



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 October 2017 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly.

- **October 2, 2017**
 - Held office hours from 3 - 4:30pm
 - Presented at Crown's Senate meeting along with the other SUA Officers. We introduced ourselves, our offices, and recruited folks for internship positions. Presentation duration approximately 30 minutes.
- **October 3, 2017**
 - Had lunch with Paty Arroyos, UCSA's Systemwide Organizing Director. We discussed my goals for the EVP office this year (2017-'18).
 - I let her know that I was in the midst of hiring interns and that I'd have an Organizing Director soon!
 - Engaged in a weekly call with the other EVP's at 6pm. This conference call is a weekly call under UCSA's University Affairs Committee (UA), where the EVPs follow up on work we have been doing in our respective campuses. Call duration approximately one hour.
 - Attended our weekly SUA Officer meeting at 7pm. Meeting duration approximately one hour.
- **October 4, 2017**
 - Held office hours per usual.
- **October 5, 2017**
 - The Officers and I met with Regent Kieffer, who is the new Chair of the UC Board of Regents. We discussed issues affecting UCSC students specifically. This included conversations around:
 - Homelessness at UCSC
 - Food Security
 - Undocumented folks/ DACA
 - He assured the Officers that he and I would continue having these conversations as the year progresses. I took it upon myself to keep the officers updated.

- **October 6, 2017**
 - Aside from meeting with Regent George Kieffer with the SUA Officers, I was able to have a one-on-one (1:1) meeting with him the next day as the UCSA President
 - I followed up on questions the SUA Officers had proceeded to discuss student issues at the systemwide level.
 - This lunch was my first 1:1 with the Chair of the board of Regents. It served as an introduction and a platform for collaboration between UC students and the UC Regents
 - Topics discussed include:
 - UC's relationship with UCSA and the Legislature
 - I urged an increase on the amount of campus visits per regent.
 - Discussed both UCSA's and his priorities for the year
 - Addressing Regent Pattiz's misconduct
 - UCSA's current discussions around structural change
- **October 9, 2017**
 - Held office hours per usual. Students came in to ask questions about opportunities available under my office, so I made sure to set aside time for them.
- **October 10, 2017**
 - I attended the first Graduate Student Association (GSA) meeting as the President of UCSA.
 - I introduced myself to them and gave a brief overview of my role and potential forms of collaboration
 - I then attended SUA's first Assembly meeting of the year!
- **October 11, 2017**
 - Held office hours and continued to meet with students interested in joining the EVP Office
- **October 12, 2017**
 - I attended the Kresge Parliament meeting and presented on behalf of the SUA Officers. I let them know about the different offices under the SUA and answered any questions that they had.
- **October 13, 2017**
 - Had a check-in call with UCSA Government Relations staff at 10am. We discussed ongoing efforts at both the state and federal level. Call duration approximately one hour.
 - Underwent a "hiring training" with the Officers and Lucy Rojas at 12pm. Training duration approximately one hour.
 - At 4pm, Tamra Owens, VPSL, and I flew out to LA for UCSA's October board meeting in UCLA. I took Tamra Owens because I needed someone to serve as a proxy in my place as UCSC's EVP.
- **October 14, 2017 - October 15, 2017**

- Attended the UCSA board meeting
- **October 16, 2017**
 - Held office hours from 3-4:30pm.
- **October 17, 2017**
 - 6pm: Got on the University Affairs (UA) call with the other EVP's. Call duration approximately one hour.
 - 7pm: Attended the weekly SUA Officer meeting. Meeting duration approximately one hour.
 - 8pm: Attended the SUA meeting
- **October 18, 2017**
 - Held office hours per usual.
 - Began interviewing folks for my office - specifically applicants for Chief of Staff and Executive Assistant.
- **October 20, 2017**
 - Continued interviewing folks for Chief of Staff and Executive Assistant
 - Interviewed over eight people within the week.
- **October 21, 2017**
 - Attended the Founders Celebration and made some new connections with campus admin and alumni.
- **October 22, 2017**
 - Spent hours in the office preparing for my meeting with President Napolitano and the UCSA Board of Directors happening on Oct. 23rd.
- **October 23, 2017**
 - Headed over to UCOP in Oakland and met with President Janet Napolitano, Student Affairs, and the Uc Budget team.
 - Meeting duration approximately 4 - 5 hours total.
- **October 25, 2017**
 - Got on a call with [FairVoteCA](#) and discussed ways of implementing a ranked choice voting system into Santa Cruz elections.
 - I offered the folks at FairVote the opportunity to come in and present at the Nov. 7 SUA meeting to talk about the benefits of ranked choice voting.
 - Call duration approximately one hour.
- **October 26, 2017**
 - Interviewed more folks for the EVP office!
- **October 27, 2017**
 - Met with SUA President, Max Jimenez, who asked for assistance with hosting Mayor Cynthia Chase on campus for her listening tour.
 - We agreed to collaborate as President and EVP, but Max also asked me to provide information on systemwide housing efforts as the UCSA President.
 - I also wrapped up interviews and took the weekend to decide who I was hiring.
- **October 30, 2017**
 - Held office hours per usual
- **October 31, 2017**

- Had my first staff meeting with this year's EVP staff! Meeting duration approximately one hour.
- I introduced the new staff to the EVP Office, UCSA campaigns, duties/responsibilities that come with their specific roles in the office, and much more.
- We then began to prepare for the upcoming UCSA board meeting in UC Irvine (November 3 - 5)! *Talk about hitting the ground running.*

SUA Thoughts and Improvements

This month was honestly very difficult for me. I relapsed back into depression and forced a semi-speedy recovery because I've learned that your responsibilities do not wait for you to be mentally stable (for lack of better words). It's truly disappointing to see that, in these spaces, we share the same goals: improving campus climate, food security, tackling homelessness, and much more. Yet, we allow unnecessary drama to integrate itself into the space causing division between folks. We also preach supporting students with mental health, for example, but instill so much anxiety on our peers. This is ineffective, it's draining, and outright toxic. Moving forward, I plan on focusing on the impact I make, on the achievements of my office and my team, and on my own personal growth as a person. Next time folks want to engage in power games or simply boost their egos, I suggest asking ourselves, "Is what we are doing right now truly benefiting the students we represent?" The rest will fall into place.