



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 Section A Subsection 6(1) of the SUA Constitution, I present my October 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

Drafted and Sent Project Proposal to the Real Estate Office

At the last meeting between the Dean of Students, the Real Estate Office, and myself, we agreed that the next steps for the food pantry was to fill out a project proposal so the Real Estate Office can start researching and quoting the project.

Special Committee on Athletics

Héctor Navarro asked both Judith and I to proxy for him on this committee meeting. The Special Committee on Athletics discussed putting a referendum on the ballot that would raise the fee all students pay for athletics. Last Spring, an opinion poll asking students if they would be in favor in raising the athletics fee by \$90 was passed with over 70% in favor. It is because of how well received the opinion poll was that the Special Committee has gone forth to officially put that referendum on the ballot and they speculated that the amount the fee will be raised will be a fraction of the \$90 originally asked. I asked about what it would take for UCSC to move from Division III to Division II since I believe a lot more students would be more willing to pay the fee if we moved into a division where we can compete against schools we know. What I was told was that if the fee passes this year, then the Special Committee will seriously consider moving into Division II the following year since it takes a lot of restructuring of the current system to move into Division II like setting up recruiting measures and scholarships for students.

CP/EVC Finalist with GSA and SUA Officers

The SUA Officers and I were invited to sit down and ask questions with one of the 4 Executive Vice Chancellor Finalists. I was only able to meet one of the finalists this month due to class conflicts.

Appointed SUA Liaison to CARE

Tonantzin Macias, the Diversity Outreach Coordinator for CARE, reached out to me to have a better bond with the Assembly and CARE. Macias opened up the opportunity of having an Assembly member

be the liaison between CARE and the Assembly. I presented this opportunity to the Assembly and Bryna Haugen was appointed to this position.

Hired Fall Interns

The hiring process took about 3 weeks for myself. I read through all 64 applications and decided to offer interviews to 16 people between my 3 positions. I wrote the questions, drafted the Doodle Poll, sent confirmations, and booked rooms solely by myself. Throughout the 2 weeks of conducting interviews, I had Homayun (SUA Advisor), Judith (Vice President of External Affairs), Grace (Vice President of Internal Affairs), Hector (Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion), and Ray (President) to sit on various interviews when their time schedules permitted so. I hired a Historian/Media Intern and Executive Assistant.

Fail to Hire Director of Engagement & Relations

I did not hire a Director of Engagement & Relations due to a personal decision I made in how I want that hiring process to go because of how important this position is to me. The Director of Engagement & Relations will be the Chair of my Student Life Commission, a committee that focuses on creating relevant change on campus and organizing events around relevant student issues. I chose not to hold a formal interview process for this position like I did with the other 2 intern positions because the Chair of this committee needs to have passion/commitment to bettering the welfare of students over business casual attire and flattering resume. The interview process caters to certain type of identities and I wanted this position to open for all students and give everyone a fair chance to display the full arsenal of their abilities. The Director of Engagement & Relations will be chosen from my Student Life Commission, and I am looking for someone who has actively participated and showed commitment to the commission this Fall Quarter before I decide to appoint someone during Winter Quarter.

Sat on Hiring Committees

As an officer, it is expected that you assist the other officers in their hiring process when requested. Grace Shefcik invited Homayun and myself to read over her applications on whom to offer interview to. I sat on the hiring committee for both Judith Gutierrez and Grace Shefcik over the past month when I am available.

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

October 6th Follow-Up Meeting w/ Dean of Students & Real Estate Office

After I sent in the project proposal, this meeting was scheduled to discuss the findings. To acquire a space off campus would be costly to own a space for the year and have it meet all University guidelines in regards to safety and health issues could amount to \$100,000 at the very most. If the assembly were to commit to a pantry off campus then we would have to have that much money on reserve for this project, which is out of the Assembly's financial scope. Instead, we all collectively decided that something on

campus would be a better option. In the previous month at the OPERS All Staff Meeting, Andrea Willer, the Executive Director of OPERS, mentioned having a space open for the Student Union Assembly to potentially use as a food pantry. The next steps I took was emailing Andrea and setting up a time to talk more in depth about the space they have open.

October 12/26th Sports Clubs Advisory Committee

Clint Angus, Intramural Sports & Youth Camp Coordinator, invited myself to this meeting with other student athletes and administration within OPERS to discuss how funding for Intramural Sports is allocated. Currently UCSC has 41 active sports clubs, which is one of the largest programs given the size of our campus and the budget. How sports clubs are given funding is through a tiered system of 5 tiers, however, the system is very ambiguous in regards to what differentiates each tier. The task of the committee was for each member to research two schools that are similar in UCSC's population size and write a summary of the sports clubs on their campus and how they allocate funding. Given that a larger population of students is involved with Sports Clubs on campus I have decided to sit on this committee and it meets every other Wednesday.

October 12th SUA Food Pantry Facility Walk @ OPERS

At OPERS, there's a space that is about 1100 square feet that they are currently not using and has been offered to the Assembly. Andrea discussed the Assembly is more than welcome to turn the space into a food pantry if they are willing to take on the costs to remove all the lockers that currently populate the space. Before this meeting, I asked Andrea for a quote of the project and to remove the lockers, add a data line for Internet, and install electrical that can handle heavy appliances would cost no more that \$15,000.

October 26th Food Pantry Health/Safety Introductory Meeting

I met with Mario Gonzalez who has been managing the Slug Support Food Pantry in the Dean of Students to discuss healthy and safety in regards to managing a pantry. We discussed just the basics like how all-dry foods must be contained in closed storage, how to place items in the fridge (meats on bottom, produce on top), and other various requirements. He shared with me a video explaining the information and was going to share with me his procedure handbook for managing the Dean of Students pantry.

SUA Town Hall

I proposed the idea in an officer meeting to host a Town Hall in the SUA office where the officers can officially present their committees, what they are about, and when/where they will be meeting to clarify any questions that potential committee members and assembly members might have. All the officers contributed to a Google Slideshow with all information about their committee and I coordinated the food being provided along with the invites to the event. At the physical event, all officers except for Ray Inoue, the President, and Judith Gutierrez, Vice President of External Affairs, were there to present their committee and answer questions. There was a good turnout to the event!

October 28th Campus Olympics – SUA/OPERS

Partnership Louis Odiase, the Marketing Intern at OPERS, came to Hodayun Hetemadi, SUA Advisor, Grace Shefcik, Vice President of Internal Affairs, and myself to discuss partnering together for a Campus-Wide Olympics in the spring. Louis has been coordinating more outreach events for Athletics and the student body through the Battle of the Colleges Events and the goal is that Spring Quarter, there will be a final Battle of the Colleges through the Olympics. The plan is to have mainly non-athletic competitions so all students can participate. The meeting was short as he and we made plans for another meeting where we will plan specific details of the event and how the Assembly can contribute to this event.

October 29/30th Student of Color Conference Selection Committee

Héctor Navarro, the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, Grace Shefcik, Vice President of Internal Affairs, Judith Gutierrez, Vice President of External Affairs, and myself took three hours each day to read over the applications, create an acceptance roster, and add people to the waitlist.

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENTS

- I am satisfied with my performance this month. This month was definitely busier with the hiring process but I am pleased with the new projects that came out of this month and the continued advancement of the food pantry
- The performance of the officer group has been good except for the President. This month major issues in regards to communication, fulfilling job expectations, and organizational skills arose threatening the function of the Assembly. For the sake of the Assembly, I am hoping improvement is made in the upcoming months.

This concludes my October 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