



Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán

¡La Unión Hace la Fuerza!

January 5, 2015

Dear SUA Chair,

Under my duties as MEChA Representative to the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A Subsection 11 Subsubsections d & f of the SUA Constitution, I present my 2014 Fall Quarter report and evaluation to the Assembly. I outline happenings of the organization I represent and provide constructive criticism, for the purposes of improvement in hopes of providing an informative account in this report. As stipulated, this quarterly report will suffice in lieu of individual monthly reports this fall quarter.

Quarterly update on events of the organization/representative:

Description	Date(s)
MEChA Directiva Meetings -- Mondays 9:00pm	10/6-12/8
MEChA Colectiva Meetings -- Tuesdays 8:00pm	10/14-12/9
MEChA Weekly Retention Study Hours – Wednesdays 6:00-10:00pm	10/15-12/10
Letter of Solidarity to the Community of Ayotzinapa Normal School	10/6
SUA Meeting	10/21
National Day of Action Against Police Brutality A social media campaign to spread awareness around the media's misrepresentation of victims of police brutality	10/22
Weekly SUA Representative office hours	10/24-12/5
Día de los Muertos Art Exhibit	10/24-11/1
Practical Activism Conference: Tools for Local and Global Change	10/24
SUA Meeting	10/28
Día de los Muertos Ceremonia This event was a space for students, faculty/staff, and community members to come together and celebrate the lives of those we have lost as their spirits come to visit us.	11/1
SUA Meeting	11/4
SUA SOFA Meeting – McHenry Library The SUA Student Organization Funding Advisory Committee convened to hear funding requests from registered student organizations.	11/6
MEChA Centro Statewide Conference Hosted at California State University, Monterey Bay	11/7-11/9
2014 UCSA Student of Color Conference I facilitated four identity caucus sessions (Chicana/o Latina/o Student Caucus and Non-traditional/International Student Caucus) and two workshop sessions at the conference: "Changing Demographics, Changing Leadership: What the Growing California Latina/o Population Means for Latina/o Student Activism;" and "State of Emergency: Re-Segregation 60 Years after Brown v. Board of Education"	11/7-11/9
MEChA Retention Event at Woodstock's Pizza	11/11



SUA Meeting	11/11
MEChA Mixer and Elections	11/15
SUA SOFA Deliberation Meeting – 12:30-3:30pm in SUA Office	11/15
SUA Meeting	11/18
SUA Meeting	11/25
SUA Meeting I introduced a Resolution to Adopt USSA’s Fund the Future Campaign	12/2
MEChA Posada Event	12/7
SUA Meeting The SUA body moved to formally adopt USSA’s Fund the Future Campaign with only one dissenting vote from the Commissioner of Academic Affairs	12/9
An open statement of solidarity with the African/Black Student Alliance and the African/Black community at UC Santa Cruz	Released 12/11

Fall Quarter review areas of improvements:

- The SUA body has seen a high turnover rate of representatives this quarter. Elected and appointed representatives have dropped out of their role. It is highly evident that representatives are not providing informative and reasonable reports to their constituents.
- A greater amount of cohesive and effective interaction within the Assembly and the campus is needed. The SUA should be better engaged with each other while basing decisions on facts and refraining from misinterpreting opinions as facts.
- To reiterate previous sentiments, when discussing and voting on agenda items, SUA voting members should consider the voices of their respective constituents, and not only rely on their own personal views. Representatives should be ready for dialogue and discussion at each weekly meeting with their constituent’s voices in mind.
- During Assembly meetings, agenda item dialogue continues to be suppressed by certain Representatives and Officers. Some Officers and Representatives speak multiple times providing neither constructive criticism nor practical solutions. This while not allowing other Assembly members an opportunity to speak. All represented voices should be heard during Assembly meetings, not suppressed.

In conclusion, I provide this summary as my detailed report for Fall Quarter 2014. For further inquiries, please contact me via email at amotta@ucsc.edu.

Respectfully,

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