



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 March 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 March between pay periods of March 1st – March 31st.

Tasks	Progress Dates/Timeline	Tentative Completion Deadline
Hold weekly office hours	3/2/15-	Ongoing
Meet and coordinate with fellow SUA officers	3/4/15-	Ongoing
Attend weekly SUA meetings	3/3/15-	Ongoing
Provide Consultation for Holi Festival	3/6/15-	Ongoing
Meet with interns	3/3/15-	Ongoing
Wrap up CLASS Survey	3/3/15	Completed
Attend weekly CEP Meetings	3/4/15-	Ongoing
Participate in SUA Advisor hiring process	3/6/15-3/14/15	Completed
Present at the Cross Committee Communication Caucus	3/6/15	Completed

Completed projects, campaigns, events, tasks, or activities

- Not that many people have come to my office hours this past month. There was only two weeks where I could hold them and school was in session. I’ve moved



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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. We narrowed it down to two different applicants and the officer core was split on who it should be. After several meetings that were schedule during finals even, we were able to come to a consensus on the candidate. His accepting of the position and negotiation of the wages are all that remains.
- My office has been outreaching for the CLASS Survey for quite some time now and I'm glad we are finally able to tally up the data. We've had a lot of responses, some terrifying and some that give me hope. We plan to have the final data presented at the last Academic Senate meeting of Spring quarter.
- The CEP gave its recommendation to adopt the C- grade option to the academic senate last month. It looks like the senate will be holding an extra meeting on the 22nd of April to discuss this, which means for the first time in a couple years the Academic Senate will be having more than one meeting in a quarter.

March 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 had to call for extra interviews and delay the process even further just so we could come to a consensus on the next advisor.
- In the middle of February I made a shared google document for all the officers to edit regarding the letter that we were charged with creating on behalf of the assembly and SUGB. I made a very professional format, intro and conclusion as well as outlines as to where the let it be resolved clauses should be in the body. I sent several reminder texts and emails and the letter wasn't completed until a week after the deadline and I had to call the officers to the office to have them



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sign the letter. We were effective however in turning in the letter in person as a whole officer core to both the Dean of Students and the Executive Vice Chancellor. We need to be tighter with our deadlines if we are to be as effective as possible about issues on this campus.

- 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.
- With outreach going on for the CLASS survey, 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 March 2015, as stated as my duty as Commissioner or 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, or drop by during my office hours.

Respectfully,

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Student Union Assembly