

# Student Union Assembly

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To the *Student Union Assembly*,

Under my duties as Vice President of Internal Affairs of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A.2 of the SUA Constitution, I present my August 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.

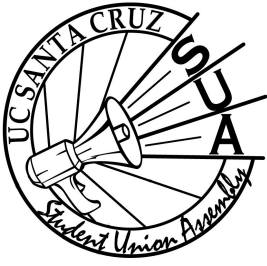
### **MLK Convocation Committee 2016:**

The Martin Luther King Jr Convocation is an annual convocation that celebrates the life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by presenting speakers who discuss the civil rights issues of equality, freedom, justice, and opportunity. The convocation also seeks to build partnerships and develop dialogue within the campus community and with the local communities served by the university. I have been actively participating in the planning process of the 2016 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Convocation. I am and will have monthly meeting, with the committee, where we are figuring out who we would like to see speak at this years MLK convocation. The committee prioritized Michelle Alexander and Ta-Nehisi Coates.

There have been many communication problems occurring in the space. One instance where I was not included on a few of the emails, but I immediately contacted the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer to make sure that I received any information that I missed and gave my opinion. There have also been committee members who have voiced their opinion about other issues that do not pertain to what the MLK convocation is aiming to talk about. These issues need to be discussed and addressed in in-person meetings so that everyone is on the same page, that way there is no confusion and the committee can host a successful event.

### **UCSA Conference:**

The UCSA conference is a UC wide space, in which students from the nine UCs come together and discuss issues that affect them on their campuses and talk about action goals that we can take away and bring to each of our campuses. With this info it aims to improve student life for all students and better the campuses by providing the resources students need to thrive in the UC setting such as proper healthcare, housing, food, education, etc. I attended the University of California Student Association Congress. This was a productive conference and gave a good amount of insight to the UC wide and statewide politics. The organization represents UC students statewide and to the UC Office of the President. All of the officers attended and we brought along some UCSC students as delegates to also participate and contribute to discussion.



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The workshops as well as the caucus space could have been planned out better. The caucus space that I went to alienated people and shut them down, making it an unwelcoming space. Someone in the space felt silenced and eventually walked out because he felt that he was not allowed the opportunity to speak. The hotel we stayed at for UCSA had no Wi-Fi. I had a lot of emailing to catch up on as well as homework to turn in. For the future, I recommend we find hotels with Wi-Fi. It helps with other students who are currently taking classes as well over the summer and have online coursework to submit.

### **Transition and Moving**

At this time, we have new emails, the office is mostly clean and set up for the school year, our printer is set up, and we have a phone. We still need a ramp to the office and we need the cages taken off the windows. Other than that, transition is going smoothly and the office is ready for a great year. This office is larger and hopefully students utilize the space. When we move back into the old office, it would be good to evaluate the space and make it more welcoming to interns and representatives to work.

### **Dean of Students Meeting**

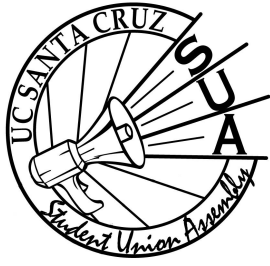
The Officers met with the Dean of Students, Alma Sifuentes. SUA is currently under the Dean of Students Office. DOS is the supervisor for the SUA and the SUA Advisor. We touched base on the projects each of the Officers is working on and heard what the Dean of Students Office is doing.

I believe it would be beneficial to have more interaction between the Dean of Students and other campus administrators with the Assembly and the Student Body. It would be interesting to explore the idea of having a meet and greet with all of the Administrators so students could find out more about what Administration does. There is not enough interaction between Admin and students.

### **List of 13 Demands**

The 13 demands are a list of needs students, specifically at UCSB, felt they should receive from their school, around sexual assault issues, in order for them to feel safe on campus. During my time at the UCSA conference, I got in contact with the 'Internal Affairs' Officer of UC Santa Barbara. She discussed with me what it is that the students are doing on UCSBs campus and sent me a list of demands addressing the issue of sexual assault/ violence.

The demands are geared toward UCSBs campus, so I will need to bring them back to the student body or Student Health Outreach & Promotion center to see how they would like to move forward with this information. My hopes are the student body will with either want to adopt theses demands, but tailor it to the UCSC campus or use them as a baseline foundation for creating and reforming the reporting system that we have now.

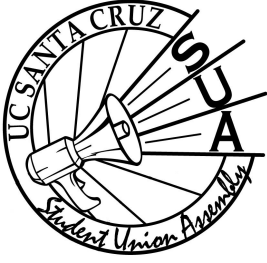


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Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	3:00pm	1	UC Irvine	MLK Convocation Meeting w/ Convocation Committee
Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup>			All Day	UC Irvine	UCSA Congress
Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup>			All Day	UC Irvine	UCSA Congress
Aug. 15 <sup>th</sup>			All Day	UC Irvine	UCSA Congress
Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup>			All Day	UC Irvine	UCSA Congress
Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	2:00pm	1	Hahn 201	SUA Touch Base Check-In w/ Officers, SUA advisor, and Students
Aug. 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:00pm	4:30pm	.5	Home	Email Communication w/ VPI of UCSB: Discuss List of 1
Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00am	5:30am	.5	Home	Email Communication w/ VPI of UCSB: Discuss List of 1
Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	11:30am	.5	SUA Office	Email Communication w/ VPI of UCSB: Discuss List of 1
Aug.	11:00am	12:00pm	1	SUA Conference	Officer Meeting w/ all officers



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