



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 July 2017 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly.

❖ July 1 - 2, 2017

- In light of summer, I went back home for a couple weeks to refresh and see family. However, July 1st marks the first day of Officers' terms, so I returned to Santa Cruz.
- Upon arrival, I prepared the office for the new year by setting new goals, reviewing new intern positions, and preparing for UCSA's new Board of Directors.

❖ July 3, 2017

- Released the UC Congress Conference / UC Student Organizing Summit application.
- Set up all travel logistics for both the Student Organizing Summit and UCSA's July Board Meeting/ Retreat in Oakland, CA.

❖ July 5, 2017

- Advertised the UC Student Organizing Summit application on social media and ensured that a campuswide email be sent out to the undergraduates of UCSC.

❖ July 6, 2017

- Met with Jennifer Pae and Pedro Hernandez from FairVote California. Together we discussed the idea of potentially altering our voting methods in campus and Santa Cruz City elections.
- They suggested switching to "ranked choice voting" or RCV for a more fair election. I liked the idea and offered assistance where necessary.

❖ July 7, 2017

- Arrived to Oakland for UCSA's July board meeting.

❖ July 8 - 9, 2017

- Attended UCSA's board meeting/ retreat. The new board was introduced to UCSA, Robert's Rules, and System-wide issues.
- Aside from the introduction to UCSA, topics discussed included: potential structural changes within the UCSA Board of Directors and the nomination of UCSA's Executive Board Members.
- I was nominated for President and Board Chair of UCSA.

❖ July 10

- Caught up on logistical work and deadlines for the UC Student Organizing Summit. I booked the hotel rooms and began the process for a cash advance.
- I asked the Officers if they could join me in reading the Student Organizing Summit applications on July 15th. Only Tamra Owens, Maxine Jimenez, and Alice Malmberg agreed to joining me.
- ❖ **July 11, 2017**
 - SUA Officers finally held their first Officer meeting at 2:30pm.
 - We each updated each other on what we were all working on.
 - I brought up the Student Organizing Summit and explained that under SUA budget, UC Student Organizing Summit has relatively the smallest budget set aside. Thus making it difficult to take a lot of students.
 - Therefore, I specifically told the officers that due to the small budget, if they wanted to attend, they were responsible for covering their own travel using their personal line items. The officers unanimously agreed to this.
- ❖ **July 14, 2017**
 - UC SOS Application was due on July 14 by 11:59pm. Approximately 30 students applied.
 - I gathered all the applications and placed them in one Google Doc, which I then shared with the only officers that showed up to read the applications: Tamra Owens and Alice Malmberg.
- ❖ **July 15, 2017**
 - Held UC Student Organizing Summit app reading meeting with. Those who attended were the IVP and VPSL. Meeting duration approximately one hour.
- ❖ **July 17 - 21, 2017**
 - I reached out to the students we accepted for the UC Student Organizing Conference and worked towards finalizing UCSC's delegation.
 - During this time, I kept the delegation informed on what to expect at the conference. I also assigned hotel rooms and reserved a vehicle for transportation from UCSC Fleet Services.
- ❖ **July 23, 2017**
 - A student dropped out of the delegation, for their schedules conflicted with the conference dates.
 - I was going to give the open spot to a student on the waitlist, but the SUA President asked to take it instead. Unfortunately, a student was deprived of the opportunity to attend the conference, but I hope the President enjoyed the experience.
 - Attended our second officer meeting of the month. Meeting duration approximately one hour.
- ❖ **July 24 - 28, 2017**
 - The week of July 24th - August 1st was dedicated to UCSC Orientation related events, such as tabling in the day and at Slug Night.
 - Throughout the week, however, I continued to finalize all the final logistical details for the UC Student Organizing Summit.
- ❖ **July 30**

- Attended the officer meeting with the rest of the SUA officers. Meeting duration approximately one hour.
- ❖ **July 31**
 - Met with Nancy Yang, Food Access and Student Engagement Coordinator, GFI, to discuss my work with the housing crisis and food insecurity in general. Meeting duration approximately one hour.