



# August Monthly Report

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Dear Assembly,

‘Under my duties as the President of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A of the SUA Constitution, I present my 2016 August 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 this month’s report.’

## 1. Checked in with SUA/Dean of Students officers.

Upon arrival to Santa Cruz from my internship with AFSCME from Minnesota, my first course of action was meeting with administrators who advise the Student Union Assembly and other officers of the assembly. My meetings with Dean of Students Lucy primarily consisted of confidential matters with our SUA Advisor situation, logistics of the assembly-meeting space, and other matters pertaining to voter registration and launching the student union working group. With other officers, the Vice President of Internal Affairs Grace Shefcik had briefed me of the inner functions and workings of the Student Committee on Committees and had recommended my appointment to the Academic Committee of Planning and Budget. I had accepted this recommendation and will be meeting with Esthela of the CPB in September to be briefed on committee matters.

## 2. Worked with EVP & CALPIRG for Voter Registration Efforts

This month, I worked closely with EVP Judith Gutierrez and leadership with CALPIRG to further develop voter registration efforts. This included developing a comprehensive action plan and time-line for Voter Reg events such as our upcoming Public Forum, dorm-storming events, and tabling with other students around campus. We also created a budget for the string of events to anticipate expected costs to the assembly. With CALPIRG specifically, I have had consistent

interactions to plan our September 17th Colleges 9 & 10 voter registration tabling event. I have been working with CALPIRG's New Voters Project Organizer Joselyne Soto to flesh out all logistics for this event and will be meeting with Meg Robbins in August to further solidify our relationship on these efforts. I look forward to the upcoming events and hope for a high voter turn-out in the Santa Cruz Area.

### 3. Next Wave Retreat//Student Union Working Group

For those who may not be aware of either of these efforts, the Next Wave Retreat is an event happening on October 28th and 29th to set out the rules and governance structure of the brand new Student Union Working Group. The retreat will also set forth some preliminary goals for the assembly and will serve as a bonding opportunity for students of our Union. Then, the Working Group will serve as an organizing body to flesh out and plan ideas brought up in the assembly to bring them to proper fruition. My efforts with the Working Group and Next Wave Retreat Primarily involve logistical planning, such as securing a venue, creating an action plan, budget, volunteer list, and emails to allow this concept to meet its realized counterpart. I have been working with a number of chairs of college senates for collaboration. I have been working with Stevenson Council Chair Jeff Stoll, Cowell Senate Chair Nima Agah, and College Eight Chair Noah Thoron to generate ideas and plans of a higher quality.

### 4. Meeting with former Mayor Mike Rotkin

One of the most fruitful and insightful interactions that I have had this month was with the Former Mayor of Santa Cruz, Mike Rotkin. The first thing we discussed was the housing crisis to which explained was caused not because of City Council or UCSC administration, but as an externality of the expansion of Silicon Valley. According to him, the Santa Clara county which houses (no pun intended) the urban flourish is on route to creating 300,000 jobs than housing units which causes tech-company workers to find residency within the confines of our city. He recommended directing our housing efforts to the Santa Clara county councils which govern these expansions. Additionally, he gave many helpful tips in regards to voter registration and transportation which I will address in greater detail in my September reports.

### **August Areas of Improvement.**

- Still saw a difficulty communicating with other officers due to differing schedules. I would like to see more officers working out of the office.
- While I am cognizant that personal obligations should still be fulfilled, I would like to see a greater commitment in getting the trainings such as WCMS, Infoview, and Diversity Trainings since they are so crucial to the functions of the assembly.
- On a self level, being more proactive about reaching out to other student organizations would be more efficient in providing a more clear finish.
- Now that Arsenal F.C. had signed a striker, Lucas Perez, I believe that my over-all levels of stress will be lower and will be able to focus better on my presidency.

With this in mind, i'd like to conclude my monthly officer report for the month of . I look forward to working with more leaders and progressing my current projects. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [suapres@ucsc.edu](mailto:suapres@ucsc.edu) and i'd be happy to have a discussion with you. Thank you.

Warm Regards,  
~Ray Inoue  
SUA President

**Bonus: My SUA lyrically relatable song of the month: We can work it out – The Beatles**