



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 September 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

Editing/Finalizing Intern Applications – Updates had to made to include the Vice President of Student Life as the supervisor instead of the Organizing Director. Instead of having two general interns, I wrote two new intern positions.

Diversity Training – Every year all officers attend some sort of diversity training to ensure that we facilitate in a manner that is inclusive. I could attend diversity training, however due to scheduling conflicts, not all officers were able to.

Officer Meetings – There was multiple officer meetings this month and they were primarily used to prepare for the launch of our intern applications, voter registration, SUA Open House, OPERS Fall Festival, the first SUA meeting, and update each other with projects we are working on.

SUA Open House & Fall Festival – I handled the catering for the Open House event and it was a time for students to come in and meet with the officers, elected representatives, and learn more about the SUA and its structure. Right after this event all the officers went to the OPERS Festival to table and continue to do outreach for the assembly.

MEETINGS/UPDATES

September 1st

Meeting with Tim Galarneau from the Global Food Initiative

In the previous meeting, I had met with Mario Gonzales, he suggested the next steps I take is to not only have a meeting with Lucy Rojas, the interim Dean of Students, but Tim Galarneau as well who is involved in the Global Food Initiative and the Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems. I was not able to attend the meeting but I had the External Vice President, Judith Gutierrez, and the President, Ray Inoue, to attend on my behalf. The meeting

was used to introduce the assembly's pitch to own a Food Pantry and if there is room to collaborate. In addition to be open to offering help, Tim helped connect the us with the Global Food Initiative's Working Group Chair, Heather Bullock, to be in the loop of the meeting's schedule. He also shared the contact of Sarah Underwood, a contact with the Second Harvest Food Bank, who has information that guide pantry/distribution spaces.

September 8th

Meeting with Lucy Rojas, Interim Dean of Students

In the previous month, Mario Gonzales set up a meeting with Lucy and I to discuss the potential to have an off-campus food pantry. The assembly can rent/lease commercial property since we are a separate entity of the University. Lucy and I scheduled a meeting with the Real Estate Resource Office to further discuss logistics and options the assembly has.

September 15th

Fall Kick Off All Staff Gathering with OPERS

The OPERS Staff invited the officers to come in and talk about the assembly and if we would want to collaborate with OPERS on any projects. I was the only office to attend but the conversation was very productive. The OPERS Staff volunteered their student athletes to attend voter registration training and offered OPERS as a location for registering students to vote. They also offered extra space they have at their facilities as a potential location for a food pantry along with their student athletes as volunteers. Overall the meeting was successful and the assembly now has a connection with OPERS and their staff.

September 22nd

Real Estate Resource Meeting

Lucy Rojas, Interim Dean of Students, and Hodayun Hetemadi, SUA Advisor, accompanied myself to the meeting with Lisa Akesson, Director of the Real Estate Office, and the Assistant Director, Nikki Vamosi. The meeting covered the process of acquiring/maintaining property, the services the Real Estate Office offers, and next steps to take. In summary of the meeting, the Real Estate Office offers a comprehensive service that includes closing the sale with the landlord to contacting different departments on campus to ensure that policy is being followed. The next step on my end was to populate a request sheet for their services so they can start finding estimates and locations.

Areas of Improvement

- I didn't get to have as much time in the office as I liked due to how rigorous RA the training was for this month which slowed down the speed of my work. The following month I should have more time since I won't have nine hours of training a day, every day. Other than that it was a pretty smooth month.

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

Cheers,
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