

Student Union Assembly Monthly Report

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Dear Parliamentarian Jane Loughboro,

Under my duties as the Crown College representative of the Student Union Assembly and Article III Section A of the SUA Constitution, I present my 2017 Fall quarter report and evaluation to the Assembly. I will outline Crown Student Senate and my activities, events, and constructive criticisms with areas of improvement in hopes of providing a detailed account in this month's report.

Quarterly update on activities & events:

Crown Student Senate had its yearly Ice Cream Social during Welcome Week I organized the UCSC contingent to attend the Student Labor Organizing Conference in UC Irvine (October 21-22)

I held weekly office hours in the Crown Courtyard/Crown Fireside Lounge I co-organized a follow-up from the SLOC Conference: Student & Worker Solidarity Lunch (November 29)

Fall Quarter review areas of improvements:

Crown Student Senate needs to improve its outreach, specifically earlier on in the quarter because we lacked new members and had an unfortunately low number of members for much of the beginning of this quarter

I recommend to Crown Student Senate that Crown students involved in various SCOC committees (e.g. Commencement Funding, TAPS, Campus Housing West, etc) should have time allotments in the regular Monday meeting agenda to do report backs if the member deems it necessary

I would like to see the SUA increase its support of student organizing, for instance by funding organizing conferences such as SLOC (UCSC was the only UC to not fund this conference) and various organizing events done by autonomous student groups in need of spaces on campus as well as funding.

I would like to see the SUA strongly speak out against and call on the administration to meaningfully respond to the current increasing student accounts of: racism (in particular the prominence of anti-Black racism), power-based personal violence (in particular issues with the Title IX Office in addition to the ways the administration inappropriately responds to

students' needs), transphobia (in particular making more gender inclusive bathrooms on campus), xenophobia (in particular support of undocumented students), ableism (in particular by increasing the number of disability vans in order to meet student needs and assuring the continuation of and increase to TAPS transportation around campus), homophobia (in particular assuring that during the decanting and relocating of the Cantu Queer Center, services will continue to be accessible to LGBTQIA+ students), zionism (in particular assuring that the University divests from companies invested in Israel along with protecting the rights of students involved in BDS activism), Islamophobia (in particular the lack of a permanent prayer space on campus and a lack of Halal food options), and many other systemic forms of structural violence that students continue to bring attention to and yet there is a complete lack of administrative responses, which can and should be pushed for by the SUA due to our role of student representation and liaisons between students and the administration. This is especially important under the current regime in which the lives of many students along with their families and communities are being targeted, threatened, displaced, incarcerated, murdered, and violated in a multiplicity of ways.

In conclusion, I provide this summary as my report for Fall Quarter 2017. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me!

Sincerely,
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