



# Student Union Assembly

## Monthly Report

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Hey Y'all!

Under My duties as Vice President of Student Life of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Slug to Slug Meeting Section A Subsection 6(1) of the SUA Constitution, I present my December 2016 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly. I will outline all my events, logistical planning, activities and constructive criticism with areas of improvement in hopes of providing a detailed account in the month's report.

### MEETINGS/UPDATES

#### **Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Food Pantry Walkthrough with 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank**

Tiffany Wong, Agency Relations Manager at 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank, came to visit the location of the potential food pantry at OPERS to see if it is fit to serve as a distribution center under their organization. The pantry was approved to be a subsidiary distributor under the Dean of Students pantry. The reason why it is so important to work with 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank is that they can supply food for our pantry at cost, without the mark up that normal grocery stores have. According to the estimation from the Dean of Students, about 1000lbs. of food can be purchased through 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest for about \$400.

#### **We Are Slugs Committee Meeting**

The Vice President of External Affairs, Judith Gutierrez, and I attended the We Are Slugs committee meeting to earn about what progress has been made for having a mandatory diversity training for all incoming freshman and transfers, much like the AlcoholEdu. There's 4 people who are leading the team and the creation of this program: Gwynn Benner (Principal Analyst at Student Success), Donnae Smith (Program Coordinator for Diversity and Inclusion), Ashley Robinson (CUIP intern for Donnae Smith), and Brittany Young (an Undergraduate student who works with Donnae). I learned that there is no aggressive timeline for this project to be finished and it is estimated that it will be done by 2018. There will be able opportunities for committee members to get involved more in planning process next quarter when they divide the committee into focused subcommittee groups.

#### **SUA Judicial Board Amendment Review**

Jane Loughboro, SUA Parliamentarian, hosted this meeting at the McHenry to receive feedback on adding a Judicial Branch to the SUA Constitution and give an opportunity for students to propose constitutional amendments. I attended the meeting to propose

changes in how we fund the United States Student Association, handle candidate searches in cases of vacancies, and other basic changes wording changes.

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Executive Vice Chancellor and SUA Officer Meeting**

Grace Shefcik, Internal Vice President, Judith Gutierrez, Vice President of External Affairs, and I attended the meeting with the departing External Vice Chancellor, Alison Galloway, and the incoming Interim External Vice Chancellor, Herbie Lee. The meeting was meant for each party to introduce each other and talk about student's issues that we are concerned with and how their leadership can help.

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Partnership Meeting between Resource Centers**

Nancy Kim, Managing Director of the Resource Centers and Director of the Asian American/Pacific Islander Resource Center, invited Homayun Hetemadi, SUA Advisor, and myself to discuss a partnership for a program in the winter. She wants to work with the SUA to host a stand up comedy night with Hari Kondabolu, a comedian who focuses on politics and issues of marginalized communities. I have an agreed to be the point people from the SUA to help organize and plan this event in the upcoming quarter.

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Amending Measure 8 Focus Group**

I decided to move forward with amending the measure 8 fee from \$7/per quarter to \$20/per quarter to account for the rising cost of minimum wage, increasing the SUA Advisor's salary per year, and securing permanent funding for the food pantry. I invited the Assembly to discuss this fee, its purpose, and any feedback they have.

**SUA Officer Check-In with Lucy Rojas**

The Officers with the exception of Hector Navarro, Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion, and Jane Loughboro, SUA Parliamentarian, were present at this meeting. We discussed best practices for searching for a President to fill the vacancy, how to best manage interns, and received more information about the campus election process in regards to passing fees.

**COMPLETED TASKS**

**Submitted Food Pantry Schematic**

My Executive Assistant, Brandon Vasquez, and I collaborated on a design for the food pantry and submitted it to Andrea Willer, Executive Director of OPERS, to pass on to electricians for a quote and begin work.

**Scheduled Work Order for the Food Pantry**

Over the Winter Break I kept in contact with Todd Hammonds, Facilities Manager at OPERS, with the final steps of putting in the Work Order. FOAPALS were exchanged between Vice Chancellor Sarah Latham and my office and work is scheduled to begin January 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Finished Research/Application to Amend Measure 8**

The steps I took to submit the fee amendment was complete the online application, emailed larojas@ucsc.edu with my draft referendum language, provided documents that demonstrate student consultation activities, proposed 3-year budget reflecting how the fee will be used. Student consultation activities included a focus group I held December 9<sup>th</sup> and a Google Poll I administered over the break.

### **Slug Fest Preparation Advances**

The event date will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Kresge Town Hall. I worked with Samantha Brandon on compiling a list of all the organization s that would interest in participating in this event.

### **Editing of SUA Website**

I did general edits to my webpage, I uploaded the spreadsheet of my spending form my line item, I added my interns/intern bios on the staff page, uploaded the minutes and agendas, and did other general edits.

### **AREAS OF IMPROVEMENTS**

- I wish I would've had more time towards student consulting efforts on amending measure 8 and I poorly managed my time in regards to project, which was disappointing
- In the future, I need to manage my time/stress levels better when it's time for finals because finals shouldn't be an excuse for me to drop the ball on some of my efforts at work
- It's the end of the quarter and the officers still don't have all the training required for this job, not all the officers hold office hours, and some of the officers haven't updated their officer reports since the summer. While I understand there was no pressure to take the job description seriously from the previous President, I'm hoping there's an increase in effort from a particular person as we transition into Winter quarter

This concludes my December 2016 officer report. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at [suavpsl@ucsc.edu](mailto:suavpsl@ucsc.edu)

Cheers,  
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