



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 January 2018 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

Meeting w/ Chris Lang

Chris Lang is a graduate student in the Environmental Studies Department who is working with Colleges Nine and Ten to host the Dig In Conference. I gave Chris a tour of the pantry and discussed the work I do on campus regarding Food Justice. Chris Lang offered me to be a part of the planning committee for the Dig In conference and to help host a workshop and I accepted.

T-Time Tax Day Call

I spoke with Terrell Davis to confirm their company's campus visit to provide free tax services for students in February. We confirmed the date and I agree to give them a tour of the campus a day before the event so they will be prepared. Terrel agreed to send over marketing material within the upcoming weeks for me to distribute to students.

SUA + MSA Meeting

My office has been meeting with the leaders in the Muslim Student Association to bring a speaker on to campus who discusses intersectionality through the lens of someone who practices Islam in the Spring. They have decided on Hasan Minaj, contacted his agent, and he is in fact available for the Spring. The issue is that he is requesting \$50,000 to speak. SOAR has given the Muslim Student Association six weeks to finalize all of their funding for this event and MSA is going to college governments, provosts, departments, administrators, and SUA to ask for funding for this event. If the funding is not received in time they have a list of other speakers for a lower price to choose from.

SUA Office Cleaning

The Black Student Union purged extra items in their office and had offered to bring it over to the SUA office. I hired 3 special event assistants to help me sort through the load and reorganize the cabinets inside the SUA Office. We were able to acquire a toaster, some fans, general office supplies, and non-perishable food items that was brought to the pantry to be distributed back out to students.

Stripe Inquiry

One of the initiatives I have been wanting to start is fundraising within the assembly towards direct aid for students. Stripe is a system that allows credit cards purchases to go directly into Student Union Assembly's FOAPAL. The issue with the system I found is that there is a large fee associated with opening a Stripe account plus a fee for every transaction that was which would cut profits. I made the decision after the meeting to stick with cash only for fundraising events.

Dig In Partners Meeting

I was invited to be a part of the planning committee for the Dig In conference by Chris Lang in the previous week and this was my first time attending this meeting. I was given the role to help put on the Food as a Right Workshop and I made plans to meet with the other coordinators of the workshop the following week. The day long conference is focused on cultivating an inclusive approach to food justice and sustainability in context that is focused around the voices of people of color and other marginalized groups. This conference is a collaboration between Colleges Nine and Ten, the Ethnic Resource Centers, Student Union Assembly, Blum Center, the Everett Program, People of Color Sustainability Collective, el Parajo Community Development Inc, and many more. The conference will take place in the College Nine and Ten MPR on March 2nd.

Meeting w/ Satveer Kler

My officer met with Satveer Kler, a member of the Lionel Cantu Queer Center's Peer2Peer LGBTQ+ Education Program, to discuss on bring Jade Phoenix Martinez, a transgender poet, activist, and performer, on to campus and if there is a potential for our two departments to collaborate on this event. Satveer brought up the idea of having Jade Phoenix perform as a keynote speaker for an upcoming conference that is in the works entitled: Dissecting Desirability and Differences. While the conference is in the very beginning stages, we agreed to have a follow up meeting to discuss progress and if having Jade perform is a viable option to bring them to campus.

Food as a Right Workshop Meeting

I met with Flora Lu, the provost of Colleges Nine and Ten, Linnea Beckett, a core instructor at colleges nine and ten, and Ibetta Valle, a graduate student who does research for the Blum Center, to discuss how to structure the Food as a Right Workshop. What we agreed is that the workshop will flow in the following way: discuss national, state, and UCSC statistics on food insecurity, bring in representatives from different basic needs spaces to educate students on what resources are available, and then break into small groups to discuss what students need to do to ensure food is a right at every level. We planned a follow up meeting to discuss more depth how this will flow and work out.

Campus Pantries Meetings

I met with the pantry stakeholders around campus to discuss any updates we have with our spaces and how to increase efficiency. A pantry in Oakes will be opening soon and small deliveries from the farm will be distributed there so students on the West side will have more resources.

SUA Pantry and Lounge Operations

Volunteer Trainings: I held 22 volunteer training sessions this month which is equivalent to over 25+ hours of work.

Shift Lead Training: I held the training for all the shift leads to touch up on their jobs and onboard the new employees. I also distributed the keys out to the new leads.

Pantry Manager Hired: after two weeks of being tested and observed, I hired Frida Salgado as the Pantry Manager

Inventory Evaluation + Opening Prep: The pantry still had non-perishable foods in the cabinets that lasted over the break. I did an inventory of what we had, their expiration dates, and cleaned the place to prep for opening day

Early Donation Delivery: We received a donation from Safeway + Raley's of over 2000lbs worth of food a week before the SUA Pantry's opening date for the quarter.

Order placed: Placed food order for the pantry and it is prepped to open the first Monday of February

Weekly Officer Meetings

-Use the link below to access minutes from Officer Meetings

<https://docs.google.com/a/ucsc.edu/document/d/1yvIhij4-yq2R9R79C2fTmjwbGIbzUjbQC4FcxbJWrYE/edit?usp=sharing>

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENTS

I want to focus next month on executing the events my office has planned as well as finally starting to fundraise. The pantry has been taking up a majority of my time so I'm hoping with the onboarding of the Pantry Manager, I will have more time to start the new fundraising project.

This concludes my January 2018 officer report. If you have any questions or comments, please email me at suavpsl@ucsc.edu

Cheers,

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