



# Student Union Assembly Monthly Report

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Under My duties as Vice President of Internal Affairs of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A Subsection 6(j) of the SUA Constitution, I present my January 2017 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly. I will outline all of my events, logistical planning, activities and constructive criticism with areas of improvement in hopes of providing a detailed account in the month's report.

## Goal Tracking

Because we are approaching the middle of the year, I decided to make a list of remaining goals I want to complete by the end of my term to improve transparency and accountability. I will provide this list at the end of all future officer reports as it grows and tasks that are completed, in order to personally reflect on progress as well as illustrate work.

- ~~1. Establish a form of orientation for students who are appointed to academic senate committees. (Completed)~~
- ~~2. Push UCOP with help of Michelle Wittingham to change way we represent mixed ethnicity statistics (Completed)~~
- ~~3. Obtain campus statistics on mental health from IR and follow up with CAPS director, choose what to do with data (Completed)~~
4. Spirit week on campus (Planned: February)
5. Mental health fair and awareness campaign (Planned: May)
6. Push for mixed ethnicity reporting to be changed on campus, work with EVC Lee and Institutional Research (Planned: February)
7. Consider different edits and potential additions or restructures to SUA assembly space to increase productivity (Ongoing, until end of year)
8. Ask Richard Hughey to survey faculty about impact of classroom time change or ask division heads to disseminate survey (and potentially

- students as well); potentially attempt to ask academic senate to revisit classroom changes. Work in collaboration with VPAA (Planned: Feb/March)
9. Fill all SCOC committees remaining (Planned: ongoing, and by end of year)
  10. Sister college events (5 of them) (Planned: Feb – March)
  11. Meet with Title IX to review policy and power Title IX has in response to UCSC's settlement (Planned: February)
  12. Exploring potential implementation of mental health training in frosh core courses (Planned: starting February)
  13. POTENTIALLY: explore ways to illustrate housing crisis students are facing in Santa Cruz (Priority is based off of interest from assembly members, timeline not set)

### **Ongoing and completed Tasks:**

- **Finishing hiring process for new SUA President** (1/2 - 1/17)
  - I emailed all of the people who filled out the form of intent to run. 4 representatives were disqualified, 4 were assigned time slots to come to the assembly.
  - Finished drafting the questions for the President interview and presented them to the Assembly. I received some feedback and held an ad-hoc committee to finalize the process, which was agreed upon by the assembly.
  - Drafted acceptance letter for elected president.
  
- **SCOC Sister College Event Planning** (1/1 – ongoing)
  - Sister college events are moving along, SCOC set a timeline for each event. There have been several issues that have come up regarding PO confusion and liability at events. A lot of my energy has been dedicated to working on these events with sister-college pairs and delegating tasks to the E board.
  
- **Preparing/attending meeting with CAPS** (1/1 – 1/30)
  - Tias and I asked CAPS Director, Gary Dunn, to meet with us about the survey results we received from the National College Health

Assessment. We decided that we still did not know what we wanted to do with the data until we had this meeting, and that we were looking to learn more about the programming CAPS does to target minorities, and how they are interpreting/addressing the fact that UCSC has the highest suicidal intention rate of all the UCs.

- In our meeting, I was happy to hear about progress that has been made to hire culturally specific and culturally competent staff as well as the efforts they have made to reach out to underrepresented communities. Ultimately, CAPS is understaffed and we are in need of more programming, more staff, etc. Tias and I decided to use the information in the survey as ways to spread awareness, squash stigma, and inspire people to seek help if necessary.
  - Gary also expressed interest in mental health awareness being part of the core course as a way to reach all students. We tossed around ideas of it being incorporated into plenary or orientation / welcome week, and I hope to explore this idea further with the VPAA next month.
- **Soliciting Assembly Feedback** (1/25 – ongoing)
    - I observed areas of discontent within the assembly after/during the election process of the President. Many felt as though this long process was long and took away from the effectiveness of the assembly. Because of this, I sent out a SUA feedback form that the assembly filled out to respond to questions about perceived productivity. I will be meeting with assembly members individually as well to address individual concerns.
  - **Spirit Week Planning** (1/1-1/31)
    - Both my interns expressed major interest in doing a campus-wide spirit week, so I supported them through guiding their programming efforts. They went to each college senate to give a presentation and made flyers as well as a campus-wide email and social media advertisements. We decided to give out 3 prizes for some of the

participants.

- **Mental Health Fair Progress** (1/1 – ongoing)
  - My office made progress on our hope for having a mental health fair in May. We requested the MPR to be booked but have not heard back.
  - In order to outreach for the event, we decided to combine my idea for a campaign involving the statistics we found from the national survey as well as doing tabling events and presenting at various groups on campus, including ethnic orgs, senates, etc.
  - We also are planning an art wall installation as part of our tabling efforts that will ultimately be on display at our event.

**Areas for Improvement:**

SCOC Events have been poorly organized thus far, which has lead to the cancellation of an event. I plan to work more diligently to ensure that the steering board has the resources and knowledge necessary to execute their events confidently, as well as knowing who they can ask for help.