



Student Union Assembly

Monthly Report

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Dear Assembly,

Under Article III Section A of the Student Union Assembly Constitution, I am required to present a monthly evaluation to the assembly. This monthly evaluation of **August, 2018** will report the initiatives I am taking on as SUA Vice President of Academic Affairs and constructive criticism in areas of improvement within the SUA. In the following are the projects, meetings, tasks, constructive criticisms and improvements of this month.

Completed Tasks

This month, my main focus was on pushing forth work towards providing free testing materials, and laying down groundwork towards establishing a Disability Resource Center accommodated testing space. In doing so, I re-established contact with departments so as to solidify number estimates of materials required for the 2018-2019 academic year. Upon doing so, it was realized that initial cost estimates (and what was secured through Chancellor Blumenthal) were low. I therefore worked with Maura (SUA Advisor), Ashish (Associate Chancellor), and Lucy Rojas (Assistant Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff for the Office of Student Success) to secure \$6,000 total from the Office of the Chancellor to continue this program. Furthermore, I held communication (emails, meetings, etc.) with Richard Gubash (Director of the DRC) and Richard Hughey (Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education) to begin an initial plan of action to address DRC accommodated testing spaces.

August 6: Officer Meeting; Initial planning with Richard Gubash

August 7: Interview with City on a Hill Press concerning initiatives for the year

August 10: Fair Hiring Workshop

August 12: Student Union Assembly Officer Retreat

August 15: Meeting with Richard Gubash; Reviewed logistics of solidifying a testing space, concerns with space, how to best address the problems at the head rather than as they come; began research concerning best methods of testing so as to reduce needs for a physical testing space

August 18: Further research concerning healthy testing methods, resources available to ease testing environments, work on addressing current need versus long term fixes

August 19: Officer Meeting

August 20: Reviewed numbers for testing materials; calculated costs; communication with Maura concerning how to best address the lack of funds

August 23: Created plans of action; how to best use available money to provide as many students materials as possible, how much more money would be required to run program, how much would be required to provide Scantrons only/Blue Books only

August 25: Work with Maura to send possible plans to Dean of Students/Chancellor's Office

August 27: Further communication with administration to secure funding; Officer Meeting

August 28: \$6,000 secured from Office of the Chancellor to provide free Scantrons to students for the 2018-2019 academic year

Ongoing Projects

- Institutionalization of the Scantron Initiative
- Establishing the goals for the year concerning how to best address creating a DRC accommodated testing space; short-term fixes, or long-term addressal?

Criticisms and Improvements

This month, I should have gotten more done concerning the DRC accommodated testing space; while I established connections, my realization of the scope of the issue, along with simultaneously realizing I did not have adequate funds for the testing materials initiative led towards it being left on the back burner.

This concludes my report. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at suavpa@ucsc.edu and I'd be happy to have a discussion with you. My office hours will be updated in the Fall by appointment.

Thank you,
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