

To: ASI Board of Directors

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News:

Hello Hornets,

The recent weeks have been exceptionally challenging for our students and our communities. The outbreak of coronavirus has caused all of us to make changes to our daily routines. Many may feel uncertain about the current situation that we find ourselves in. However, as difficult as these moments may seem, I have no doubt that we will all overcome it together. It is during such moments that we must remind ourselves of the power of compassion and empathy. It is through such qualities that we will be able to look back upon our actions as a community and know that we overcame this moment because we did so together. It is my hope that we will all continue to have safe practices and to retain the kindness we have for one another.

In addition, last week ASI also underwent some changes. Christian Landaverde and Jen Gross resigned their positions as President and Executive Vice President for personal reasons. As ASI VP of Finance I was sworn in as President following the order in the line of succession. During these past few days ASI has been transitioning smoothly and making the necessary adjustments to ensure that we continue representing our students even with campus limitations. I would like to personally thank all of the Board of Directors who have worked tirelessly during the past few days as we continue receiving updates. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you as we carry out our responsibilities and keep representing our students.

As always, stingers up!

Committee Updates:

ASI Finance and Budget Committee:

The Finance and Budget committee has been working on reviewing External Grants and hearing presentations from all of the ASI Department Presentations. A total of 41 External Grant applications were received, requesting a total of \$1,196,241. The committee finished reviewing all External Grants on March 10th and will wrap up the Department Presentations on March 17th. The committee has only a few meetings left in which they will do deliberations and eventually recommend the Budget to the Board of Directors, all meetings will be held via Zoom. Unfortunately, I will no longer be able to serve on the Finance and Budget Committee due to my change in position. However, I will continue attending every meeting (virtually) and offer my opinions as a student at large. I will be transitioning with the new Vice President of Finance as soon as they are appointed.

Dollars for Clubs and Organizations Committee:

This semester we were able to host 2 DOC Workshops and they were extremely successful. ASI made the difficult decision to cancel the remaining DOC Funding Meetings and DOC Workshop this semester. The difficult decision was made after serious conversation with the ASI staff following President Nelsen's directive to avoid gatherings on campus. ASI values the well-being of our students and we wanted to ensure that we were promoting safety practices.

ASI Scholarship Committee:

The Scholarships officially closed on March 13th and the application review process will begin soon. Earlier this year the Board of Directors approved to move the ASI Department Scholarships to the ASI General Scholarships. This means that the 6 Department Scholarships will no longer be available, but 6 more scholarships will be available in the general ASI Scholarship awards. Since I will no longer be able to Chair this committee, I will work closely with the new Vice President of Finance to ensure a smooth transition.

Instructionally Related Activities

The IRA Committee approved the extension of the IRA application deadline to accommodate the campus community after continuous updates to the status of our campus. After Spring Break, we will begin meeting on a weekly basis via Zoom to review the applications.

Green Team

Green Team has cancelled all of its remaining meetings this semester. If an urgent matter is to come up, the Chair (ASI SSIS Director), will call a meeting to order.

UEI Board of Directors

The UEI Board of Directors had a meeting on March 5th and multiple topics were discussed. The Donate the change to the ASI Food Pantry was briefly discussed and it will now be added to the UEI Budget and Finance Committee as a discussion item. I will keep everyone posted.

Commencement Ceremony Committee

Currently the administration will continue analyzing commencement and whether we will be allowed to host it or not. As of right now I will continue working with students to ensure they are able to volunteer.

Aquatic Center Committee

The Aquatic Center Committee met on Wednesday, December 4th. Meeting this semester is to be determined.

Strategic Priority Updates:

1.0 Participate in Advocacy Efforts

1.1 Promote Voter Engagement

1.1.2 Support/market voter registration to Sac State students

Participated in Community & Civic Engagement Resource Fair tabling for ASI and registering students to vote.

1.2 Census 2020

1.2.1 Collaborate with other campus partners in support of census education

Have begun meeting with ASI staff and campus partners to discuss possibility of collaboration for event supporting census education. Israel, ASI VP Academic Affairs, and I have begun meeting with student clubs.

1.2.2 Promote census education

Working with different campus partners to collaborate on an informational event.

1.5 Promote attendance to CSSA Events

1.5.1 Promote CHESS Conference Attendance

CHESS Conference flyers are being promoted by the Board on social media.

1.6 Advocate for environmental sustainability

1.6.1 Support the continued efforts of the “Don’t Litter Our River” campaign

Attended 2 American River clean ups last semester, and hoping to attend another one this semester.

2.0 Promote ASI to the campus

2.1 Increase student participation in Green Team

2.1.1 Increase number of student participation in Green Team

Officially appointed to Green Team and in the process of recruiting students to the committee.

2.2.3 Spotlight one ASI department each month

The Board has been working on promotional videos.

2.3 External Grant Collaboration Opportunities

2.3.1 Assess the feasibility to require ASI presentation to External Grant recipients

Finance & Budget committee has approved application edits requiring External Grants recipients to co-market ASI.

2.4 Promote the Board

2.4.1. Purchase Board specific Hornet gear for advocacy efforts

The Board has long sleeve t-shirts to promote the Board.

3.0 Support Basic Needs Initiatives

3.1 Support efforts of the Food Pantry

3.1.1 Research feasibility of “Donate the Change” for the ASI Food Pantry

Idea has been discussed and proposed, further discussions are set to occur. I have contacted San Diego State and I am awaiting a response from them.

3.1.2 Hold a drive for the ASI Food Pantry

Jen, ASI EVP, and I have begun discussions on holding a drive.

3.3 Support Basic Needs Campus Programs

3.3.3 Assess the feasibility of an “Epicure Extras” type of program for the Dining Commons

Meeting has been held with Dining Services Director, ASI Student Engagement and Outreach Director, and Director of SSIS to discuss ideas. First phase, donation of “grab and go” items from eateries will be donated to the food pantry, will begin within the next few weeks.

3.4 Provide Menstrual Products in the University Union- trial basis

3.4.1 Assess opportunities with University Union to supply products

Held a meeting with University Union Administration to discuss strategic priority. Permission has been granted to host trial beginning on November 12th through November 22nd.

4.0 Enhance Academic/Student Success

4.2 Promote, participate & partner with campus resources that support academic & student success

4.2.1 Educate Board regarding SMART planner usage

Academic Advising Center has been contacted to present at a Board meeting, date to be determined.

4.2.2 Promote & Attend Diversity & Inclusion Events/Programs

Board has promoted on social media platforms events focused around Diversity & Inclusion

4.3 Support the Graduation Initiative Programs

4.3.1 Raise awareness of existing Graduation Initiative efforts

SMART planner has been promoted at college kick-off events. ASI President attended Graduation Symposium.

Events/Calendar:

- 2/18 ASI Finance & Budget Committee Meeting
- 2/19 ASI Formal Board Meeting
- 2/20 Census Collaboration Meeting with Campus Partners
- 2/24 Meeting via Zoom with UCD Food Pantry Coordinator
- 2/24 Census Meeting with Clubs
- 2/25 ASI Finance & Budget Committee Meeting

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2/26 ASI Working Board Meeting
3/2 Census Collaboration Meeting with Campus Partners
3/2 DOC Funding Committee Meeting
3/3 Finance and Budget Committee Meeting
3/4 ASI Formal Board Meeting
3/5 UEI Board Meeting
3/5 Census Collaboration Meeting with Campus Partners
3/7 CHESS Reception Ceremony
3/8 CHESS Conference
3/9 Census Meeting with Clubs
3/10 ASI Finance & Budget Committee Meeting
3/11 ASI Working Board Meeting
3/13 Check-In with President Nelsen
3/13 Meeting with Jim Dragna

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