



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

Tasks	Progress Dates/Timeline	Tentative Completion Deadline
Hold weekly office hours	11/4/14-	Ongoing
Meet and coordinate with fellow SUA officers	11/7/14-	Ongoing
Attend weekly SUA meetings	11/4/14-	Ongoing
Attend Academic Senate Meeting	11/7/14	Complete
Facilitate Hiring Process	11/10/14-11/16/14	Complete
Meet with newly hired interns	11/17/14-11/18/14	Ongoing
Plan for Outreach event	11/24/14-	Ongoing
Attend weekly CEP Meetings	11/5/14	Ongoing
Report CEP happenings at C4	11/28/14	Complete

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 the people at Hillel who also happen to have office hours at the same time I do. There has been a routine meeting once a month with DoS



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office during this time and I hope they avoid scheduling during my office hours next quarter.

- The office meetings have scarce this month due to everyone's busy schedules and conflicts with current actions. We have had a really good one at the end of the month with most officers attending C4 as a result.
- Many things were covered in this quarter's Academic Senate meeting, here is a succinct list of the meeting:
 - Chancellor addressed the tuition increase very briefly and moved into new relationships. Our contract with NASA-Ames is up for renewal, and a new relationship with IBM has been made and the campus is looking forward to contracts.
 - The EVC touched on the Envision 2020 program, they identified six feasible projects: Academic Planning Process, Research Infrastructure, Measuring Student Goals, Staff Morale, and two others. Alison also gave a shout out to SUA for the CLASS Survey and mentioned steps they are taking on class availability.
 - A Senate Executive Committee Reported on the campus's goal of graduate growth. This goal is to increase graduate students to be 15% of the school's population. The GSA president had a really good response to this proposal that most of the senate agreed to.
 - Committee on Teaching reported on a lack of a center for teaching excellence. Former CoT chair had a really good response to goal of a previous Academic Senate chair to keep the center.
 - A comment from the Cowell provost highlighted the lack of prepared students in writing coming in shows the lack of writing skills being taught high schools should be made up here to achieve more ELWR satisfactions.
- I facilitated the hiring process for my interns this month. With the help of the Chief of Staff to the chair and a voting representative in the assembly, I was able to narrow down the applicants for interviews and then pick them in the interviews themselves. At the end of the process I have decided to hire Grace Shefcik, Lila Blackney, and Seamus Howard as my interns. I have great faith in them to carry out the various programs and campaigns this year.
- My office has been planning to hold an outreach event for students during the weekend before finals. We will be handing out coffee and testing supplies in front of S&E on the 13th of December.
- The analysts for CEP are sending out a request to all faculty this grading period to see what would be different if they had a C- grade option. They will report back during next quarter on their findings.

November review and areas of improvements:



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- 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 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.
- There was a bumpy moment with the officer core over moving funds around for an action in SF this month. Regardless of what may have been best to fund the action with, this matter should have been solved with in the officer core before going to meeting. Having officers go back and forth with each other in the space creates a negative image of the SUA that is very similar to two years ago where this happened in every meeting.
- Our officer meetings have been gaining traction these last three months. 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.

In summary, I provide this monthly report for November 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 suacoaa@ucsc.edu, or drop by during my office hours.

Respectfully,

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