



Student Union Assembly (SUA), Office of the Commissioner of Diversity

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Dear Chair S. Umer,

Under my duties as Commissioner of Diversity of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section D of the SUA Constitution, I present my August 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 September 1, 2013 to September 28, 2013.

Work on new SUA Website	August-September	Fall 2013
Plan for Student of Color Conference at UCLA	August - November	Fall 2013
Work with the Chancellor's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion about future collaboration	August 29 th – Spring 2014	Spring 2014
SUA Paid Internships	August-October	Fall 2013
Meeting with the Chancellor, EVC, and Dean of Students	August 19-August 23	August 26, 2013
SUA Officer Meetings	September 4 th , September 10th	Spring 2013 (Weekly meetings)
SUA Budget Reviews	August 2013	August 2013
UCSA Board Meetings	September 6, 7	Spring 2014 (monthly meetings)
UC Regents Meeting	September 17, 18	Spring 2014
SUA Open House	September 20-24	September 25, 2013
OPERS Fall Festival	September 20-24	September 25, 2013

Completed projects, campaigns, events, or activities

Work on new SUA Website-

After our WCMS training, I have been working several hours on transferring the information from the old website studentunionassembly.org to sua.ucsc.edu including uploading the officers' information, Constitutional Duties, interns and their duties, resources, the budget, minutes, representatives, etc. I hope to have the website up live by OPERS Fall Festival with brochures with our new link on them.



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Student of Color Conference

I've submitted a Purchase Order for one bus at \$5,500 and filled out travel expenses to reserve the passenger vans as well as the hotel rooms. The price for 22 standard doubles at the rate of \$94.00 per room for two nights totals at \$4,136.00. With taxes, the cost for lodging is \$4,777.08 which I have filled out a cash advance form for. I am currently working with the director of SOAR, Sayo Fujioka, and the hotel to attempt to be exempt from the taxes because the Student of Color Conference is a university event. We've also received confirmation from the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for co-sponsorship for \$500.00.

Work with the Chancellor's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Ivan Medina, the Organizing Director and I met with Sheree Marlow from the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion about issues we will be focusing on this coming school year (such as school to prison pipeline, Janet Napolitano, the IGNITE campaign, and turned in our proposal for the Student of Color Conference for co-sponsorship. We received confirmation of co-sponsorship for \$500.00 and are extremely looking forward to how our offices can collaborate in the future.

SUA Paid Internships

I have created three paid internships under my office work-study or non-work study. They include:

Chief of Staff - This intern will report to the SUA Commission of Diversity (COD) and will be a close at hand intern to the COD and take leadership in logistical planning, recruiting volunteers, gathering funds, and outreach and publicity of projects that may include but aren't limited to conferences, teach-ins, film screenings, concerts, dances, etc.

Resource Center Coordinator - The Resource Center Coordinator will be required to work with the resource center directors and interns from various centers that fall under the purview of Commissioner of Diversity.

Outreach Organizer - The Outreach Organizer will be in constant communications with the various student organizations on campus that fall under SOAR and act as a liaison between the Commissioner of Diversity and organizations providing aid for successful program implementation.

I am currently working on the parameters of what will be sought after in an exceptional candidate for my hiring committee to base off of during interviews. This year, we will also have four "fellowships" in each office which are unpaid volunteers that get experience in each office.

SUA Officer Meeting with the Chancellor

The SUA Officers met with Chancellor Blumenthal, EVC Galloway, and the Dean of Students office to give them an update about the different projects we will be working on this year, quarterly meetings, and how to move forward in the upcoming year in terms of collaboration.

Topics discussed include:

Janet Napolitano, UCSC's Got Talent, SUA Concert, Chief Campus Counsel Student Rep, Future meetings with the SUA Officers, Founder's Day Dinner, invitation to the first SUA Meeting (Tuesday October 8th), SOAR, Transit Routes and Night Owl Services, IGNITE (UCSA Campaign), Students of Color Conference, Library Services, fall special elections referendum (Library, Slug Shuttle, Conferences). The meeting was extremely successful and we have scheduled quarterly meetings for the future.

SUA Officer Meetings

SUA Budget Reviews



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CSA Board Meeting (UC Berkeley) September 7, 8

Janet Napolitano: Wants to meet with student leaders, why just student leadership?

IGNITE: \$15 million is sitting in faculty mortgage default fund and President Napolitano will have jurisdiction on where this money is allocated

- Confirmed: Diversity pipeline does not conflict with prop 209
- Financial Aid policy: UC will continue using the 10 year pay back period, not the 15 year repayment plan (students are against the 15 year plan)
 - UC will start looking at assets not just household income
 - Students are expected to be working 13 hours a week instead of 10
 - UC is working on implanting middle class scholarship for next school year
 - hurts 33% return to aid component

UC trying to raise more private funds like Promise for Education (good/bad?) Some concern among students that UCOP is making students raise money for themselves. Not focusing on marketing to outside student groups as much as we would like.

Promise for Education –The Promise for Education campaign encourages students, faculty and staff to fulfill their promise after raising a donation. The SUA Officers are talking about a few ideas, one of the ideas, we decided if we raise \$2500, all of us will sit in Quarry plaza for an entire day, and anyone can pie us in the face.

and the UC

What is Prop 13?

- Proposition passed in 1978 that capped property taxes at 1975 levels and was intended to help homeowners.
- Property is reassessed upon change of ownership or new construction.
- But commercial property has benefitted the most from Prop 13. Commercial property rarely changes ownership. Chevron saves about a billion dollars a year in property taxes. Revenue has dropped by 60% since the passage of Prop 13.

and our Future 2012-2013

Incorporated into the bylaws as a long term commitment

Tactics

-Passed Prop 30 resolutions at different campuses, Continued education campaign, Voter Registration Drive, Fund our Future Weeks of Action, Continued lobbying efforts

and the UC 2013-2014

Many organizations are already working on Prop 13 reform, **Evolve**

-Got the California Democratic Party to publicly support Prop 13 reform

-Working on having 100 school boards and city councils to adopt their resolution to close the commercial property tax loophole in Prop 13

-Talking to hundreds of voters every day, has 10 full time staff members completely dedicated to Prop 13



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Campus Action Committee

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Ham Building at Golf Range

Total number of hours worked: 164 hours

August review and areas of improvements:

- A lot of our time this month was prioritized for UCSA because several of the officers were delegation leaders which put a pause on a lot of our individual goals for the month like getting ready for welcome week, fall referendums, etc.
- Our interns were sent in several weeks ago, but they have still not been posted to the ER system which makes it difficult for me to outreach to get a quality pool of applicants.
- For the Student of Color Conference, I should familiarize myself more with E² to see what their plans are and how much involvement they want to have with the conference. I also need to see the final date for the early bird discount for the busses.
- The Financial Transaction Training was cancelled because Latrice is on medical leave during our officer training week which is very inconvenient because it's important for all of our officers to know how to do Purchase Orders, financial transactions, etc. when we need to pay for conference material or miscellaneous items like office equipment.

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

Respectfully,

Charlsie Chang
Student Union Assembly Commissioner of Diversity