



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 welcomed many African/Black students to the university. This included various activities, entertainment, music, and food. Many different black organizations tabled and

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.

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 Weisel House. In the incident, on October 20, 2014, between 2200 and 2300 hours, the victim was showering in the Weisel 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 and nothing was done by people from Oakes regarding this issue besides an email from the UC Santa Cruz Police Department.

Practical Activism - October 25, 2014

Hosted at 9/10 multi-purpose room. The keynote speaker was Darrick Smith who is a UCSC Oakes alumni. There were also breakout sessions and workshops on social justice and how students can become active and involved.

UCSA Students of Color Conference - October 31, 2014



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I was very lucky to be able to go to the UCSA Student of Color Conference held at UC Merced. This was a great conference and I met a lot of people and learned a lot from the different workshops provided. However, there was a lack of diverse and hands-on workshops, lack of training to workshop leaders (gender inclusive language, “Colored people” not people of color), lack of encouragement and education to students who wanted to hold their own workshops, and the bus was late when departing and broke down on the way back. Also, in the future, it is recommended that dates for future conferences and deadlines are posted on the SUA website so it is easily accessible for students. Other than that, it was a great learning experience and I hope to be able to attend future conferences.

Action Against Tuition Increase

On Tuesday, November 18th students got together and had an educational rally where students spoke about how this tuition increase, as well as other issues around campus, would affect them. This also gave them an opportunity to learn more about the stability plan, and encourage students to become more involved in the fight to stop these tuition increases. On Wednesday, November 19th, approximately 100 students from UC Santa Cruz went to Regents Meeting along with several hundreds of other students from across California at UCSF with efforts to shut down the meeting but the students were only able to delay it. However, the Regents definitely got the message. On Thursday, November 20th, there was another rally in the Quarry Plaza where students marched around campus and ended at the Humanities and Social Sciences building where students occupied the space for about a week.

Oakes Block Party - November 16, 2014

Every year Oakes has a competition between each of the buildings. Students are all encouraged to participate in various activities throughout the week so that their building can win. These activities included the largest building selfie, the building with the most UCSC/Oakes pride, a scavenger hunt across campus, a lounge decorating contest, a group costume contest, and a battle of the house bands. At the end of the week, each of the buildings went out onto the lower lawn and competed some more with different challenges such as a three legged race, marshmallow spoon, hanging cookie eating contest. At the end of it all, Bayit Weisel was victorious and all the students still had a great time competing over one another.

Mike Brown Vigil - November 25, 2014

Along with the ABSA students gathered at Quarry plaza to give remembrance and pay respect to Micheal Brown and the decision by the grand jury.



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Suggestions for Improvement

- Students need to state a reason for objection rather than objecting and not providing a valid reason and continuing discussion
- There are too many side conversations going on when people are speaking and presenting and it is very rude and disrespectful
- Some representatives have been found sleeping during meetings/presentations
- There are a lot of rude, sarcastic comments exchanged and constant eye rolling which doesn't make it a very safe, open environment

I provide this summary as my detailed report for the months of October and November 2014. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Historian, Student Union Assembly