



Student Union Assembly (SUA)

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Under my duties as Porter College Representative to the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A. 11 of the SUA Constitution, I present my 2014 Fall Quarter report and evaluation to the Assembly.

In Fall of 2014, Porter Senate provided funding for the following: Campus Thanksgiving/Harvest Dinner Tickets for Porter Students without meal plans, Porter 33rd Naming Anniversary, Red Wheelbarrow, Rock Wall in the Porter Quad, the Fish Rap, DKMS Bone Marrow Donor Drive, T-Camp Contingent, and Porter Studying Slug.

Porter Studying Slug was among the major events hosted by Porter Senate during Fall Quarter. This event occurs every quarter in the Porter Dining Hall for 24-hours on the nights prior to Finals Week. This is a great event that students really love since it provides a relaxed space for students to study when it seems like there is nowhere else to go. Students in the Porter Senate really go out of their way to host this event by staying up all night even when they also have to do their own studying. This is a true reflection of the commitment that Porter Senate has to its constituency. Many students complain that with all the money they are paying the libraries should be open 24-hours. This is a great way that the Porter Senate has shown the students that their hard-earned money is not going to waste. I believe this is an event that should be hosted at every college because it provides a great way for college governments to connect with the students and seeks to remedy the failure of the two major libraries on campus to be accessible 24-hours.

In Fall 2014, the SUA did a pretty good job at fixing the budget deficit left behind from last year. My main concern was that there didn't seem to be any accountability for the disaster that was left behind in the budget. I understand that this issue may be solved now, but it seemed rather perplexing to me that the past chair could just walk away from such a huge error without some type of investigation or further inquiry.

The SUA showed its commitment to the student struggle by passing, "A Resolution Calling for the Rescission of all Proposed Tuition Increases to the University of California," funding buses for students to protest at the UC Regents meeting at UCSF, and ultimately creating a line item for Student Action Against Tuition Increases. I believe these things truly make a difference not only for the image of the SUA, but for the actual students we are supposed to represent.

My main concern was that some SUA representatives were very nit-picky. At times I felt that people objected to things just to hear themselves talk. Also, there were some representatives who used things such as "direct responses" just so that they could jump stacks. This may be due to amendments piling up on top of each other and everyone



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being confused about what exactly we were talking about. Also, the petty excuse of not having enough time to talk to our colleges about certain things has really been worn-out. We are elected and appointed members of our colleges and organizations. This means that sometimes we need to use our own discretion to act on time-sensitive manners. At the end of the day, we are all students and sitting in a room arguing for hours about basically nothing gets pretty tiresome. I ask the members of the SUA to truly remember what our duties are as representatives of our colleges or organizations and act upon them without hesitation.

I am looking forward to Winter Quarter and hope that the SUA continues supporting the students in productive ways especially when it comes to action against the tuition increases.

Best regards,

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