



Student Union Assembly (SUA), Office of the Commissioner of Academic Affairs

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Under my duties as Commissioner of Academic Affairs of the Student Union Assembly and Article III, Section A of the SUA Constitution, I present my monthly report and evaluation for the month of October 2013 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 pay period of September 30 - October 25.

Goal	Proposed Timeline	Actual Timeline/Progress
Student Governments [Meet & Greet]	September 24 - ongoing	ongoing
Fall Referenda	November 2013	turned in documents, edits this weekend, SFAC next week
LSS	05 Oct 2013, Spring 2014	follow up this month
Intern Hires	November 2013	ongoing, 1 hired, 2 more in process
SUA Meetings	15 October 2013	tuesday nights
SUA/GSA Meeting with Napolitano	18 October 2013	completed, reportbacks ongoing
Office hours	ongoing	proposed times: Thurs 2p or Fri 2p



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

- Met with Elizabeth Cowell and Greg Careaga a few times over the month of October to discuss the future of the Library Referenda. At the same time, I attended the Fall Special Elections orientation meetings and drafted the language to have on the Fall ballot for 24/5 library hours referenda. The language is ongoing revisions this week and I am going to meet with SFAC next week and going to different student groups for support and sponsorship. The library fee draft language is attached. It states that a temporary 3-year pilot program for 24/5 library hours for the Science & Engineering Library, the cost is a \$4.25 fee during the pilot program period.
- The Organising Director put me in contact with the director of Learning Support Services, Holly Cordova. She asked me to come to the tutor training session on October 05 to give a presentation on the referenda process. Attended the workshop and brainstormed with Holly and the returning tutors about what the process would be like to increase the Measure 30 fee to allow for more tutors and sessions to aid in the increasing numbers of students utilising the Learning Support Services tutoring and Modified Supplemental Instruction.
- So far, I have hired one of my interns, Chief of Staff Johanna Guerra. Working on submitting the paperwork for the official hire. Hiring the Library Liaison and Academic Senate Liaison within the week. The Chief of Staff is on the Hiring committee for both positions and other members include students who have experience with the relevant positions. Finally, the last intern position on the employee request system (CLASS Coordinator, ER #7110) will be hired near the end of November.
- On October 18, the leadership of the GSA and the SUA met with the new UC President Janet Napolitano to discuss the issues that concern student at UCSC. Among the items discussed were her willingness to work with UCSA and the requests they have of her; the future of online education at the University of California; concerns from the graduate student population about the need for TAships; the concerns of undocumented and minority students; the rising costs of student fees and tuitions for some of the basic services required for students to succeed at the University; and questions regarding her commitment to supporting underrepresented communities. Followed up with students at the SUA Meeting October 22, as well as the Sentinel and will continue on with any follow up meetings. President Napolitano did assert that she hoped to meet with more students on her next visit to Santa Cruz.

**Total Number of Hours Worked: 91**



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### **October Review and Areas of Improvement:**

- SUA meetings began on the 15th of October, so far most of the discussion has been brought up by officers. This is just a reminder that if any student wishes to submit issues for the SUA to discuss can do so with a request to the Chair.
- At the meeting with President Napolitano, a lot of issues were brought up. Although it was an interesting meeting, there were a few instances where the concerns of students were met with incredibly political answers that were offensive to some members present and to other students that weren't in the room. Although I did not partake in the protest and other demonstrations, the Organising Director's concern is legitimate and that does need to be acknowledged, although I do disagree in the method which the concern was displayed.
- I really need to get my interns hired. My main concern right now is to get the hiring committees together to do the interview process. I may have to wait a bit longer since all students are approaching midterms.
- Good luck on midterms from the Office of Academic Affairs

In conclusion, I provide this summarised account of my monthly report for October 2013. Any feedback, criticisms and/or questions that you may have are welcome and please feel free to contact me.

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