



Student Union Assembly (SUA)

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Student Union Assembly,

Under Article III, Section A.11 of the SUA Constitution requires that representatives submit a report each month that details the issues, events, and programs that happened that month at their college or organization, and evaluates SUA and provides constructive criticism.

Activities, issues, and programs for the month of October and November 2014

Welcome black bbq: (AARC) - October 10, 2014: This event was created to welcome students who identified within the African/black community to UCSC with food, music, entertainment, as well as tabling for black organizations, clubs, and activities. The event was open to all UCSC students. October 10, 2014
(Keante)

National Coming out Day - October 11, 2014: In honor of national coming out day, Oakes College hosted an open mic at the Oakes amphitheater. There were various activities, and students were encouraged to listen and share their stories.

Un Noche de Salsa - October 24, 2014

Practical Activism - October 25, 2014: This event hosted in the College 9/10 multi-purpose room, featured Oakes alum Darrick Smith as its key note speaker. This event had many breakout sessions, workshops and activities pertaining to social justice and community capacity building. There was also entertainment, music and food.

UCSA Students of Color Conference - October 31, 2014

- lack of diverse workshops
- lack of training to workshop leaders (gender inclusive language, “Colored people” not people of color)
- more hands-on workshops
- Community service if there is no action to be done
- Encourage/Educate students to hold their own workshops
- Bus was late when departing & broke down when returning
- post dates for future conferences and deadlines on the SUA website

Action against Tuition Increase-

UC Regents Meeting Protest:

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Many students from Oakes College joined peers and other concerned students pertaining to the tuition increase projected by the UC regents. Oakes students made flyers announcing information about protest, actions, and demonstrations. Many students announced actions and other vital information, during their classes and made public demonstrations and other Oakes facilities such as the learning center, dining hall, and café.

Community Crime Bulletin - Peeping in Bathrooms - October 20, 2014

“The UC Santa Cruz Police Department is investigating reports of peeping by use of electronic means that occurred on October 20 and 29 at the Oakes College Wiesel House. In the first incident, on October 20, 2014, between 2200 and 2300 hours, the victim was showering in the Wiesel House when an unknown Caucasian male suspect pointed a camera phone device that can record either video or photos at the victim while showering. The suspect left the bathroom. The suspect was described as a possible Caucasian male, with no other information.” Many students felt unsafe after this incident.

Oakes Block Party - November 16, 2014

This event was put on by the leadership of the Oakes College (Oakes Senate, NA's, CA's, etc.). The end result of this event was geared toward a prize possession for the winning house, who gained the most points by participating and exceeding in the activities.

BUILDING SELFIE
ICEBREAKER/FUN ACTIVITIES
BATTLE OF THE HOUSE BANDS
Oakes/UCSC PRIDE
4.0 cards
Lounge decorating contest
GROUP COSTUME CONTEST

Assembling Diversity in Marvel & Disney - November 21, 2014

*inspired by the release of BIG HERO 6

Town Hall Meeting - supposed to be quarterly, never happened

Mike brown vigil- November 25, 2014 Along with the ABSA students, many students from around campus gathered in the quarry plaza at night to give remembrance and pay respect for the death of mike brown and the decision by the grand jury not to indict the officer who shot mike brown. This gathering included many students giving testimonies and spoken word.



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Solidarity tongue- November 25, 2014 This spoken word event was an open mic opportunity for anyone who wanted to express their feelings about the Mike Brown incident and decision.

Activities, issues, and programs for the month of December 2014

Black Lives Matter demonstration/action- ABSA and many students around campus joined a viewed a demonstration which represented the causes of racism and how black bodies a result of racial profiling. Many students of color held up signs with names of victims of police shootings. There was also an action/rally in the quarry and many students of color and allies blocked off the entrances, representing a public demonstration and resistance to police brutality.

The big break- This event was dedicated to students looking for a relief during finals week. The event included fun activities, stress relievers, and refreshments for students looking for a break from studying.

Suggestions for Improvement

This is my summary/detailed report for the month of October, November, and December. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Suggestions for Improvement for further events

- students need to state a reason for objection
- side conversations
- sleeping during meetings/presentations
- constantly yielding after on stack
- rude comments, eye rolling,
- eating & drinking (disrespectful especially when asked to stop)

Sincerely,

Keante Marshall
Appointed Oakes Representative, Student Union Assembly