



Student Union Assembly (SUA), Office of the Commissioner of Diversity

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Dear Chair J. Lardinois

Under my duties as Commissioner of Diversity of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section D of the SUA Constitution, I present my July 2014 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly. I will outline all of my event, logistical planning, activities and constructive criticism with areas of improvement in hopes of providing a detailed account in this month’s report.

Goals and projected timeline for the month of July for the pay period between July 1st 2014 and July 30th 2014

Goal	Dates Proposed	Final/Periodic Assesment
Cleaning SUA Office	July-August	September 2014
Logistical Planning and Coordination	July-September	Fall 2014
Summer Orientation Outreach	July 22 nd -July 30 th	July 30 th

Cleaning SUA Office

Upon entering the office it became clear that the previous officers had not cleaned out their desks and that the office was in disarray. In order to provide a work environment that is conducive to efficiency the other officers and I began cleaning out the previous officers desks and moving into our current desks. There is still much work to be done; we may need to move our office around so that the area that is not earthquake safe, by the windows, becomes a storage space. We also are currently waiting for the maintenance team to switch the office computers because the keys to the cable locks have been lost.

Logistical Planning and Coordination

This month I, along with the other officers, evaluated the applications for USSA and UCSA Congresses that were received. After individual evaluations we deliberated on what would make a good delegate and on the merits of each individual applicant and ultimately selected our delegations for each conference. Once our delegations were selected External Vice Chair Cabansay and I coordinated on travel plans to both UC Irvine and Oakland. Towards the end of the month the office had it’s first Officer Meeting. The meeting focused on the goals that each individual officer has for the year and what goals we could pursue as a group. My current goals for the year, which I will be constantly adjusting based on new information I gather from students and administration in order to better serve the student body, include outreaching to all identity organizations and networking with them so that they know the resources that are available to them and so that they can better mobilize. I also plan to meet with the resource center directors and the program specialists so that I can better understand the needs of the resource centers



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and coordinate with them more easily. I also am outreaching to the Dean of Students Office in order to better work together and to receive advisement about other goals I have for the year, for example my two biggest projects Holi Festival and the creation of a Identity and Cultural Competency Program. The Organizing Director Bradford Mleynek and I are also planning to build a SUA volunteer base as a resource for the events that SUA, members of the SUA and other student organizations can draw on when planning events, we also plan to rebuild the Organizing/Volunteer Corps a logistical committee that I have not seen in the SUA space. As a group we have prioritized making SUA a more welcoming space, making our offices collaborate more efficiently by having our interns work together and maintaining open channels of communication with each other. This month I also talked to Carrie from the Dean of Students Office about Holi Festival. She alerted me to the fact that the donations that were collected from Holi Festival that were meant to be sent to Jaipur Foot could not be sent because they would not return contact and thus would not accept our FOAPAL. I have decided that this sum will be used to fund the next Holi Festival because it can serve students more effectively this way rather than entering the SUA general fund. However this decision is open to consultation and will be addressed when meeting with those who planned the event in the Indian Student Association and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Summer Orientation Outreach

Between July 22nd and July 30th the officers and I tabled at Summer Orientation, both at the Resource Fair and Slug night events. In doing so we outreached to incoming 1st years on how to become involved in the various aspects of UCSC student government, this included SUA, college governments, SCOC and its various committees and the many resources available on campus. The number of students that we talked to varied day to day, however the vast majority of conversations we had were positive and I believe that we have informed a sizeable group of 1st years about the multiple ways to get involved in student government affairs. Along with informing students about ways to get involved we also passed out the Officers individual contact information and collected contact information of those who were interested in getting involved so that we can send them opportunities to get involved.

July review and areas of improvement:

- This month had a very slow start because we as an office did not meet until the end of month. I would recommend that we meet weekly in order to meet our goals of communicating and collaborating more effectively. I also believe that part this slow start is that the office is often empty. I would recommend that the officers make a more conscious effort to work in the office space.
- Another issue that came up was that our outreach efforts were hampered by the fact that our table was very empty. We have already began working on getting more materials, such as table runners, and recreating our SUA pamphlet. However another issue with our tabling was that we couldn't access the SCOC materials



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either so I would recommend that once we have everything we create an outreach toolkit that is accessible to all the officers in the office.

In conclusion, I provide this summary as my report for the month of July 2014. If you have any questions please contact me.

Respectfully,

Israel Molina
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