference we all participated in voting for the UCSA board directives and action agenda items which took the better part of our last day.

After this Conference, directly following still in Santa Barbara, was the UC Regent meetings. As UCSA is actively involved with other groups and unions our delegates stayed to observe, participate and show the needs of student in the UC system. This was a two day meeting both of which different discussions took place and although they were usually closed sessions, different voting topics came up. As this was the first UC Regent meeting coming into the new position as part of the SUA I attended.

Getting back from our first conference with still so much work to be done there was multiple discussions on our need for trainings and preparations to plan out our summer and year goals. However, returning to the office included moving all belongings to a corner in preparation for the furniture and office changes which took all officers multiple days to complete. A couple officers and I attended a Regents meeting in San Francisco. This included seeing our newly appointed interim Chancellor Blumenthal.

Criticisms: Over the past month many different problems have come up in the office. But I feel the biggest and most obstructive is the office being reorganized and lack of working of some equipment. While overall this will allow for a better working environment and will help with the current inefficiency of the office, when everything is complete, it is limiting more than helping at the moment because we have no OM to get the ball rolling so many of the needs are falling on myself and those willing to take on extra responsibilities. Eventually there will be a working workstation for each elected officer as well as the office manager, and the intern desk, not to mention a true office. But it makes things difficult if not impossible; even now I'm working off of my personal computer (Hailey I will pay your for it) to type my concerns.

I feel very limited in the work I can do, especially the way we have been traveling and at conferences for about half of the summer. But once things settle down, cross my fingers, I'll get to do more of what I want in this job and not just what others need.