



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 May 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 May between pay periods of April 27<sup>st</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>**

- SUA Elections February – May (Completed)
- ISO Org Support March – May (Completed)
- Student Judicial Affairs (SJA) Director Hire: March 20<sup>th</sup> – ~May (in progress/delayed)
- SUA Budget 2014-2015 discussions and debate (in progress/delayed)
- Judicial Board Appeals Case present - June (in progress/delayed)
- Chief of Police's Advisory Council (on-going)
- Meeting with EVC Galloway (completed)
- CPC Quarterly meeting (completed)
- Council of Chairs Quarterly meeting (scheduled June 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Edge of Eden Concert
- Meeting with Janet Napolitano (completed)
- Meeting with the Chief of Police (completed)
- Merrill Cultural Center – SUA meeting (in progress)
- UCSC's Got Talent Judge (completed)
- Academic Senate Speech (completed)

**Completed projects, campaigns, events, or activities**

- SUA Elections total voter turnout was 24%. This year we didn't have classroom flyering; however, last year was 27% which would make it a statistical difference, classroom flyering doesn't have a huge effect on voter turnout. Personally, there wasn't that much campaigning from any of the candidates or referendum authors as seen in previous years. There was a similar turnout out on measures this year as last year which would suggest no change. The elections commissioner only received one official complaint, but it was dismissed early on. This is the first year in many years the commission did not go to a hearing which is a victory for the SUA and the Commission.
- As one of two undergraduate students on the judicial board, we are currently hearing an appeals case. However, all information related to this case is confidential.
- The Chief of Police formed an advisory council, myself and one of the Executive Assistants currently sits on this council as the undergrad representatives in hopes of bridging communication between campus police and the student body.
- The SUA budget is on-going and is expected to conclude on May 27<sup>th</sup> to pass the fiscal budget for 2014-2015.



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- We have two major items in SUA this week. The SUA Budget which has three bylaw amendment components: 1) SUA Officer Pay 2) USSA Amendment 3) General Programming. We also have two resolutions which may be highly debated. Our meeting location was moved from the University Center (Alumni Room) to the Merrill Cultural Center at Merrill College. Expected attendance will range between 100-200 students.

**Total number of hours worked: 75 hours (Maximum Hours 76)**

**May monthly review and areas of improvements:**

- One of the major issues we are dealing with right now is with the Graduate Student Association. They have been stressed and feeling a lot of pressure after the district attorney and university took action against the students who were arrested. They have had meetings with Alison Galloway, but haven't had any luck. Unfortunately, they are no placing all the blame on SUA for not supporting them in their efforts. Furthermore, the SUA can't take a stance on an issue when a good majority of undergrad did not support the tactic to block off the campus. I have offered my support to the GSA President, and offered some advice for him and I to meet with Galloway and the Chief of Police. It's unfortunate the GSA didn't reach out to the SUA before making their negative statements towards us.
- There was a lot of confusion around UCSC's Got Talent. Just with every event, there needs to be more clear and cut communication across the board and with all of the organizers with expectations of the event.

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

Respectfully,

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Student Union Assembly Chair

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