



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.1 of the SUA Constitution, I present my February 2015 report and evaluation to the Assembly.

### **Activities for the month of February 2015**

#### **SUA Advisor Hiring Process**

After the SUA Advisor search committee held in-person interviews for all four candidates, we deselected one candidate and ranked the remaining three. Afterwards, I met with the Dean of Students and Assistant Dean of Students to discuss the candidates' references and make a final decision. At this time, I learned that one of the candidates had withdrawn. Several officers had expressed concerns to me that they had not had ample opportunity to be part of the process, so I asked to have a meeting with all the officers to make a final decision. More information will follow in my March report.

#### **SUA Elections Commissioner and SUA Associate Elections Commissioner Hiring**

My office held open applications for the SUA Elections Commissioner and SUA Associate Elections Commissioner positions. My Chief of Staff, Kelly Herron, held narrow down the many applicants into 3–4 for each position to be interviewed by SUA. The hiring process was successful for both positions; Aron Garst was hired as SUA Elections Commissioner, and Tamisha Davis as SUA Associate Elections Commissioner.

#### **Academic Senate Meeting**

SUA Commissioner of Academic Affairs Max Hufft was ill on the day of the winter quarter Academic Senate meeting, so I attended and gave a reportback in his place.

#### **Council of Presidents Conference Call**

I attended a conference call with the Council of Presidents to prepare for our March meeting with UC President Napolitano. One big issue discussed on the call was SCA 1, the proposed amendment to the California Constitution that would strip the University of California of its constitutional autonomy from the state legislature. The Council decided by a unanimous vote that we were opposed to the amendment, in contrast to the University of California Student Association's support. I abstained from the vote, as SUA has not yet discussed the issue and I thus felt I was unable to represent any viewpoint other than my own.



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### **Meeting with Chief of Police**

The SUA officers met with the Chief of Police to discuss student concerns about campus safety and the relationship between UCPD and the student body.

### **Meeting with Associate Vice Chancellor of Business & Administrative Services**

The SUA officers met with Sarah Latham, AVC of Business & Administrative Services to discuss student concerns about the campus's physical grounds and facilities.

### **Suggestions for improvement**

- The race to be the first person to shout "second" after a motion is made has been a running joke for at least as long as I've been involved in SUA. I ask that members of the Assembly stop and think before seconding any motion that happens to be made; often ill-conceived motions that would have (and should have) died without a second are seconded, wasting everyone's time and slowing down the meeting.

If you have any further questions about my activities for February 2015, please contact me at [suachair@ucsc.edu](mailto:suachair@ucsc.edu) or visit my office hours.

Sincerely,  
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Chair, Student Union Assembly