



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 February, 2019 will report the initiatives I am taking on as SUA Vice President of Internal Affairs 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. Every item is considered **In Progress**, unless stated otherwise.

SCOC

SCOC is running a lot more smoothly. One of the executive officers was replaced, and I am pleased with how independent the new officer is. We've filled all the steering committee seats, and we've caught up on our large backlog of applications. Members are now getting paid regularly and the first sister college event will take place in two weeks. The website is updated but there are still plenty of empty spots on our committees- we need to do more outreach.

Hiring Interns

Hiring interns proved to be more difficult than I expected. It took a long time to get the jobs up on the ER system, since the Dean of Students took issue with the fact that I wanted to hire someone to form a tenant's union. However, since this did not contradict university policy and since I don't need the Dean's permission to do things, the positions were listed after about 3 long weeks. I've hired the housing advocate intern, but i'm still searching for the resource coordinator. I'm considering hiring a third intern to be my Chief of Staff.

Legal Aid

I have secured \$250,000 from the UC Office of the President to hire a lawyer for two years to provide free legal aid to renting students. I plan to work with the legal studies department to create a two unit class where legal studies students can learn to do intake forms and evaluations to support the lawyer and form a legal aid clinic, which will have oversight from the class professor. I would like to integrate this clinic into the tenant union.

Snail Movement

After repeated no's from campus admin, George Blumenthal has decided to consider the possibility of allowing houseless students to sleep in their cars on campus. I will try to work with Vice Provost Jaye Padgett on drafting a proposal for what a safe parking program on campus could look like. I am not putting all my eggs in one basket, though. I'm keeping a close eye on CA AB 302 and I've been working with Vice Mayor Justin Cummings on transitional encampments and safe parking in the city.

Criticisms and Improvements

- I'm disappointed by admin's nonresponse to ongoing sexual harassment and assault allegations against faculty
- I need to focus more on my classes

This concludes my report. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at suavpi@ucsc.edu and I'd be happy to have a discussion with you. My office hours for winter quarter are 2:30 to 3:30 Mondays and Fridays, and 11:30 to 12:30 Wednesdays.

Best,
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