



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

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Dear Student Union Assembly,

Under My duties as Commissioner of Academic Affairs of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A Subsection 5 of the SUA Constitution, I present my August 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 the month’s report.

Goals and projected timeline for the month of August between pay periods of August 1st – August 31st.

Tasks	Progress Dates/Timeline	Tentative Completion Deadline
Hold weekly office hours	8/1/14-	Ongoing
Meet and coordinate with fellow SUA officers	8/6/14-8/27/14	Ongoing
Plan and provide consultation for UCSA Congress delegation	8/8/14-8/14/14	Completed
Help lead UCSA delegation	8/14/14-8/18/14	Completed
Plan and provide advice for UCSA campaigns at UCSC	8/17/14-8/20/14	Ongoing
Provide consultation for SCOC and IVC	8/25/14-	Ongoing

Completed projects, campaigns, events, tasks, or activities

- My office hours went by with no one taking advantage of them this month. I have them in the McHenry library, so a couple of times I was able to talk to Greg Careaga from Library outreach and research. I highly recommend people drop by my hours, there are a lot of administration that pop in out of that area during that time that we can talk with.



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- We had several officer meetings this month that I'm glad are happening. We've had a much divided officer core for a while and there is more of a cohesion each time we meet.
- There were a few hiccups with our delegation for the UCSA Congress before the conference started. As usual we had a few people drop last minute. Although many of us officers wanted to add people left and right from different areas to fill those drops, I recommended and helped us continue through the waitlist that we had started for this purpose.
- We had a great delegation for this year's UCSA Congress. We had people in almost every campaign building space. I tried to make as many open spaces for the upcoming campaigns as I could. I really enjoyed the FEALIN it campaign, which took an unconventional approach to engaging students and I think could blend well with a mental health campaign in the future. The Master Plan reform campaign which went under the acronym CARE had a lot of great ideas that have been proposed in years past. Although it was not adopted as the campaign for the year, I think it will percolate up through the years. The Open Net and Net Neutrality space had two of our delegates in the space, leading discussions as freshmen. I was impressed with where the campaign went and its ability to stay realistic when so many other campaigns can get lost in the sky. The campaign that was chosen was based on sexual assault awareness. If anyone has any questions or wants to get involved with the campaign I suggest they contact Louise Cabansay, Justin McClendon, or Alexandra Kasper.
- I was in contact with SCOC members, including the IVC several times this month. With so much going on with their budget and other transition materials, they have a lot going on that I was able to provide consolation on.

August review and areas of improvements:

- For future years and outgoing officers, although it is really hard to care about the office once they either graduate or move on from SUA, I highly recommend that they still go through their stuff in the office and decide what they want to keep. Even with plenty of time and warning given, there was still a lot of stuff left in the office that we had to throw out. I was expecting this to not be a problem into the second month but we still find random things to be thrown out in the office to this day.
- Our officer meetings have been gaining traction this last month. They work really well when everyone shows up and that was not always the case. As the year goes on and our schedules become more impacted, I can't stress enough the point that officers put these meetings as a high priority.



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- Although we didn't have any major conflicts of interest when picking the delegation for UCSA Congress the month prior, when it came time for the actual conference, it was hard for all the officers to stick with the back-up list we created as a team. For future conferences I urge us officers to remember that we can delegate work if the quality of our delegations is at risk otherwise.
- Lastly, the rooms for the conference were really confusing for the delegates and I had several delegates including myself wondering what was what when it came to rooms. Although most of the confusion was unavoidable, the placement after a few mix ups put most of the current elected officers and representatives in one room. For future conferences, I recommend that there is a better mix of officers and representatives in rooms so that the assembly has a better chance of gaining new members.

In summary, I provide this monthly report for August 2014, as stated as my duty as Commissioner of Academic Affairs of the Student Union Assembly. If any member of the student body has questions or would like me to expand on a certain area, feel free to contact me via email suacooa@ucsc.edu, or drop by during my office hours.

Respectfully,

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