



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 November 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.

COMPLETED TASKS

Student Life Commission Launches/Advances (bi-weekly meetings)

The mission of the Student Life Commission is to create events/programs that are meaningful to the student body. It helps mentor commissioners on how to host events/programs. The first meeting was an introductory meeting going over the basic of creating an event. We covered topics of the P.O. systems/Cruzbuy and what spaces are available on campus for events. The second meeting I explained how to use Excel in making budgets and how to program formulas into Excel Sheets so that they automatically add, subtract, ect... After that short lesson the commission went straight into planning their first program and delegating tasks out. The Program the commission decided on doing was a Community Dinner at the Namaste lounge to take place on November 25th in response to the closure of the dining halls during Thanksgiving Break that would leave many students who could not afford to go back home and live in the dorms without a food source.

Purchased SUA Camera

Arturo Motta (Organizing Director 2015-2016) received approval from the Assembly for \$350 to be used to buy a camera for the Historian Media Intern. The camera was never bought so I used those previously allocated funds to get a camera for Kyle Doria (the current Historian/Media Intern) so he can take pictures at the Student of Color Conference and any future SUA events.

Held Staff Meetings and 1on1's

The way I run my office is that at the beginning of the week (Mondays), I have a staff meeting where we all do updates on the progress we've made within the past week and where I delegate tasks out to my interns. Later that week (Friday/Thursdays) I have a 1on1 meeting personally with each of my interns to discuss what progress they've made on the tasks delegated out in the beginning of the week and allow them to address any questions they have with me in person. Staff meetings run about an hour long and 1on1's are about 30 minutes each and this process is done every week.

Attended Student of Color Conference

The conference took place at UC Irvine during the dates of November 18th-20th. All the officers except for Tias Webster, Vice President of Academic Affairs, were capable of attending. The conference was poorly organized by the host school UC Irvine in comparison to my previous experiences with this conference at UC Merced in 2014. An apology from the UC Student Association was sent out to all delegations including Santa Cruz's for the poor organization and hostile environment.

General Office Time 40+

Office hours included, I make myself available in the office for questions and to accommodate for those who cannot make my office hours a minimum of 10 hours a week.

MEETINGS/UPDATES

Nov. 1st Meeting with Vice Chancellor Sarah Latham

All the officers were invited to have lunch with Sarah Latham to introduce ourselves and discuss projects we are working on and some of the issues students are facing on campus. She also announced that in her budget there was an extra \$10,000 that she wants to donate to a project that would benefit the student body. The officers agreed that the best use of that money would be for the Food Pantry project I am working on.

Nov. 7th 2017 Campus Elections Process Orientation

I was the only officer to attend this meeting that was hosted by the Interim Dean of Students, Lucy Rojas, who oversees campus elections in the Spring. In order to propose a Constitutional Amendment to the SUA, put an opinion poll on the ballot, or propose a fee increase, one has to attend this meeting.

Nov. 9/30th Sports Club Advisory Committee

After doing research was done we used the meeting on November 9th to present/discuss what we liked/didn't like about the funding allocation systems of the other colleges. The meeting we had on the 30th started taking the components we liked and forming a new system that we could implement here at Santa Cruz. There was great discussion, however no definite decision was made and this was the last meeting of the quarter. The task that was assigned to all committee members for Winter Break was to use the information discussed to form a proposal/system as to how to allocated funding to Sport Clubs in the future.

OPERS Food Pantry Logistics Meeting

I called for a meeting between Lucy Rojas (interim Dean of Students), Andrea Willer (Executive Director at OPERS), Todd Hammonds (Associate Director of Facilities and Operations at OPERS), and Homayun Hetemadi (SUA Advisor) so we can start to finalize logistics needed to execute the Food Pantry. The biggest question I had coming into the meeting was how much it would cost the SUA to occupy the space at OPERS and what would rent look like. Andrea clarified that to occupy the space would be free of rent and that the only cost the assembly would have to pick up for the space is moving

out the lockers and putting in the electrical/data lines in the space. Before any work could be started, I would need to submit a schematic of the space to Todd Hammonds as to where to put the outlets and where I wanted the higher voltage outlets and data line at. Work on the space would be able to start as soon as the Deputy Fire Marshall and the 2nd Harvest Food Bank approved the space to be used as a pantry.

Nov. 22nd

Food Pantry Walkthrough w/ Deputy Fire Marshall Nicholas Otis

Nicholas Otis walked through the space where the Food Pantry would be to assess its safety and answer questions we had. A microwave would be able to be in the space and would not cause a fire hazard and there's an adequate room/exits for this space to function as a pantry. Deputy Otis approved the space for operation under a 17 person maximum occupancy restriction.

Nov. 25th

Community Dinner

In the previous Student Life Commission Meeting, the commission decided to host a community in response to the closure of the dining halls for students who live in the dorms and would not have access to food. The commissioners did all the work in regards to creating advertisement, a Facebook Event, booking the Namaste Lounge, creating a budget, making the Purchase Order, and placing the catering order with Zocooli's. The only work I had to do was pick up the food, set up, and clean up the event. The catered dinner included vegan and vegetarian options as well as dessert.

Nov. 29th

Meet the Administration

The Officers met with Senior Administrators such as Chancellor Blumenthal, Alison Galloway, Herbie Lee, Sarah Latham, ect... to introduce ourselves and share the work we have been doing while in office in hopes to find areas to collaborate. This also gave the chance for the Administrators to hear a student perspective as to what is happening on campus and what our biggest concern is for the Student Body.

Nov. 30th

Food Insecurity Interview

Celinda Montoya is a freshman at Kresge who reached out to interview me about Food Insecurity efforts for her Core Class's Final Project. I explained not only the efforts that I am making within my office with food pantry project, but also other organizations on like the Global Food Initiative, which focusing on food insecurity on a UC-Wide level.

Slug Fest Artwork/Brainstorm

I met with Samantha Brandon, Alumni & Student Outreach Development Coordinator, and her staff to continue the planning for the SlugFest Talent Show event. I have assigned my Historian/Media Intern to work with her interns on the advertising artwork of the event and I created the Google Form to send out to organizations who are interested in participating in the event. The email is planned to go out by the first week of Winter Quarter.

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENTS

-I'm happy with the work I put out this this month. All my projects are progressing at a good pace despite being told I am not doing my job right by Ray Inoue (the former SUA President)

-The Student of Color Conference could have been organized better with clearer directions/preparation, but I am hopeful that in the future that it won't turn out to be as disappointing since this is first time in my college career that I've seen such lack of leadership skills

-The officer core could communicate better with each other and learn to ask for help when it's needed instead of when it's too late but with the vacancy of Ray Inoue, I feel like it will be easier to reach common ground

This concludes my November 2016 officer report. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at suavpsl@ucsc.edu

Cheers, Tamra Owens | Vice President of Student Life