

Student Union Assembly,

Under my duties of Organizing Director of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A Number 6 of the SUA Constitution, I present my July 2014 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly. I will outline all my events, 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 between pay periods of July 1st-July 26th.

- Work on intern positions for the upcoming academic year: July 7th-September 1st
- Referendum Research and Planning: July 7th-Sept 31st
- UCSC Summer Orientation: July 22nd-July 31st (completed)
- Plan officer meeting: July 28th-August 6th
- UCSA and USSA selection committee: July 28th (completed)

Complete Projects, Campaigns, Events, and Activities

This first month in the office was very slow, much like ever year. However, I found it even more difficult to get started with no transition from the previous officer. All prior emails and documents were erased giving me hardly any resources to begin with. This made me switch my focus to organizing my space, and planning out my office for the year. I first started with cleaning out the Organizing Director desk and space. I found a lot of junk papers that dated back to 2006 that took up space, but there were some useful resources for Vote that I transferred to EVC Cabansay. I still have some paperwork to sift through, but for the most part the desk cleaning and organizing is done.

EVC Cabansay had DOS Lucy Rojas pull up the ER's for all the internships from the previous year. I found that there was overlap with internships of my office and the internships in both the EVC and Chair offices. I decided to tap into my prior knowledge of the campus to create more internship opportunities, and am looking to hire 5-6 interns for the upcoming academic year (so be on the lookout for those!). My budget is small, so I have also began looking into hiring interns for 2 credits and will be looking for resources and a professor's approval for this. I believe that one of the unwritten duties of each officer is to provide opportunities for students to develop into leaders for this campus, and by hiring more interns I believe I am fulfilling that duty.

I have decided to pursue at least one referenda (student governance fee) for the upcoming academic year that will hopefully be on the Spring Elections ballot. I will be asking for student input, and be working with the other officers throughout the school year. I also am thinking about picking up the Constitutional Amendments that nearly passed this past Spring. I know that the SUA would really benefit if those were to pass, so I'll be asking students at the beginning of the year if it is something they would like to see be pursued. I'll be going to other organizations/groups to see if there are any other referendas that they might want SUA's help with.

This month I participated in UCSC's Summer Orientation from July 22nd-July 31st, representing SUA and encouraging students to get involved with student government whether it was with their respective college governments, SUA, or SCOC. I thought the event was very successful and was delighted by the number of students that signed up on our interest sheets. I will be sending an email out to students at the beginning of the year on how to pursue involvement in the SUA.

Now that all of the officers are in Santa Cruz I have planned an officer meeting for August 6th to begin communicating and collaborating, and will be discussing the meeting in my next report.

This month I also sat on the selection committees for UCSA Congress and USSA Congress. We met for about 3 1/2 hours and were able to come up with two very strong delegations that included several incoming 1st year students, as well as many first time conference goers and, a handful of returners to conferences.

July Review and Areas of Improvement

Though this month has been slow, I feel that I have settled in quite nicely, and my brainstorming and planning for this year has only just begun. I believe I have good relationships with the other officers, which I find incredibly important not only for the SUA office, but the SUA space when the academic year begins. We did not have an officer meeting this entire month, and I really hope that changes in August. I have planned one meeting for the month, but I would like to see others step up to call the meetings as well, so that our working relationships can stay strong.

Summer Orientation went well, but I noticed that SUA has next to zero "swag" to grab students' attentions while tabling. With OPERS Fall Festival around the corner, I want to change this. IVC Wheeler has begun conversation with DOS Lucy Rojas about the possibility of a banner or tablecloth for the SUA. I have looked into different printing sites to see what else we can bring to handout to students at Fall Festival.

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

Respectfully,

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