

# 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 March, 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 finally put on their first sister college event of the year- Pi Day at Crown/Merrill. There was a good amount of committee outreach and the event was well attended. C4 was successfully hosted and the main thing I heard from students was that they felt their input was not being listened to in their committees. Many felt like a puppet being used for the sole purpose of saying student input was solicited. However, SHAC successfully got UCSHIP to agree to lower its copay for students to \$10 starting in September. I am incredibly proud of them for doing this and look forward to seeing what happens Spring quarter.

## **Hiring Interns**

I have successfully hired both of my interns. I've decided to wait on getting a third intern, and see if I still need more help when I have two interns.

## Legal Aid

Space is an issue on campus, but Vice Provost Jaye Padgett said he can get a space for the legal clinic in the Kerr Hall basement. Having a space is nice, but this particular one is not ideal. I'd like to get a space that is more accessible and not associated with Admin. Student Success is also trying to take over this project, which I am strongly opposed to. I am going to try to have the Legal Studies department host it instead.

#### **Snail Movement**

At the end of the quarter, I met with Vice Provost Jaye Padgett about a safe parking program. Leaders of the Snail Movement and I told him what we want/need from the program, and he is going to write up a proposal based on that and give it to us during Spring Break.

### Plastic Bag Ban

I'm currently in talks with SEC about banning plastic bags on campus. Lately, anything put in recycling on campus has been sent to a landfill, so we are also trying to get recycling reinstated on campus.

# **Criticisms and Improvements**

- I did terribly in my classes and I need to put being a student first
- If admin is going to ask me to appoint people to their committees, they need to actually allow these appointees to provide input and have a say in conversations

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 Spring quarter will be Monday/Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7.

Best, Citlalli Aquino VP of Internal Affairs