



# 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 final monthly evaluation of June, 2019 will report the initiatives I have taken on as SUA President and constructive criticism in areas of improvement within the SUA.

In the following are a brief recap of the projects and successful accomplishments of my Presidency.

1. Secured about half a million dollars to fight for housing justice in Santa Cruz. This includes providing aid to students facing eviction, as well as providing free legal services by hiring a full time lawyer that works for the student body.
2. Reformed UC policy on police, ensuring body cameras and student accountability over implementation of reforms.
3. Partnered with engineering student leaders to reform the engineering department, addressing the sexual violence and inappropriate behavior.
4. Identified necessary changes to UC policy on selecting Chancellors, to become more transparent to students, and ensured UCSC Chancellor search committee accountability.
5. Fought for the unionization of workers on Student Housing West plan, while advocating for subsidized rooms for low-income students in new housing structures, and ensuring child care facilities are kept affordable for student parents, ongoing.
6. Reached an agreement with UCOP to meet with Black student leaders across the UC system, regularly.
7. Represented UC environmental justice values at the United Nations, encouraging global policy makers to carry out sustainable goals by 2030.
8. Advocated for AFSCME contract on UC Council of Student Body Presidents, ongoing.
9. Collaborated with the Snail Movement to pass a faculty resolution supporting safe on-campus overnight parking for our houseless students.

10. Initiated restructuring on the Division of Student Success, to restore a Department and hire a new Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs
11. Cemented the fight against professors perpetuating sexual violence and inappropriate behavior by institutionalizing the movement Fiat Justice to the official capacity of the SUA, and giving them voting representation on the SUA.
12. SUA Reforms:
  - a. Implemented Conflict Resolution protocol.
  - b. Hosted 5 SUA retreats in total.
  - c. Endorsed and passed the SUA constitutional amendments (thanks to Rep. Stephan Edgars)
  - d. Restructured SUA's priorities by moving funding solely into SOFA to focus on organizing in SUA meetings
  - e. Increased funding for student organizations by about \$30,000.
  - f. Increased SUA's social media presence by 200% and sent a minimum of 5 campuswide messages to the student body each quarter.
  - g. Created the Committee on Student Worker Protections, now established as the Labor Commission (thanks to a joint collaboration between the SUA Office of the President and the Worker Student Solidarity Coalition)
  - h. Appointed five SUA voting seats to the International Student Union (thanks to our SUA Treasurer Raphael), the Society of Women Engineers, Fiat Justice, Muslim Student Association, and the Snail Movement.

### Criticisms and Improvements

The SUA space has improved significantly. I am proud to see such a dynamic change within one year. Although we have much more growth to come, I am thankful for all the representatives and students that entrusted our leadership to continue on the work of advocating and protecting the student body. Thank you all.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Student Union Assembly President. I will forever be grateful for the lessons learned, the experiences that sparked growth, and the fights that we will continue to fight.

This concludes my final report.

In solidarity,

**Ayo Banjo**

*“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced” - James Baldwin*