



Student Union Assembly (SUA), Office of the Chair

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Dear Student Union Assembly,

Under my duties as Chair of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A of the SUA Constitution, I present my February 2014 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly. I will outline all of my events, logistical planning, activities and constructive criticism, with areas of improvement in hopes of providing a detailed account in this month's report.

Goals and projected timeline for the month of January between pay periods of February 2nd – March 1st, 2014

Council of Presidents	1/14-6/14	In progress
SUA Retreat	1/14-2/14	In progress
Academic Senate	114-2/22/14	In progress
MLK Convocation	2/14-6/14	In progress
SUA Elections Commission	1/14-5/14	In progress
Hire new SUA staff	January - February	In progress
Chair Meetings etc.	January 2014	Complete

Completed projects, campaigns, events, or activities

- As the Chair of the Northern Commission I am responsible in leading the northern commission in conducting and reviewing applications. We've received 39 applications statewide and 6 from UC Santa Cruz. Applications submitted from UCSC will be submitted will be considered by the southern commissioner, however, we will be interviewing northern university applicants on April 19th.
- Council of Presidents quarterly meeting with UC President Napolitano: Since I will be away on a trip in DC from March 1st to March 4th, the Chief of Staff to the Chair, Kelly Herron, will be in my place
- New SUA Staff: 6 administrative assistants and 6 executive assistants will each be assigned to an SUA office in order to help with their offices, fiscal transactions, and event financing.
- Chair Advisory Council under the Chief justice has been working on defining the role of the Chair and the amount of 'power' they can wield under the Constitution, in addition, they will be pursuing in creating a finance committee by creating financial bylaws, a judicial branch and a conference committee
- SUA retreat: I treated the SUA assembly to a teambuilding high ropes course exercise at Mt. Hermon Sequoia Adventure Course and dinner at I love Sushi.
- Elections Commissioner: My Staff reviewed applications for both the SUA elections commissioner and Associate Commissioner, and both positions were



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appointed by the SUA assembly. All 10 colleges submitted a College Elections Commissioner. The Elections Timeline was approved by the SUA body, election packets are slated to go out by the 1st week of March, and are due by Friday April 4th.

- It was an honor for me to introduce the MLK Convocation speaker Freedman Rrabowski III, I also gave a update to the academic senate about SUA's initiatives but focused highly on revisiting the Master Plan.
- SOFA meetings: Working with the SUA Treasurer, and SUA Chief Justice we funded 24 organizations, over \$18,000 in funding. The SUA treasurer conducted two SOFA meetings, and the chief justice observed each conversation to ensure viewpoint neutrality was being followed.

Total number of hours worked: 90 hours (minimum required 80 hours)

February monthly review and areas of improvements:

- SUA Officers need to be accountable to their by agreement work schedule. Several officers have shown up to SUA meetings, Chancellor Meetings, or SUA events late or even have missed those events. Some officers have poor attitude when it comes to accepting responsibility for what they were elected to do, this has forced me to reduce their pay. There is little respect for the Chair when I have to enforce the rules and constitutional duties.
- As we gear up towards elections, the SUA body has become more partisan and polarized. I have witnessed assembly members use 'motion to reconsider' 'points of order/privileged' to call out other assembly members or won't consider funding for specific events because an officer they don't like is in charge of those events. As Chair, I will be enforcing stricter procedure to combat partisanship among members in hopes to create a fair game and fair climate. It's always a challenge for the chair every year between the months of February and June.

In conclusion, I provide this summary as my detailed report for the month of February 2014. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Shaz Umer
Student Union Assembly Chair

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