Students of UC Santa Cruz,
August 19, 2016

Under my duties as Vice President of External Affairs of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A Subsection 2(j) of the SUA Constitution, I present to you my August 2016 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly.

**Completed and Ongoing Projects**

❖ UCSA Student Organizing Summit Preparations..........................**August 1-3**
   - August 1: I confirmed all the transportation logistics for the upcoming UCSA Congress Conference, “Student Organizing Summit (from here on referred to as “SOS”).
   - August 3: I attended a meeting with Clifford at the Dean of Students Office to discuss the Code of Conduct details for the SOS. Meeting duration approximately 45 minutes.
   - August 3: I held a conference call with my delegates to discuss logistics for SOS and I set aside a time for Q&A. Call duration time approximately one hour.

❖ UCSA’s SOS Continued, Planning Commissions Meeting...................**August 4**
   - I held the second and final conference call with my delegates to discuss SOS logistics along with the Q&A. Call duration approximately one hour.
   - I attended the Planning Commissions Meeting with a group of dedicated UCSC students.
      - The Planning Commissions Committee discussed the updates to the downtown plan to build up. Residents and students gave their personal 5min testimonies each discuss their support or lack thereof. Students’ concerns were being disrespected, so I stood up and gave my testimony as EVP. I insisted that although luxury condos and rooftop restaurants appealed to our tourist population, they did not meet the pressing needs of students – affordable housing.
   - After the meeting, guests, students, and I discussed our common interests and concerns on the matter. Today, students are receiving attention from local and major news outlets. Our work is not done until students’ basic needs are met.

❖ USSA Follow – Up..........................................................**August 5**
The External Affairs Office had originally planned to attend the Annual USSA Congress Conference on this day, August 5th. Instead, USSA decided to make congress an online event this year.

USSA’s West Coast National Field Associate, Aja Campbell, and I set up a call to discuss the logistics for the online Congress event. Call duration approximately 45 minutes.

I then met with Mario Gonzales at the Dean of Students office to discuss the online congress logistics and the upcoming UCSA Student Organizing Summit. Meeting duration approximately one hour.

❖ UCSA Student Organizing Summit (SOS) Preparations…………………August 6 – 10

The week of August 6 was dedicated to preparing for UCSA’s upcoming SOS conference.

I checked in with the hotel to ensure our reservations were still in place, confirmed car rentals, reviewed the delegation list, and answered any questions that delegates may have had.

Unfortunately, a couple delegates needed to be removed from the delegation for personal reasons. Therefore I accepted students from the waitlist and provided them with all the necessary information.

On August 10, VPSL, Tamra Owens and I attended The Campus Web Content Management System (WCMS) training.

❖ UCSA’s SOS……………………………………………………………………August 11-14

UCSC’s delegation headed off to Pomona on Thursday, August 11 at 6:00am.

I made sure all the delegates arrived safely and helped them settle in.

On August 11, the UCSA board held its monthly board meeting. Meeting duration approximately 4 hours.

On August 12, the second monthly board meeting was held. Meeting duration approximately 2 hours.

Throughout the conference, I made sure delegates attended workshops, completed EVP duties, handled confidential situations, conducted a consent training with Berkeley’s Organizing Director, etc.

Tamra Owens was my Co-Delegation Leader during the time that I was away from my delegation.

We returned safely to Santa Cruz on August 14. ETA was 11pm.

❖ Meeting Government Relations/ EVP ……………………………….…………August 16

I met with Donna Blitzer and her Assistant, Melissa Whatley to discuss my Voter registration efforts.

My goals are as follows:

▪ Dorm Storming events to register students to vote
▪ Tabling at the Quarry and campus events
▪ Public Forum for City Council candidates and 20th District Congressional District candidates.

Donna and Melissa liked my ideas and offered to assist.
USSA’s National Student Congress…………………………………………………August 20
  o I registered a total of 8 students to serve as UCSC’s delegation during USSA’s online congress conference.
  o We all voted on measures and candidates, and attended various caucuses throughout the week.

Voter Registration Efforts………………………………………………………August 22
  o Had conference call with Tonina from CalPIRG and Ray to discuss UCSC’s Vote efforts and possible collaboration opportunities.
  o Interim Dean of Student’s Assistant then had a check-in meeting, where we discussed the office’s current progress and future UCSA-related travel.

August 23
  o I had a check-in meeting with Tias, VPAA, to discuss further Vote efforts, since he was aware of the plans I was drafting.

August 24
  o I attended our officer meeting with the rest of the officers, where we reported back on what we were working on and what we had accomplished thus far.
  o I asked the President to respect my role as EVP in the Vote efforts, for I had drafted all the plans he was taking credit for. I did, however, allow him to collaborate if he so wished to as long as open communication was vital. The President did not take that well, but he continued to be part of the Vote efforts regardless.

August 25
  o I met with a reporter from KQED, who was writing a piece about the housing crisis within the UC’s (UCSC specifically) after the increased enrollment of students. I showed them around the campus, talked about why the enrollment happened, future enrollment in the UC’s, my personal struggles as a student, and my efforts as EVP. Interview duration approximately 2 hours.
  o I then met with Ray and Julia Dunn to discuss the Vote efforts I had drafted and how we could collaborate. I was not originally invited to this meeting, for it was scheduled by the President.

August 29
  o I attended our weekly officer meeting. Meeting duration approximately 1 hour.

August 30
  o I met with Mario, Assistant Dean of Students, to go over post-travel paperwork from the UCSA Congress Conference in Pomona. Meeting duration approximately 30min.
  o Mario and I then met with Interim DoS, Lucy Rojas, to discuss the Vote efforts I had been drafting, funding, and collaboration suggestions.

August 31
  o I engaged in a conference call with UCSA. Call duration approximately 2 hours.
SUA Thoughts and Improvements

I look forward to getting started with the academic year. The officers are all now in town and we are working towards ensuring that we meet all the expectations we have set up for ourselves. Vote will definitely be tough and will come with stressful times, but I plan on doing my best to ensure that students are registered, informed, and ready to get out the vote. With the help of our collaborators, I know we will successfully engage students in our efforts, thus creating a communal vibe across campus.