



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 November 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 27 October - 23 November 2013.

| Goal | Timeline | Progress |
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| Office Hours | Thurs & Friday 2-4p | ongoing |
| Intern Hires | Last hire by week 3 of Winter | ongoing |
| SUA Meetings | Tues 8-11p | ongoing |
| COLASC | Thurs 12-2p (biweekly) | ongoing |
| Intern Meetings/Transition | Fri 2-3p | ongoing |
| Library Referenda | Fall Special Elections (REVISED: Spring) | ongoing |
| Officer Meeting w/ EVC Alison Galloway | Nov 19 | completed |
| Mental Health: meeting with Richard Hughey | Nov 22 - 3p | completed |
| Interviews | Nov 5 | completed |
| Officer Meetings | Fri 12:30-1:30p | ongoing |
| Officer Meetings with Chancellor | Nov 5 (Quarterly) | completed |



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Completed projects, campaigns, events, and/or activities.

- Conducted the interviews and hires for the SUA Library Liaison. Hired Nicky England for the position. Finishing the Hire paperwork currently to turn in to Lucy Rojas
- Attended SFAC, GSA, and college senate meetings across campus with Chief of Staff and Library Liaison to do presentations for sponsorship of the 24/5 Library referenda. Since we did not get enough support we will continue working on it for the Spring ballot. Also presented on the SUA Constitutional Amendment from last spring.
- Met with students during office hours as well as began the transition process for my interns.
- Attended COLASC meetings and gave the student perspective and how students utilise the library's resources.
- Lunch with EVC Galloway with Chair, IVC, and EVC to check in. Spoke briefly on the Library and on the possibility/feasibility to establish a scholarship endowment via SUA
- Officers met with Chancellor to check in for the quarter and discuss the progress of the capital campaign as well as what was happening at the Regents' meetings and with the UC President from the administrative standpoint.
- Justin and I met with Dean Hughey to discuss how to best move forward with putting CAPS and emergency hotline information on syllabi, similar to the DRC information. Finalising language and information with CAPS and aiming for a Winter Quarter incorporation of the additional language.
- Went to the C4 quarterly event to do reportbacks for COLASC and CEP for the quarter.
 - COLASC (Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication)
 - Had a discussion regarding the overall budget for the University Library and compared to the other UCs over the few years. Discussed professors and faculty concerns for space in the cloud for digital content and access to other research and publications. Gave feedback to faculty regarding what students utilise the physical and digital library spaces for. While faculty priority seems to be digital space and extent of our collections, student priority is the physical space. Discussed briefly the proposal for the 24/5 library hours referenda and plans to increase the budget for collections from new faculty & FTE.
 - CEP (Committee on Educational Policy)
 - External reviews and schedule for Literature, Writing, Theatre Arts, and Latin American & Latino Studies programmes. Questions included multi-year planning for the programmes as well as impacts on related undergraduate and doctoral programmes. Class size and teaching load impacts on the effectiveness of the class itself were discussed. Looked at how changes to the International (IB) program and exams were going to be considered, much like the Advanced Placement (AP) program and overall international education and what requirements and certifications would be needed to move forward.

Total Number of Hours Worked: 92



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November Monthly Review and Areas of Improvement:

- Better sense of communication between the officers so that there's no misinformation going around.
- In regards to the Student of Colour Conference: maybe have clearer communications between the organisers at UCSC and at the host campus so that the experience is the best possible for the student delegation.
- The hiring paperwork and process needs to be simplified in some way. It takes much too long and does not accurately reflect the best review process as the applicants are marked on a quantitative scale of set guidelines rather than the quality of their application and/or interview.
- Officer collaboration on projects has thus far been beneficial to those involved. Definitely something to incorporate more into our workloads.

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

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