



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 August: Not much of a change from the earlier happenings of the month of August. Which again included: officer work, meetings and trainings. Overall, this month proved to be quite a beginning to an interesting year.

September: This month was a lot more packed and full of outside expectations of myself as the chair. I wrote three briefings, speeches etc for different spaces and put on three mini workshops for different on campus groups. One of which was training for students on the campus who have taken on leadership roles and I got to not only go into the SUA and my experience within the space but also my experience as an individual. It is so hard to see everything that is getting done and everything that a space has accomplished until you actually sit down and write it out. I have to say that I'm quite amazed and proud of the SUA as a whole. While people may not know what the acronym SUA stands for there have been so many events, campaigns, studies, interviews, surveys, actions, etc concerning undergraduates. Just within one office I found, on average, five different projects that either the officer, an intern or a group/committee accomplished a quarter. Even being in the middle of the SUA office for the past three years as an intern and an officer it is hard to believe that so much is being done and yet people don't know. It goes to show that outreach on a campus that is broken up really makes general knowledge complicated. But I have faith in that turning around because it was tackled last year

and this years Internal also plans to make that a priority campaign. While days still feel long, it isn't hard for me to come in early and leave hours late because I get so wrapped up in everything that I'm doing.

I have maintained many of my regular meetings with people from the previous month, and added a few more administration ones on. Some just with myself and admin others with the officer group as a whole. I think the hardest part for me in this position as Chair is the administration meetings. Having a son (who is quite adorable might I add) makes meetings a little random and many times check-ins turn into discussions of me being a single mother as well a student and holding this position. While I knew all the juggling would be a challenge, I didn't realize that it would be the administration that would have the most difficulties focusing.

Criticisms: I think many of my previous still are included in this months, so I won't go into detail, but now without the hiring of an OM I have definitely found that my expectations for the office to be in working conditions may not be possible. Overall, I don't think I have anything new to say about the space, or the group.

I think my biggest criticism is myself. I am a people person and I often find that others moods, ideas and feelings rub off onto me. There have been quite a change in some officers toward each other and myself and the general atmosphere in the office is sarcastic if not hostile. I know I am not the nicest person in the world because I don't have much tolerance for people my age. But within this role of Chair it also seems that this group of officers may need more direction than I want to give because I don't feel I should be leading or telling others what to do. But at the same time, there group is such an "individual" based working space that I also can not force people to come together for the betterment of our campus if that is not the groups wants. I do feel a lot will be accomplished this year because most are passionate and all are hard-workers. But we as a group are not willing or able to come together for every one else's needs. So while I have concerns with my role in this group I hope that I can at least be an advocate, volunteer and general motivator in every space and office within SUA. Even if other officers cannot and will not be there for each other.