



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 November 2013 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 August between pay periods of October 27th – November 23rd

Weekly office hours	10/27 – 11/23	complete
Chair sua meetings	10/29-11/19	complete
Agendas and minutes preparation	10/27-11/19	complete
Updating SUA website	10/27 to present	In progress
Students of Color Conference	11/15-11/17	complete
College senates meeting	October - present	In progress
Student Environmental Center	November 7th	complete
Intern meetings	10/29 - present	In progress
Meetings with administrators	10/27 th to present	In progress

Completed projects, campaigns, events, or activities

- Max, Tony, Justin and I met with the chief of police on updates for outreach events such as cops and coffee and meeting with colleges. Additionally we spoke on how to be more transparent and accountable to the student body. The escort service is underway which will be composed of student escorts, and available on a limited time basis from Monday through Thursday 8:30pm to 12:30am.
- Max and I stopped by the Israel Shabbat that was held at the Stevenson fireside lounge, we met with the organization, answered any questions or concerns.
- One on one meeting with Cheslea pack, Co-Chair of Student Environmental Center, on how to collaborate more with the SUA and address the mis-communication during the presentation that was given to October 15th
- The SUA assembly has passed three resolutions calling on the SUA Chair to draft letters to administration, the student body, regents and and office of the president.
- SUA Officers had our quarterly check in with Chancellor Blumenthal, we brought up fossil free uc and IGNITE campaign as well as updates from each of the SUA offices.



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- SUA Officers had lunch with EVC Galloway, check in from each of the sua office. We spoke briefly on the amphitheater campaign and getting a chase atm for quarry plaza.
- I've been communicating with Student Environmental Center and Oakes Student senate to make sure that we can move forward from the incident that had occurred on October 15th. Cheslea Pack, Co-chair of SEC, meet with Oakes SUA representative Alfonso Quintero by providing an apology and offering to visit Oakes Student Senate. After speaking with both SUA representatives from Oakes and the Chair of Oakes senate, this issue is now closed, and everyone is ready to move forward. I am planning on bringing Sustainability office into the SUA space to make a presentation.
- I attended a transfer community dinner with EVC Galloway at Porter dining hall, met with transfer students and CA's.
- Tony, Louise and I met with Congressman Sam Farr at a luncheon held at the chancellors house. He was receiving an award for his support to the physical sciences over the year, and support to the university.
- Tony, Max and I traveled to Alumni Regent Feingold's home in Santa Monica to meet with donors and Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom. He spoke on the future of higher education and how we have to look at leadership from a climate and control standpoint not a command and control. He spoke highly on hyper connectively
- Porter senate brought up concerns about SUA officers getting paid a high amount compared to other student leaders holding similar positions. I spoke at their senate on this issue, and spoke to the extent of moving forward. I posed the question that if porter students do feel that sua officers are getting paid, then it is the reasonability of porter sua representatives to voice their concerns in the sua assembly.
- I attended the Student Environmental meeting with Dean of Students to show those students in that space support.
- I spoke briefly at the Academic Senate meeting on an update from the Student Union Assembly.

Total number of hours worked: 135 hours (minimum required 80 hours)

September monthly review and areas of improvements:

- Strict deadlines are being set for SUA Officers and SUA representatives to turn in their monthly and quarterly report. In order to remain accountable and transparent to the undergraduate student body, this is to provide a summary and feedback of what we've been doing in the past time period.
- SUA meetings have been fluctuating between 1 hour and 3 hour meetings. I have only called 6 meetings for fall quarter.



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- There was a lot of confusion to the Students of Color Conference when it came to mainly travel logistics and itinerary at the conference. UCLA was mainly at fault when it came to agenda and itinerary since I, with most of the delegation, felt lost throughout the weekend. Next time, we need to ensure that all student participants and drivers sign liability waivers. There has to be clear communication on who's in which van, to and from the conference. Clear instruction on picking up vans and any relevant training. Communication between delegation leaders and delegates, with more delegation meetings.
- SUA officer communications – being on time to all meetings, and letting the chair know if someone will be late. We should also have weekly officer meetings, and work on intern and SUA retreats.

In conclusion, I provide this summary as my detailed report for the month of November 2013. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Shaz Umer
Student Union Assembly Chair

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