

# Monthly Report (January)

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Under my duties as a college representative to the Student Union Assembly and according to Article III Section A. 11 of the SUA Constitution, I present my combined October and November monthly report and evaluation to the Assembly. I will provide an update on the happenings of my college, College Nine, updates on ongoing SUA projects I am involved with, and constructive criticisms of the SUA for the purposes of improvement.

## Senate Activity

- Met with sustainability office to talk about helping out with water conservation campaigns.
- Also reached out to CALPIRG for water conservation campaign. Have not received anything back from them in months.
- Council of Chairs convened to plan a cross-senate conference for all the senates. We had to push the date back due to MCC but it is now set for April 25.
- We agreed on trying to create a Facebook group for all the college governments to discuss things and share events on.
- We are in talks with a producer to get new apparel with the new senate logo.
- Elected Sam Shaw as permanent Vice President External (was formerly interim)
- Linette Martinez had to step down as Vice President of Finances, was replaced by Betsy Borst.
- We bought 2 Wii-U's, 3 games, and 8 controllers for students to check out and play and for us to host tournaments. The first one, Jane's event, was a huge success.

## SUA Activity

- I brought up the need for increased SUA relevancy after a long stretch of being frustrated with how the student body overall does not know we exist.
- I organized committee breakouts with the help of Alexandra Kasper, Andrew Paolini, Sam Shaw, and Suini Torres so that the assembly could brainstorm ideas for campaigns. We got a lot of good ideas out of it.
- I met with OD Brad Mleynek about his ideas for making SUA better and he had a lot of good ones as well. The OD office is already working on a survey so they should be able to administer the implementation of it already.
  - We agreed we need to work on some sort of campaign for campus unity.
- Sam Shaw and I worked together on creating the "bureaucratic infographic" which is a flowchart showing how the various student groups and student governments are connected.



- Worked extensively on all the relevancy campaign projects. It's been difficult to get other reps to be involved but I'm now going to the officers to see if they have any space. I don't want to push too hard, however, since the officers probably already have enough projects on their plates. The point was to get the assembly involved
- I reached out to Simba Khadder about developing a UCSC Student App. Since my work experience is with prototyping and wireframing, I've been handling that part and he's been handling development. Progress looks good and we should have a beta out for android halfway through next quarter.
  - We met with ITS about this and they promised some support for server access but seemed more interested in taking what we develop after we graduate.
- I've been trying to find a way to get CU1+2 access for a movie night event but I'm not sure who to talk to. I have the budget and plans ready. Currently in negotiations with Criterion USA, the movie licensing body.

### **Ongoing Projects**

- The UCSC Student App is out of design and is in the first phase of development.
- I am working with fellow rep Sam Shaw on creating a new joint class/ organization at College Nine. The class should satisfy the C2 requirement for writing that will have students analyze current events across the world and train them in writing insightful opinion pieces on them. They will also have the option to concurrently join an organization that works on creating and publishing a print publication containing these articles. The goal is to create a respected and reputable university paper that discusses international and global affairs. Administration is being difficult in getting back to us but we're still at it.
- We are also looking into bringing back the Space Music Concert event from last year and improving on it to generate more turnout.
- The UCSC Spring Congress (senate conference) is currently being planned for April 25.
- We have a google form up of the student government survey and are looking to refine it with a assembly input before releasing it week 1 spring.

### **Criticism**

- The SUA needs to dramatically ramp up its outreach to our student organizations. This is the most efficient way for us to meet the student body and gauge what they need and want. We have a reputation issue and we need to work to mend that starting now. This is still a concern from last quarter.
- We need to work on re-establishing out relevancy to our students and focusing on things we can do to make their UCSC experience better. We don't have to just focus on event programming. There are a lot of things that need fixing around school and we can start out by figuring out what students want the most.

- We should write “Public Comment” on our agenda so that visitors know they can speak during announcements.
- We need to establish some sort of guide to procedure for when we have visitors who aren’t familiar with our process. I fear we come across as intimidating and hostile when we shut them down. We can think of some system for being more welcoming.