



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

January 6 - SUA Officer Team Building

- Met with other officers at the Humanities building for an team building workshop lead by Miranda from experiential learning. I was SUPER sick so I only stayed from 9-1. The activities were very cheesy at first but they were really nice and I felt like we all bonded as a team. It was really nice :)

January 7 - Officer Meeting

- Had a regular meeting with the other SUA officers. Talked about plans for the winter quarter before it officially begins.

January 8 - Office Hours

- Had my regular Tuesday Office hours. Worked on outreach to self defense instructors and the screen printing collective I want to work with.

January 8 - SUA Assembly Meeting

- We had our first SUA meeting of the quarter at the Oakes Learning Center.

January 10 - Office Hours

January 11 - Met with Snail Movement, Hillel Director and had an interns meeting

- I met with office Interns Rachel and Miguel for the first time of the quarter. Began to plan for the Winter quarter and they updated me with their own plans for the quarter. Also talked to the director of Hillel about some questions I had about a program they were running that was paying students to attend.

January 12 - SUA Assembly Team Building Retreat

- Attended a larger version of the officer team building retreat I went to earlier in the month. I believe about 8 reps showed up for the retreat. It was pretty nice! I had anxiety because having to interact with a bunch of people makes me nervous but i calmed down. Once again it was pretty cheesy but very fun to do. The assembly split up into two groups and we competed against each other with the activities. I think everyone had a really great time. It's funny how these activities learn how to work together by doing wacky things.

January 15 - Office Hours and Restorative Justice Meeting

- I had my regular office hours for Tuesday, caught up on emails and instead of our regular SUA meeting we had a special restorative justice meeting. We discussed the events of the past quarter and how people were feeling in the space. It was very nice and cathartic to have a time to talk to everyone and check in. It struck me that the majority of folks that showed up had also been to the team building retreat, which I believe says something about its effectiveness. This was another nice time to make the SUA space more pleasant and less stressful. This was one of the nicest meetings I had been to, we laughed a lot and most importantly were able to see each other's humanity outside of this bureaucratic system.

January 18 - MLK Convocation Planning Meeting

- I was unable to attend this meeting so my intern Rachel went in my stead. They don't really seem to need or want student input, we're kinda just there to be there. Convocation is pretty much all set to go for February!

January 22- Regular Office hours

January 22 - SUA Assembly Meeting

- We had our regular meeting and deliberated on how we would fund various student orgs that came to us this past meeting.

January 23 - Diversity Commission

- Rachel is taking the lead on organizing the Diversity Commission, we had our first meeting. Need to work on outreach but the person that showed up was very nice. My goal is that the students in that space can decide what they would like to focus on. Though I will still push for my ideas too.

January 23 - USAS Training

- This day was also the USAS training that I helped WSSC acquire the funds for. It was very well attended, about 40 people.

January 24 - Office hours and Staff meeting

- I had my regular office hours and met with Rachel and Miguel to discuss flyer making and to update on plans for events this quarter.

January 28 - CCRT Meeting and USAS Discussion

- I was not able to attend the CCRT meeting but my intern Rachel was there. Mainly what was discussed were changes being made to Title IX. I also met in the evening with Sabina about figuring out how to move funding for the USAS conference.

January 29 - Regular office hours and SUA Assembly meeting

- I had my regular office hours and I spoke with Bao Nhia about finding a way to fund a non-RSO. There's a lot of weird bureaucracy and this process has been very lengthy. Today we also had our regular Tuesday assembly meeting where we discussed changes to Title IX, talked about our restorative justice meeting and deliberated funding for various organizations that came to us for funding last meeting.

January 31 - Regular Office hours

Criticisms and Improvements

This month involved a lot of preparing and reaching out to folks to plan for events this quarter. I've been working with WSSC since November to figure out funds for the USAS training this month and it's still going on. The administration is really dead set on RSO's being the only way to move around funds. I think it's stupid that we need to go through administration in order to do anything. The IVP Citlali wanted to get a mass email sent out by the DoS about the Title IX changes and the need

for public comment but that took forever to be sent out. At this point on the 30th I'm not even sure if it has gone out and today at midnight is the deadline for it. It's stuff like this and the issues with funding that make me question if we really have any autonomy as students. From what I've heard, in the past, the student government could send emails to the whole campus without having to go through admin. I'm interested in doing more work to regain this level of crucial agency. This month I've been setting up things for a self-defense workshop in February, a screen printing workshop and a clothing swap event. I'm also working on continuing advocacy for houseless and van dwelling students. The school will answer for its inhumanity. I am also continuing to meet with admin about making the SUA space more accessible for students without social security numbers.

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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