



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 2(j) of the SUA Constitution, I present my February 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:

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 (Completed)
5. Mental health fair and awareness campaign (Planned: May 20)
6. Push for mixed ethnicity reporting to be changed on campus, work with EVC Lee and Institutional Research (Completed)
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: April/May)
9. Fill all SCOC committees remaining (Planned: ongoing, and by end of year)
10. Sister college events (4/5 completed so far)
11. Meet with Title IX to review policy and power Title IX has in response to UCSC's settlement (Completed)
12. Exploring potential implementation of mental health training in frosh core courses (started; ongoing)

Completed and ongoing projects, campaigns, events, tasks, or activities for the month:

- **Correspondence with Holi Fest**

- I spoke with a member of ISA about Holi Fest and we discussed SUA's past involvement and interest in funding, and referred her to Jane to present as a funding request in the assembly.
- **SFAC Ratings**
 - I serve as the SUA Ex-officio member on SFAC. Although I do not mention these meetings in my reports usually, this month's meetings were quite notable, as we rated all of the ~50 proposals we received from various campus units and finalized our opinion statements on the measures that will be on this spring's ballot.
- **Meeting with MESH, IR, and EVC**
 - I met with Kinen, a signer for the Mixed Ethnicity Student Headquarters (MESH) to discuss our meeting in 2/8 with EVC Lee and Institutional Research. We made an agenda for our meeting and reviewed census data as well as UC reports on mixed ethnicity people.
 - During our meeting, we discussed the changes that have been made on the current UC application. We got a much better insight as to why sometimes students who report two are more ethnicities are counted as mixed, and why sometimes they are not, depending on the report. We requested further connection with UCOP, including a statement of disclosure / how the data would be used, and what it means when you select more than one ethnicity or race, and how one is chosen when only one can be reported. Julian from IR sent an email to someone at UCOP and we are hoping it will spark conversation.
- **Sister College Events**
 - We had many successful sister college events this month, including Crown/Merrill screening Fantastic Beasts and Where to find them, Nine/Ten screening Big Hero 6, Kresge/Porter neon dance, and RCC/Oakes festival. We were able to connect with about 300 students total so far and advertise committee involvement.
- **SCOC Tabling at West Fest**
 - SCOC tabled at West Fest to spread awareness about SUA and SCOC, especially the sister college events as well as committees with availability.
- **Meeting with Kara Synder re: Dear World**
 - I met with Kara Synder from Cowell College Programming office to discuss the concerns that SUA and College 10 senate had with Dear World, an event that is coming to campus next quarter. She also shared that some program assistants

had had conversations with SUA President Tias and were hoping that one or both of us would sponsor the event in some way. Tias and I spoke and still shared some concerns with the event and decided to not cosponsor together.

- **Student Success Steering Committee**

- I am the student rep on this committee, which met this month to discuss ongoing projects and review the structure of the Division of Student Success. I believe this is a much needed division that has too little student representation. Jessica Xu, VP of Academic Affairs and I plan to work to create a committee to advise Vice Provost of Student Success, Jaye Padgett. Please see next month's report for notes on a meeting with him regarding this.

- **CCRT Policies and Procedures Meeting**

- I sit on this subcommittee of Title IX that reviews current policy and procedure. We are considering adopting a policy that exists at UC Irvine which prohibits relationships that cause a conflict of interest, be it student to student, faculty to student, admin to faculty, etc., where the conflict of interest must be removed. I joined the policy drafting group which will draft a similar policy for our campus. We also discussed the possibility of a procedure which completely banned faculty and student relationships, the implications of that, and whether such policies exist at public universities.

- **Mental Health Fair Planning**

- With the MPR booked for 5/20, we started reaching out to different organizations on campus to engage in dialogue about mental health and ultimately invite them to participate in or attend our fair.
- My office came up with a few tabling activities to promote the event early April, which I'm really looking forward to.
- We decided to use the statistics I received from IR regarding mental health to create flyers that promote dialogue and invite students to come to our event.
- We reached out to Active Minds and set up a meeting with them to request their collaboration on this event.
- We discussed whether we wanted other units involved, such as CAPS and SAFE. We decided to keep this a student initiated and executed event for various reasons. Disclaimer: I have cut all professional ties with CAPS due to a personal grievance I am filing.

Areas for Improvement/ Comments

I spent almost all of my energy on sister college events this month including requesting POs and picking up items, meeting with the college reps whose events were coming up, etc. The sister college events were very successful, but it was a less productive month in regards to my other projects. Next quarter will be largely focused on the mental health fair, filling committees, and preparing easier access to resources and information for next year's assembly.

In summary, I provide this monthly report for February 2017. For comments and or questions, free to contact me via email suavpi@ucsc.edu, or visit my office hours.