Students of UC Santa Cruz,
October 10, 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 a sum of my September 2016 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly.

❖ September 1, 2016

- I served as Tamra Owen’s proxy during a call with Tim Galarneua from UCSC’s Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems at 9am. Ray, myself and Tim discussed Tamra’s proposal for a potential student-owned food pantry off campus. Meeting duration approximately 1 hour.
- VP of Internal Affairs and I had a check in to discuss our agenda for a meeting we both scheduled with CAPS Director, Gary Dunn. Meeting duration approximately 45 minutes.
- Grace, Gary, and I discussed pros and cons for CAPS’ program “Let’s Talk”. I then brought up the idea of integrating food insecurity and housing questions to a system wide questionnaire, for these issues affect one’s mental health. The housing questions will also serve to get data on homelessness started at UCSC and system wide.

❖ September 2, 2016

- Check in meeting with Julia Dunn and Ray Inoue to discuss the goals for ‘Vote’ before the beginning of the academic year. This meeting was originally between Julia and Ray, but I asked to join since ‘Vote’ was on their agenda and vote efforts are under the EVP.

❖ September 5, 2016

- I had a call with USSA’s President, Breana Ross to discuss voter registration through USSA and the logistics for their first Board Meeting in Washington, DC. Call duration approximately 1 hour.
- I did not end up attending the board meeting in DC due to a few logistics.

❖ September 6, 2016

- I had a check-in call with the Interim Dean of Students Assistant, Mario, where I updated him on my call with Breana and next steps.
I was in LA around this time, so I called into our weekly officer meeting. Meeting duration approximately 2 hours.

Drafted an email for Breana explaining that I will not be attending the USSA board meeting.

❖ September 7, 2016
- Worked on logistics for the City Council Public Forum I had in mind.
- Called Santa Cruz’s County Clerk, Gail, to ask for the contact information of all the city council candidates, since some of them did not have contact information online.
- Visited my high school government teacher and spoke to his students about the importance of local politics, higher education, voting, my political experience, etc. Some future banana slugs were in the room!
- Alex Belisario and I finalized the document that gave us permission to move forward with Dorm Storming for ‘Vote’.

❖ September 9, 2016
- Flew out from LAX to Merced for the September Board Meeting with UCSA.

❖ September 10, 2016
- UCSA Board meeting in Merced from 10AM to 9PM. I arrived to the meeting at 9AM, however, to help set up.
- UCSC is scheduled to host the January Board Meeting on January 7&8
- At the meeting, we discussed the 3 campaigns for the year amongst other items.
- Completed the Dorm Storming and the Public Forum agendas.

❖ September 11, 2016
- Second UCSA Board Meeting in Merced from 10AM to ~ 4PM

❖ September 12, 2016
- Spent my morning and afternoon with Merced’s EVP, Carlos Guadarrama as I waited for my flight back home. We discussed issues that UCSC and UC Merced students are facing.
- Flew back to LA at 6pm.

❖ September 13, 2016
- Called into officer meeting, call duration approximately 2 hours.
- Discussed officer report backs, ‘Vote’, committees, trainings, etc.

❖ September 14, 2016
Headed back to Santa Cruz.

- September 16, 2016
  - Check-in meeting with Mario, where we discussed the October board meeting in UC San Diego, Public Forum logistics, and the Funny or Die visit at UCSC. Meeting duration approximately 1 hour.

- September 18, 2016

- September 19, 2016
  - Attended our officer meeting, where we discussed SUA’s Open House and the OPERS Fest.
  - Attended a debrief meeting with the Vote Coalition to discuss where we were in terms of Vote and what we should avoid and/or repeat at future events.

- September 20, 2016
  - Homayun, Tamra, and I picked up the food for the SUA Open House at 11am. The event itself took place from 12PM – 2PM.
  - The SUA Open House was a meet-and-greet type of event where the officers and I informed students about what our offices did along with details about our committees.
  - Tabled at the OPERS Fest from 3PM to 6PM.

- September 21, 2016
  - Attended a meeting with the Vote Coalition to discuss where we were in terms of Vote and what the next steps should be. I presented the coalition with the dorm storming agenda and permission document. I then explained logistics and delegated tasks. Meeting duration approximately 1 hour.
  - Collectively came up with the idea of hosting “Vote Floats” in the Quarry on National Voter Registration day (September 27th). “Vote Floats” would also allow us to launch all our voter registration efforts.

- September 22, 2016
  - Attended our officer meeting, where we discussed the logistics for the first Assembly Meeting of the year, SOFA, Vote budget, Food Pantry logistics, etc. Meeting duration approximately 2 hours.
  - Began promoting internship opportunities to students on social media and through a campus wide email.

- September 23, 2016
- Updated the dorm storming agenda to fit the plenary schedules of different colleges.

❖ September 24, 2016
- I hosted the first Voter Registration training for those interested in volunteering. Training duration approximately 45 minutes.

❖ September 26, 2016
- Held my first office hours from 2PM – 4PM.
- Allowed the Vote coalition to use the office from 4PM – 6PM to create posters/props for ‘Vote Floats’.
- Attended the College Democrats meeting to recruit volunteers for Voter Registration efforts.

❖ September 27, 2016
- Hosted “Vote Floats” at the Quarry from 11AM - 3PM and sent out a campus-wide email that provided students with information about “Vote Floats”, our voter registration efforts, and the link to register.
- Over 100 students registered this day.
- Held office hours from 1:30 – 2:30PM

❖ September 28, 2016
- RSVPed for my meeting with UCOP in October.
- Drafted an email for the Politics department to promote internship opportunities under the External Affairs Office.

❖ September 30, 2016
- Changed my office hours from Tuesdays 1:30pm-2:30pm to Fridays from 1:15-2:15pm.

SUA Final Thoughts and Improvements:
I must say, starting off the year has been quite tough on me. I had to make sure students were registered and ready to vote; all while working on logistics for Lobby Corp, hiring interns, starting classes, holding office hours, traveling for board meetings, etc. However, I look forward to hiring interns, thus getting assistance with many of the projects my office will be working on. I am happy to say that this year will be an exciting year! In regards to improvements, I’d like to see more respect between officers. By that I mean that although our offices may intertwine in certain projects, we must respect boundaries and “stay in our lanes”. I appreciate the President’s enthusiasm with Vote, but there’s a difference between assisting and attempting to take control of a project that is not his.