To the Student Union Assembly,

Under my duties as Internal Vice Chair of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A.2 of the SUA Constitution, I present my October 2014 monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly. I will outline all of my events, logistical planning, activities and constructive criticism with areas of improvement in hopes of providing a detailed account in this month’s report.

Goals:

SCOC

We have successfully got the new SCOC website up and running, it’s now running under the tab of committees at the SUA website, sua.ucsc.edu. We have solidified most of the committees at this point; we are still collecting details of some committees however. We have met with the steering board now 3 times, the first meeting was to get to know one another and understand what they will be doing for the rest of the year. We started appointed students to committees during the second and third meetings as well as discuss payroll and events we will be putting on this year.

I met with my exec board of SCOC and we went over the budget that was given for this academic year 2014-2015. We have come to the realization that if we are budgeting correctly, we will run into a deficit if we end up paying every single committee rep, given they all do their jobs correctly, the exec and steering board, and hold all the events we have planned for the year. Looking at the numbers we will have to be very strict in paying people and cutting where we can. There is a possibility we could run into deficit at the end of the fall quarter if all payments are made. I will be meeting with Lucy to see what are some options and ideas to keep us from falling into deficit as well as helping rebuild the funds for next year so this problem doesn’t keep reoccurring.

We are also stressing to our steering board to report back to their college senates and outreach to their colleges to let students know about SCOC and to have people apply to all the different committees that are offered. So far we do have a rep from each college except for college 8 on the steering board; we are waiting still for them to appoint a permanent rep.

Hiring Staff

I have started the process of reviewing applicants for my staff and planning interviews with candidates that seemed qualified for the jobs they applied for. I’m hoping to have all the applicants interviewed and staff hired by the Nov. 18 SUA meeting to be introduced to the rest of the assembly.
Recreating ESOC

This is a goal of mine that I hope to start in November once I hire my staff. So far the SUA meeting environment has been better than in years past, however I feel like there is still a disconnect with the ethnic orgs and just other orgs in general with SUA. For constitutional sake I will keep the original name of Ethnic Student Organizing Council so that a voting rep of this council will be able to participate in SUA meetings, but I will be working on changing that part of the constitution to change the name that will cover not just ethnic orgs but also other orgs that would like to join this council. I feel this will build the relationship with SUA and the orgs and provide better feedback and opinions if I hold separate meetings for the council then bring it to the SUA space.

In conclusion, I provide this summary as my report for the month of October 2014. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at suaivc@ucsc.edu.

Respectfully,
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