



Student Union Assembly Monthly Report

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Students of UC Santa Cruz,
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Under my duties as Vice President of External Affairs of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A Subsection 2(j) of the SUA Constitution, I present to you a sum of my August 2017 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly.

❖ August 1, 2017

- Finalized all logistical details for UCSA's Student Organizing Conference.

❖ August 2-6, 2017

- Attended UCSA's Student Organizing Summit. The conference took place from August 3-6, but I had the delegation arrive one day early (August 2nd) so that students can have a chance to settle in, bond, and get some rest before the conference.
- Throughout the conference, I had Tamra Owens, VPSL, oversee the delegation in my place as I completed tasks as a UCSA Board Member. However, I made a point to meet with the delegation and debrief on what was learned every day.
- On another note: The UCSA Executive Elections take place every year at the Student Organizing Summit. As someone who was nominated for President, I ran and got elected.

❖ August 7-11, 2017

- I used the week of Aug 7-11 to settle into my new role as President before attempting to juggle both the President and EVP positions. This consisted of taking conference calls with UCOP and UCSA staff.

❖ August 14-15, 2017

- On August 14 & 15 I worked with UCSA board members to draft potential structural changes within the Board of Directors.

❖ August 16, 2017

- Got on a conference call with UCSA's Ad Hoc Committee for Structural Changes from 12-1pm.
- I then had a meeting with Jeffrey Stoll, Stevenson Rep. in McHenry from 1pm-2:30pm. He asked me about my background and how my experiences affect the work I do and vice versa. Stoll has made an effort to meet with all SUA officers over the summer, which is appreciated. Ironically, though, his reason for

meeting with officers is to amend the division that was created last year by Jay Semana's letter - a letter Jeff outright admitted to taking part in.

- I told Jeff that I do not take meetings lightly and that I hope to see something good come out of our meeting. He has agreed to collaborate with me and the officers. We'll see how that goes.
- After my meeting with Jeff, I took a call with The Sacramento Bee. They asked for a quote on UCSA's Fund the UC campaign and "The \$48 Fix". Call duration approximately 45 minutes.

❖ **August 17, 2017**

- Took the "day off", which consists of writing this report and catching up on work!

❖ **August 18, 2017**

- Co-hosted the weekly SUA Officer Meeting. Meeting duration approximately two hours.

❖ **August 21, 2017**

- Met with Mario, Dean of Students Project Assistant, to complete Pomona post-travel paperwork. We also began the paperwork for my board meeting in UC Merced. Meeting duration approximately 45 minutes.

❖ **August 23, 2017**

- Checked in with Mario to finalize the post travel for Pomona and the travel request for the September board meeting in Merced. Meeting duration approximately one hour.
- Joined the Ad Hoc committee meeting/call regarding UCSA's structural changes. Meeting duration approximately one hour.

❖ **August 24, 2017**

- Had a call with UCSA's Government Relations Staff, Talar, to touch base on work we are currently doing with UCOP. Call duration approximately one hour.
- Conference call with UCSA Government Relations and UCOP staff. Call duration approximately thirty minutes.
- Met with CAPS Director, Gary Dunn, as Tamra's proxy. We updated each other on what CAPS was working on for the upcoming academic year and what the Offices of External Affairs and Student Life were working on.
 - CAPS is currently in the process of hiring psychiatrists who specialize in multicultural narratives/perspectives. This is one way of working towards providing more diversity within CAPS.
 - I brought up the fact that Santa Cruz's housing crisis may be affecting professionals' (especially POC) the ability to accept a job here and actually live sustainably. So, per Tamra's suggestion, we are working towards providing professionals with subsidized housing on campus as a form of incentive, etc.

❖ **August 25, 2017**

- Attended our weekly SUA officer meeting. Meeting duration approximately 1.5 hours.

❖ **August 28, 2017**

- First day of Officer training! Disability Resource Center (DRC) Director, Rick Gubash, came in and spoke to the officers about ways of making SUA an inclusive space for all.
- Had a check in call with UCSA staff to discuss budget proposals for the year. Call duration approximately 30 minutes.

❖ **August 29, 2017**

- Second day of Officer training!

❖ **August 30, 2017**

- The Officers and I met with Lucy Rojas, Interim Dean of Students to check in and follow up on what we had been doing over the summer.
- Third and last day of Officer Training!
- Tried booking the MPR for the May 2018 UCSA board meeting since UCSC is responsible for hosting that month.
- Got on a call with UCSA's Ad Hoc Committee that is centered around grad and undergrad negotiations regarding UCSA's possible structural change

❖ **August 31, 2017**

- Wrapped up my work in Santa Cruz and headed back home to LA!

SUA Thoughts and Improvements

As a returning Officer, there is definitely a sense of both fear and excitement that come with change. I have become accustomed to my workload, my work ethic and style, and my understanding of the system that surrounds us. I will miss my former colleagues, Grace Shefcik (IVP '17), Tias Webster (President '17), and Hector Navarro (VPDI '17). I congratulate them on their achievements and wish them the best as they venture out and pursue their own goals. As for me, I remain hopeful for this upcoming academic year. I don't know what the new Officer group will be like nor do I know what kind of person I will be/become. That's all part of the excitement though! All that matters now is that I serve my communities to the best of my abilities and that I pave the way for my successor to do the same for theirs.