



Student Union Assembly (SUA), Office of the Internal Vice Chair

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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 August 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.

Activities for the month of October 2014

Volunteering Meeting

Met with Slug to Slug, the Senior Class Council, and the Student Volunteer Center to discuss the different ways we can collaborate throughout the year. It was great to make these connections especially since there are a lot of common goals we have. With the 50th Anniversary of the University right around the corner, I'm excited to see the future projects in store with groups SUA normally does not work with.

Volunteer/Organizing Corps

There will be more work towards a Volunteering/Organizing Corps in SUA; however, it is taking a while because there is no base laid down for it. I will be meeting with COD Molina in November to discuss the goals for this group.

Student of Color Conference Selection Committee

Sat with COD Molina, Chair Lardinois, A/BSA Co-chair Shadin Awad, and SANAI chair Ivette Torres to select this year's SOCC delegation. We were able to select 99 students to take to the conference.

Interviews and Hiring of Interns

I reviewed over 100 applications for the office of the Organizing Director, and after a weekend full of interviews I hired 4 interns for the academic year. Suini Torres will be this year's SUA Historian/Media Coordinator, Rachel Lee will be the Assistant Director of Organizing, Annie Choy will be the Director of Engagement and Relations, and I decided to cut my pay for another internship, the Campaign



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Coordinator, which Alexandra Kasper has been hired for. COAA Hufft was incredibly helpful sitting on the interview committee with me during the hiring process.

Office Hours

My office hours are on Mondays from 2:30-4:30pm in the McHenry Library. This month, I was surprised to see so many people stop by to talk about SUA. DoS Alma Sifuentes came by, CHP interviewed me, and many students stopped by to ask general questions about SUA, and a lot were interested in getting involved and possibly volunteering for future events.

Events/Programs

Campus Clean-Up Day

The pace of this project has picked up significantly. Meeting with SVC, Slug to Slug, as well as the UR Director of Development, Allison Garcia, helped me make necessary volunteer connections, and alumni connections that will help with the event. A meeting is currently being scheduled to meet with IGC (Inter Greek Council), and a meeting in November has been planned so that I can meet with the Sustainability Office and the UCSC Student Sustainability Advisors.

Workshops

I am currently planning on many workshops that will be held at the end of the quarter, and the rest of the school year. If you have an idea for a workshop, and would like help organizing it please let me know, and I will provide as many resources as possible (booking a room, food, etc.).

Interest List (Will be open the entire year)

I have created an interest list for students that want to participate in the SUA whether it be through college/organization representation, internships, volunteer opportunities, attending conferences, etc.. If you would like to be place on this list please email me your name, year and college affiliation (suaod@ucsc.edu).



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Suggestions for Improvement

- The SUA space has been a lot more efficient than years past. It is nice to see Chair Lardinois actively facilitating the meetings in a way that is inclusive, but not intrusive. However, it might be necessary to look at the community agreements at the beginning of each meeting to remind students what has been set.
- Also, the use of Facebook and other social media during meetings is absurd. I don't want to be the person that has to patrol the area to make sure representatives and officers are not on these sites, but we all need to check each other to make sure we are giving our full attention to these meetings.
- Officer meetings went well this month, and the Officer Core seems very strong. It's great that officers are open with each other, and willing to ask for help when needed. More collaboration amongst the officers will make this year a lot easier.

In conclusion, I provide this summary as my detailed report for the month of October 2014. If you have any questions, concerns, criticism feel free to contact me or visit me at office hours.

Respectfully,

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