



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

Student Union Assembly (SUA), Office of the Chair

1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064  
Student Union Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, c/o Soar

Dear Student Union Assembly (SUA),

The approved budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016 or “FY2016” is presented below. The budget presented here is the budget that was approved by the Student Union Assembly on May 26, 2015. The budget reflects any pertinent SUA Constitutional statements and SUA bylaws. Over the course of deliberation of the budget, the SUA amended several bylaws and Constitutional amendments were passed in the Spring 2015 elections; the budget presented below reflects all aforementioned amendments. In comparing the budget for FY2015 and FY2016, users will notice differences in presentation and changes in allocations for several line items. I provide notes that users may find helpful in understanding the budget. The “General Notes” section identifies instances where allocations are based on estimates or legal statute, and indicates where the SUA Bylaws have been amended. Users of this report should look to the SUA website ([sua.ucsc.edu](http://sua.ucsc.edu)) under the “About” section for additional reports, minutes pertaining to budget deliberations, and general information about SUA.

**General Notes.**

1. **Revenues.** The SUA based estimates for line item “Academic Year” on a projected number of 15,000 undergraduates enrolled. Measure 8 guarantees revenue of \$7 per student per quarter. “Summer Fees” is the estimated revenues in summer fees (fees paid by undergraduates who are enrolled in summer sessions) which was provided by the Dean of Students.
2. **Compensation.** The officers’ titles were changed per the Constitutional amendments that were passed in the Spring 2015 elections. Each officer (the President and Vice Presidents) is paid \$900 per month. This reflects a change from \$1000 per month, which is the result of an amended bylaw. The following positions are paid minimum wage as per Section E: Treasurer, Recording clerk, Historian/Media Coordinator, and Legislative Liaison. Two positions are budgeted for, with the respective officer charged with specifying the positions’ purpose.
3. **Elections Commission.** The Elections Commission is hired by the Office of the President and charged with facilitating the elections that occur in the spring quarter. The SUA amended Section D to reduce the Elections Commissioner’s



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and Associate Elections Commissioner's pay. The SUA also completely cut the compensation to the College Elections Commissioners. Finally, Candidate Campaign Reimbursements are computed by multiplying \$250 per officer and \$125 per representative, 6 officer positions and 10 rep positions, with 2 candidates running for each position. In numerical form,

$$(\$250 \times 6 \text{ officer positions} \times 2 \text{ candidates}) + (\$125 \times 10 \text{ representative positions} \times 2 \text{ candidates}) = \$5500$$

4. ***SUA Advisor.*** The SUA Advisor assists the SUA officers with various administrative tasks. Any unit on campus, especially those that are student-run or student-led, needs to have a professional staff advisor who acts as a contact person for financial transactions (such as any transactions pertaining to travel, for example, or purchase orders). The advisor also advises on policy issues. The SUA cannot pay any advisor more than \$75,000, which is inclusive of benefits.
5. ***Office and Supplies.*** This section is self-explanatory.
6. ***Memberships, Conferences and Travel.*** Measure 8 requires SUA to maintain membership in UCSA. Dues for UCSA are \$24,000, which is (enter computation here) and reflects a restructuring of Measure 8 by Chancellor George Blumenthal following SUA's request that he do so. The "Congress" line items are the costs to send delegations of UCSC students to UCSA and USSA conferences. The "Student of Color Conference" and "Student Lobby Conference" are amounts budgeted to send delegations of UCSC students to the conferences. "Leg Con (Board Members Only)" is money set aside to send UCSC students who are USSA board members to Leg Con. "Board Meetings Travel" is money for students to travel to UCSA and USSA board meetings. "President Travel" is a line item dedicated specifically for travel expenses incurred by the SUA President to meetings required by their position, such as the UC Council of Presidents meeting.
7. ***Funding Requests.*** The SUA has recently amended Section F of the SUA Bylaws to hear funding requests from any student organization affiliated with a UCSC campus unit. The SUA sets aside the listed amounts for each quarter. The "Sponsorship Funding" line item has completely cut, as the SUA has opened the quarterly funding call to any student organization that is affiliated with a campus unit.



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8. ***SUA Programming.*** The officers of the SUA are given funds each year with which to pursue any programs or campaigns. Since there is no General Election occurring during Fall 2015, the SUA has not allocated any funds to that purpose.

With revenues estimated at \$327,303.00 and expenses estimated at \$327,296.00, the SUA expects a surplus of \$7.00.

This report was written by Franchesca Finnigan, SUA Treasurer during the 2014-2015 academic year. It was not adopted by the SUA.

Sincerely,

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