

To: ASI Board of Directors

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# A Special Note to Our Hornets

Dear Sacramento State Students,

Thank you for allowing me to serve you this year. I would be lying if I said that this year was not without its unique challenges, but the amount of perseverance and dedication that I have seen among our student body has been the most inspiring and moving thing that I have seen in my young career. This year has seemingly been a never-ending series of challenges to student success, but that has not stopped us. No matter how many hours each week I have worked in this role, knowing I was doing it to serve our students has made it all worth it.

I would be remised if I wasn't sad writing this report knowing that it is not only my final report in student government but also as a student at Sacramento State as I am graduating nearly a week from now. When I chose to run for President, though it was not clear how significant of a crisis this pandemic would become, I knew that this would not be a traditional term. Since I was sworn into office, I have sat in the ASI Presidents' office just once, and for a brief 15 minutes while I collected my things from my previous term as VPUA. I have been in the same boat as many of you this year, without a single in-person class and learning and working from my bedroom.

The challenge this year has been unlike that of previous presidential administrations, due to the challenges that we have all faced and the limitations of attending university virtually, keeping the metaphorical student bodies ship afloat was my measure of success. While the University line has been doing less with less, I could not hold myself to that standard. I was not hired for this position, I was elected, and because of that, I felt a deep obligation to do absolutely everything that I could to serve you. Time is a finite thing, and as a full-time graduating senior, I would be



the first to admit that I could not address every single issue. With that said, that realization drove me each day to do as much as possible, since no matter how much I did there would always be more to do.

The highlights of my term included getting our students the ABC/No-Credit option, bringing the Anti-Racism Convocation to Sacramento State, allocating and coordinating the dotation of over \$100,000 to support campus programs, emergency grants, and student scholarships, winning Student Advocate of the Year from the California State Student Association (CSSA), winning the CSSA CIVIC Challenge which established Sacramento State as the most civically engaged campus in the CSU, and many more. Though these are the more flashy, big-ticket items, the bulk of my time has been spent in countless hours of meetings with campus admin advocating for our students, and with our ASI team, ensuring that my board members and staff have the support they needed to be successful.

This year has been a team effort by every measure, not just my ASI team, but all of us students in this struggle together. With that said, the ASI Board of Directors deserves so much credit that I could write an entire report just about them. Your student leaders have worked tirelessly for you this year, and I could not be more honored to have served with this phenomenal group of people.

Thank you for entrusting me with your voice this term and thank you for giving me the mandate to represent you. There is no role I would rather have had this year, and I will always be a resource to any student that can benefit from what I have learned in my four-year career in student government.

Sincerely, Noah Marty

# **Internal Committee Accomplishments**

Lobby Corps

Attended all meetings, and regularly participated in discussions regarding higher education legislation. Supported transition of legislation being discussed to legislation being introduced to the ASI Board of Directors for a vote.

ASI Board of Directors Scholarship

Worked to secure appointments for the committee so that it would have enough members to come to a decision with adequate student representation. Met and decided on a recommendation to the ASI Board of Directors regarding scholarship amounts.

Search Committee

1. ASI Executive Vice President – Committee composed, interviews conducted, and candidate recommended to the ASI Board of Directors



- 2. ASI Vice President of Finance– Committee composed, interviews conducted, and candidate recommended to the ASI Board of Directors
- 3. ASI Vice President of Academic Affairs– Committee composed, interviews conducted, and candidate recommended to the ASI Board of Directors
- 4. ASI Director of Business– Committee composed, interviews conducted, and candidate recommended to the ASI Board of Directors
- 5. ASI Director of Graduate Studies– Committee composed, interviews conducted, and candidate recommended to the ASI Board of Directors
- 6. ASI Director of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Summer) Committee composed, interviews conducted, and candidate recommended to the ASI Board of Directors
- ASI Director of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Winter) Committee composed, interviews conducted, and candidate recommended to the ASI Board of Directors

# **University Committee Accomplishments**

*Provide a brief summary of what the committees that you have served on accomplished this year* 

Alumni Association Board of Directors Attended all meetings during my term and provided an ASI update at each meeting giving alumni an opportunity to hear about how our students are doing. **Convocation Planning Committee** Bi-Weekly meetings had occurred through start of semester until convocation was held Instructionally Related Activities Committee Met with staff to discuss plans for the committee this year Held emergency meeting regarding opening of applications for Spring Held first meeting planning for next round of applications for Fall 21 Weekly meetings have been chaired reviewing 5 applications a week Alcohol Advisory Council Met to do a SWAT analysis of existing programs in three key areas of service Designated NSM Director as ASI Presidents Designee for Spring 2021 Anchor University Advisory Council Applications of all applicants were scored, and committee was seated Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Council Meeting held on March 5<sup>th</sup> Student Fee Advisory Committee Meeting held and attended Fees to be Audited selected Reviewed applications for fee increases and decreases for Fall 21 Reviewed results of fee audits University Foundation Board



One meeting over summer, attended

Unable to attend board meeting as it was at the same time as the ASI Board of Directors meeting, but attended the reception that followed.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting attended and other board members attended and presented <u>University Enterprises</u>, Inc. (UEI) Board of Directors

Attended all meeting, advocated for student perspective on the transition to new food service provider

# 2020-2021ASI President Strategic Priorities

2.2.1 Support Wellness, Safety and Sexual Assault Committee

- Promotion of materials for Out of Darkness Walk distributed and shared
- Support Denim Day
- 2.2.2 Work with health center for COVID-19 testing & vaccines.
  - Two planning meetings held
  - Questions drafted and meeting scheduled with Joy Stewart James
  - Meeting held with Joy Stewart-James and information was collected
  - Continuously advocated for students in COVID-19 Campus meetings
  - All students given the chance to get vaccinated in the Spring 2021 semester
- 2.3.1 Partner with University Foundation to fundraise for emergency grant.
  - Emailed Lisa Cardoza about partnership and proposal for March Meeting
  - Coordinated a donation to be made to celebrate the 2020 and 2021 graduates as part of a joint effort with our ASI donation to the Provost Summer Grant Program
  - Brought ASI Board members to the foundation meeting and hosted breakout sessions to allow foundation board members an opportunity to learn about the challenges students are facing and work ASI does
- 3.1.1 Support Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA) Civic Engagement efforts.
  - Advertisement of Ballot Bowl results planning in progress
  - Promoted participation in multiple SacSend Emails to all students.
  - Sticker sent out to participants who attended the 2021 California Higher Education Student Summit
  - Additional stickers printed and ready to be given out at future advocacy opportunities.
- 3.1.2 Continue the "Buzz the Ballot" campaign for the upcoming 2020 election.
  - Promotional Video Created
  - Over 1600 new registrations from students
  - Voter information booklet updated for 2020 and posted
- 3.4.2 Update existing advocacy toolkit.
  - Planning meeting held and planning for spring in progress
  - Framework made, CSSA Chair contacted for partnership
  - Advocacy Toolkit finalized and will be posted on website



- CSSA partnership fell through, internal workshop series created through a combination of recorded interviews with career professionals, and recorded responses to questions by elected and appointed professionals
- 3.4.3 ZOOM meetings with alumni or specialists in advocacy careers.
  - Some aspects of the priority fulfilled in the advocacy toolkit/workshop project
- 3.5.1 Review campus police department procedures.
  - Planning meeting held, research started, meeting with ABA Johnathan Bowman to get additional budgetary information regarding the University Police
  - Met with Chief of UPD and discussed policies and procedures
  - Priority meeting held
  - 1:1 Meeting held with Chief Iwasa
  - Third meeting held with Chief Iwasa discussing priorities and CSO training
- 3.5.2 Review campus cost of attendance policies.
  - Summer work was done to determine the process the CSU follows to determine COA
  - Met with Dr. Mills and Financial Aid office to discuss the policies more in depth
  - Meeting with CSSA and California Student Aid Commission held
- 4.1.1 Increase involvement with CSSA and Board of Trustee meetings.
  - Promoted Board Attendance at all plenary meetings, and all board members attended at least one meeting
- 4.5.1 Collaborate with RHA and campus housing to investigate feasibility of ASI presentations.
  - Met with RHA to help understand how to get a training onto the RHA or RA/DA Training
- 4.6.2 ASI Elections Challenge
  - Challenge held, 75 participants, prizes sent out to all winners

# **Noteworthy Events and Initiatives**

- Attended University Administration Council Meetings and provided ASI Report when time and schedule allowed
- Attended President's Cabinet COVID-19 meetings regularly throughout the school year to discuss important decisions connected to the COVID-19 Pandemic and responses to it
- Strategic Allocation of over \$140,000, including \$50,000 for the Transfer Peer Coaches Program, \$13,600 for the Provost Summer Grant, \$16,000 to double the number of Spring 2021 ASI scholarships, and \$50,000 for increased student employment grants.
- Successfully advocated for the extension of a No-Credit option for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, ensuring that this academic year no student would be receiving an F on their transcript due to the challenges that we have faced this year.
- Collaborated with campus partners to plan the "Advancing Our Commitment to
- Anti-Racism" Convocation and delivered opening remarks to attendee



- Collaborated with campus partners to support our Asian Pacific Islander Desi American students through the passage of a resolution establishing a strategic plan of action to address Anti-Asian hate and to support our student
- Created the ASI Social Justice Scholarship, to be given each fall and spring semester to students that demonstrate leadership and dedication to these efforts, with enough funding to support two \$500 scholarships each academic year for the next 6 year
- Won the California State Student Association's (CSSA) year-long CIVIC challenge, establishing our campus as the most civically engaged in the CSU.
- Placed 3rd in the California Secretary of States Collegiate Ballot bowl, registering the third most students of all higher education institutions in California.
- A personal accomplishment for myself: I was named the CSSA Student Advocate of the Year for my advocacy on higher education issues with the State and Federal Legislature.
- Supported co-hosting of the Sacramento State Day at the Capitol, where we met with 15 legislators in total advocating for the CSU budget and legislation
- Advocated for and gained an additional student representative on the University Police Department Chief of Police Search Committee
- Made amazing friendships with some of the greatest student leaders I could have asked to serve with, none of the work above could have been done without their passion, dedication, and commitment to serving our students this past year.

Thank you for giving me the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to serve as your president this past year! Please do not hesitate to reach out to my personal email listed at the top of this email if you should have any questions for me after the new president is sworn in. Amazing work this year Hornets, and one last time as president.... SAC STATE IS NUMBER 1

# **STINGERS UP!**

Noah Marty