



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 February 2015 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 February between pay periods of February 1<sup>st</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>.**

| Tasks  | Progress Dates/Timeline | Tentative Completion Deadline |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Hold weekly office hours                     | 2/3/15-                 | Ongoing                       |
| Meet and coordinate with fellow SUA officers | 2/4/15-                 | Ongoing                       |
| Attend weekly SUA meetings                   | 2/3/15-                 | Ongoing                       |
| Provide Consultation for Holi Festival       | 2/12/15-                | Ongoing                       |
| Meet with interns                            | 2/3/15-                 | Ongoing                       |
| Plan for CLASS Survey                        | 2/3/15                  | Completed                     |
| Attend weekly CEP Meetings                   | 2/5/15-                 | Ongoing                       |
| Participate in SUA Advisor hiring process    | 2/3/15-                 | Ongoing                       |
| Launch and Outreach for CLASS Survey         | 2/25/15-                | Ongoing                       |

**Completed projects, campaigns, events, tasks, or activities**

- Not that many people have come to my office hours this past month. I had a couple drop ins from some assembly members and people from Calpirg. I’ve



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moved my office hours to the SUA office this quarter and I don't get that many drop ins as a result.

- The officer meetings have been frequent because of the prime meeting time we have. I hope these can keep going at this pace and will become more productive
- I participated throughout the month in the search committee for the new SUA Advisor position. There were many great candidates that we met with in the past month. It was great having the opportunity to meet such great people that are so passionate about better student life and helping the university grow. I really hope the open forums for this position were well attended and that students got a good feel for who is applying.
- My office has been planning the the Course Lecture Availability Student Survey(CLASS) for quite some time and we have finally been able to launch it. The survey went out via campus wide email and facebook and has received over 1,000 responses already. We hope to see more turn out as students keep signing up for classes.
- The CEP gave its recommendation to adopt the C- grade option to the academic senate this month. The proposal went through with little comment and will be voted upon next quarter at the final Academic Senate meeting of the year.

### **February review and areas of improvements:**

- The office is becoming more and more crowded lately with trash and recycling. I'm unsure as to what is trash or not on the office table and it is making the office space look trashy when holding interviews or other important meetings.
- The Assembly meetings this month have had a lot of moments where we would talk in circles before coming together on a solution. There have been moments where the space has had a challenge with agreements such as challenge the idea the not person and one mic one diva. Hopefully as the year goes, the assembly will be experienced with using the agreements.
- The candidate interviews we have had as an officer core have been scheduled quite poorly and they have me questioning how much effort and care there is to have student input in this decision. I might call for extra interviews if the officers feel underprepared to make a decision.
- The officer meetings for this quarter have been great so far but more and more meetings with the other officers, whether it be the SUA meeting, a meeting with Alma or Lucy, or one with possible advisors have had one or two officers being "sick" or have too much homework to do. At first I have understood but at a certain point we are here to do a job and showing up is part of it. Last year some of these absences would have had pay docked as a result.



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- With the launch of the CLASS survey this month, I noticed that we have gotten a lot of support from my staff and some friends to outreach but I have seen almost no posts or other mentions from members of the Assembly itself. As much I understand what it means to put someone else's posts ahead of your own, I must say I am disappointed in the body that created a survey that brought us the wait list to then not support it publicly. It really makes me question how much members of the assembly value class availability.

In summary, I provide this monthly report for February 2015, 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 [suacoaa@ucsc.edu](mailto:suacoaa@ucsc.edu), or drop by during my office hours.

Respectfully,

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