



Student Union Assembly

Monthly Report

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Dear Assembly,

Under Article III Section A of the SUA Constitution, I am required to present a monthly evaluation to the assembly. This monthly evaluation of July, 2018 will report the initiatives I am taking on as SUA Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion 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

February 1 - Meeting w/ Snail Movement

- Me with Tomas and John from Snail Movement with the President and IVP. We discussed their plans to further pressure the university to treat houseless students with a modicum of respect and dignity. There was contention because John didn't understand that we don't have control over the campus-wide emails and instead have to wait for the DoS to approve our statements. Which is bullshit already, the student government has less and less autonomy every year, it's pretty gross.

February 3 - Officer Meeting

- On Sunday we had an officer meeting

February 4 - MLK Convocation Planning Meeting

- These planning meetings fall in a time where I have to be at the Farm on campus so my interns Rachel and Miguel have been going in my stead. From what i hear, our input as students isn't valued at all. In Fact we didn't even get to choose who was speaking at the convocation, I think we just help with advertising? Not even sure at this point.

February 5 -Office Hours and Campus Climate meeting

- Once again admin shows that 1. They do not care about student gov input or 2. They don't know how to look at my google calendar. For campus climate meetings they scheduled them during an exact hour I cannot be there. I sent Rachel and Miguel in my place. These meetings seem to be kind of fruitful except for some admin being awkward.

February 7 -

- Had my regular office hours and met with interns to talk about their plans for the quarter. We're working on a screen printing event, self-defense workshop, diversity commission and the Empowering Womxn of Color conference.

February 11 - MLK Convocation

- I was unable to attend the convocation due to work but Rachel did go.

February 12 - CHP interview and Office Hours

- I was interviewed by CHP about my last quarter and this current one. I also did my regular office hours.

February 19 - Office Hours and Diversity Commission

- I had my regular office hours. Caught up with coordinating for the Empowering Womxn of Color conference, and the QTPOC self defense

February 21 - Office hours and QTPOC Self Defense

- I had regular office hours to get ready for the self defense class. The self defense class in itself went really great. I loved seeing students learn how to defend their bodies and gain confidence in their strikes. I want to have another event but in a larger space and with better advertising.

February 23/24 - CIYJA Statewide Convening

- I hosted the California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance on campus for their statewide convening. CIYJA groups from all over the state showed up at UCSC to talk about their plans for events and campaigns this year. I was really happy to attend with two other UCSC students, we discussed the abolitionist strategy of CIYJA, deportation defense and healthcare for everyone including immigrants. Super beautiful time.

February 27 - Meeting

- Met with some students about all the bullshit going on campus involving the culture of permissibility on campus and all of over the UC system. Discussed steps for what we can do to hold people accountable and the meeting we were going the first monday of march.

February 28 - Office hours

- Regular office hours! Prepped for projects and did work I was behind on

Criticisms and Improvements

This month was low key wack with everything that has been going on on campus and in my personal life but I was able to get some good work done and that was great. One of my favorite parts about this position is having access to resources that I can share with students like printing. For this quarter I was really happy to organize the self defense class for queer,trans and POC students. This quarter has also been a lot of organizing for the Empowering Womxn of color Conference, I'm hoping to send 100 people but at the moment I only have 80. It would be amazing to fill the two busses. Apart from this work there's been a lot of stuff going on with Snail Movement, the collective of houseless students, they are still advocating for themselves and other houseless students. At the moment I am planning events for next quarter, I'm hoping to have things solidified by the end of finals week.

This concludes my report. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at suavpd@ucsc.edu and I'd be happy to have a discussion with you. My office hours are Tuesday/Thursday 2-3:30

Best,
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