



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

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Under my duties as Commissioner of Diversity of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section D.4 of the SUA Constitution, I present my March 2015 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.

Resource Center Advisory Council Meeting

This month at the Resource Center Advisory Council we met the new Director of Women's Center, Sonia Montoya. She spoke to us about her experience working with students of color at the women's center at UC Davis and the types of programming that she wishes to bring here to campus. Currently she is focusing on the Women Center location move to the base of campus. She hopes to work on self-defense classes, creating informational pamphlets on specific topics to help people both be allies and get the resources that they need with the theme "How to Help a Friend". She has a lot of experience with intersectionality of identities and has a deep understanding of the evolution and understanding of gender and identification. I have full faith that she is incredibly qualified and will do very well in her position here at UCSC. We also discussed the possibility of holding forums for people to discuss relevant topics at UCSC, after discussion it seems that my efforts would be better spent working alongside the IVC and working with her to reestablish ESOC.

SUA Advisor

The officers met with the Dean of Students office to finalize the hiring process for the SUA Advisor position. After an initial meeting it was determined that most of us were not comfortable making a decision because we had not reached consensus and not all of us had met both of the final candidates. We decided to bring both candidates back for a final interview with only the officers, after that we made a decision and are awaiting to hopefully hire by the end of April.

UCSC Stakeholder Meeting

At the end of the month a three part meeting was held to address the queer issues that have not been resolved by administration in light of the recent hate crime on campus. The first part of the meeting was just to get everyone up to speed on what had happened, the demands of the petition that has garnered a lot of support and to create strategies on how to address the issues and work with administration. Afterwards we met with representatives and directors from the Queer Resources Centers from across the UC system and talked about how they run their centers, and how their universities handle



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hate crimes, and how their policies differ and mirror ours. Finally we met with EVC Galloway, the Dean of Students, the Director of Retention Services, and with the Chief of Police and had a discussion about queer issues on campus and what future steps are needed. It seemed that our message came across very clearly to administration. There is a window of opportunity in this moment that they agreed must be taken advantage of, however if we as students want legitimate change to happen we have to keep pressure up on them.

In conclusion, I provide this summary as my report of the month of December 2014. If you have any questions please contact me at suacod@ucsc.edu.

Respectfully,

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