



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 Sept: Last minute meetings came up. Final preparations for the SUA body and discussions concerning group workings also were needed. I took two vacation days, whoo hoo, but still have 6 others from the summer that I didn't use (oh well they went to waste). Classes have started and there is a lot more people coming in and out of the office so I hope we can all maintain our goals and general hopes for the years now that the business of the academic year is here.

October: Wow, is my summary of the month this far. I have seen so much more passion and heard so many more ideas from undergraduates in this month that I thought possible. Maybe it is just because of my title that so many different people have been funneling and running ideas through me, or maybe this is just going to be an awesome year, but either way the month started and ended with general enthusiasm which has put me in a much better place than the summer.

Within our officer group, it was hard (nearly impossibility) to begin weekly officer meetings and because all six of us are doing so much within and outside of our jobs schedules are hectic. But although the month got off to a rocky start when it comes to communication, it was a lot easier than the previous years group.

I have been a part of many different spaces and gone a about 4 meetings a week that I normally am not a part of because I have been invited either for a discussion or just to see how the space

works. I am not sure if this is general for the role of SUA chair, because I don't remember hearing about it in the past. However I do enjoy going to different communities and places I normally don't and am glad people feel I am open to be involved even if I can't personally identify with all their goals/views. However, once midterms hit I had to take a step back from being so open to general invitations but will be back again the second week of November.

Again, regular meetings are necessary for communications but with adding classes and a work-study job to my time meetings are harder to fit it. I have, from summer, kept up with most of the regular meetings with people but sadly, have not kept up with the GSA chair. Also, because now other UC officers are back to school too, I have been a part of quite a few conference calls with other Presidents across the state and with my co-president of the Student Body President's Council.

There are also so many other things to attend outside of meetings. From informational (tabling) to sit-down dinners (ABSA reception, Founder's Day) all the way to new student welcomes I have tried to attend everything I can especially when I get a personal invitation as the Chair (not just as a student) because it is usually with the hopes and expectations of being inclusive. I am glad there is so much going on and that this campus has so many opportunities, but I am also one person and know that while Fall has a lot, Winter quarter will die down a bit but Spring will be even more packed than Fall, so same as being open to attending meetings, I need to pace myself with attendance to events.

My favorite thing about this month is having everyone come back. Not just within the SUA office because with more people there is more potential for accomplishment and more people to drag into the wonderful world of organizing. I have two potential interns, Matt and Matt, both are very organized and neither of which need a lot of direction because they know how the SUA space works. Both are interested in the "appointed officer" positions I appoint so things should be well underway by November.

Oh yeah, and I almost forgot, the officers were able to appoint an OM (for a while) until another hiring process can begin. But this also means that by the end of the quarter there should be a transition, trained and knowledgeable full time staff member in the SUA office! Makes my job less stressful because although maintaining the office was a blast, it needs to go through a whole new fixing, not just putting a band-aid on small problems.

Criticisms: I have seen that the SUA body has a lot of returning members. And because of this the space is functioning quite nicely. However, for the new members who don't know what is going on every second, the returners are not always playing nicely. I think it has gotten off to a much better start than any of the other years I've been here. But this is not to say it is perfect and there are a few things that I know myself as facilitator could work on but I need cooperation and input from senior members and other officers. So feel free to approach me with suggestions and constructive criticism. As for new SUA body members, also feel free to talk to me if you are

confused, lost of generally see things that you need or would like changed to allow for a more inclusive atmosphere. I can not say I can change the body because I know many people are doing what they feel is best for their constituents. But as peers and students I have no problem checking in about specifics. However, I am very glad that this years SUA body members are more willing to work and give input, but come on people, come visit me during office hours (Fridays 1-3pm) please!

Outside of the space I still see problems with the officer group as a collective, but much of that is not going to be solved in a quick minute.