

**To:** ASI Board of Directors

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## **General Information**

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## **A Special Note to Our Hornets**

When running for office I used the slogan “hive hearted”, standing- or typing I suppose- before you today I couldn’t have thought of a better mantra as I can’t convey the degree of pride and love I have gained to be a part of the college of Health and Human Services. The college of HHS will forever be with me, and I am ecstatic to see the waves of future professionals it will produce, affecting the health and wellbeing of communities for generations to come. With that being said, Black Lives Matter, stop Asian hate, and never forget, stingers up.

In service,

Alejandro Buenrostro

## **Internal Committee Accomplishments**

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

### **Green Team**

- An ASI internal committee that focuses on leading, supporting, and engaging in eco conscious initiatives across the campus and surrounding community. This committee serves the purpose of catalyzing conversation, awareness, and change within the environment by educating and galvanizing constituents and respective audiences on the topic area of climate justice.
- Notable initiatives conducted in this past year’s term include support in the “Don’t litter our river” campaign, creation of education materials, hosting of speaker/media events,

collaboration with the sustainability department, eco conscious advisement, and proposition of future green events/projects.

### **City Ambassadors**

- This committee has a scope similar to that of the Anchor University Advisory Council, however, is student led, organized, and operated out of ASI. City Ambassador seeks to connect students to the community in meaningful and purposeful ways to best serve the community. This may manifest in the form of discussion, advocacy, and/or participation in community-oriented endeavors.
- The committee page self identifies as "... a program of the Office of Governmental Affairs and is comprised of Sacramento State students dedicated to bringing awareness to higher education issues, advocating on behalf of students, and registering students to vote in the state and national elections".

### **Student Academic Senate**

- Student academic senate serves in an advocacy and advisory role with the academic practices, procedure, and policy governing the university. Often being used as a conduit for taking stance on academic related matters, airing student grievances, and examining the delivery system of curricula.
- Notable initiatives include taking a stance and disseminating information on proposed ethnic studies requirement update.

### **Student Marketing and Outreach (SM&O)**

- SM&O spent the year discussing strategies and data on engagement and marketing methods to garner a better understanding of and engagement from students.
- Notable initiatives include implementing a survey on productivity and social belonging during one of the hardest years to be a student ever.

### **University Committee Accomplishments**

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

#### **Anchor University Advisory Committee**

- AUAC is the centralized committee that focuses on the outreach, relationships, enrichment, and collaboration of our capital university in conjunction to the surrounding greater Sacramento region. The purview is a varied spectrum of facets ranging from k-12 to homelessness, all bound together by the common theme of community engagement. President Nelson defines the mission and charge as, "An anchor university is the opposite of the Ivory Tower. It aims to connect its students, faculty, and staff with the community, and, in turn, help build and heal that community, achieving lasting solutions and improvements through inclusive civic engagement".

## **Student Health Advisory Committee**

- The SHAC is a student focused committee that seeks to inform, advise, and advocate on behalf of the student perspective in regard to matters that pertain to the wellbeing of students.

## **2020-2021 Director of HHS Strategic Priorities**

*List all priorities that you are on and all that was done for the priority*

1.1.1 - This priority overlapped with priority 4.8.1 and after consulting with various campus partners, we realized the inclusion of financial components to our survey would not only diminish the quality of data but also be redundant. I would still recommend exploring the finances of students and where ASI can alleviate some hardship, however, would either use data collected from financial wellness or probe the status of the issue in another way besides surveying.

1.3.1 - Circulated materials on social media accounts regarding networking/internship/volunteering opportunities. Met and discussed with deans to highlight the issue and get advice and resources from them. Helped push out capstone options for majors that required culminating experiences in the form of fieldwork internships or capstones to offset the limits the pandemic placed on internship opportunities.

2.1.2 - Aided in creating and circulating materials that promoted the efforts of basic need resources and programs on campus.

2.2.2 - Met with work group and health center periodically to assess, report, and advise in campus health matters and offerings for COVID testing and vaccines.

3.1.1 - Participated in the college ballot bowl as well as election ambassadors' program to encourage and conduct civic engagement.

3.1.2 - Updated voters information handbook with work group and promoted OGA, ASI, and campus partners efforts in the "Buzz the ballot" campaign

3.1.3 - Collaborated with campus partners to engage students. Circulated information on events and programs and personally participated in the pen pal program.

3.2.1 - Applied, appointed, and contributed within City Ambassadors and the Anchor University Advisory Council to further outreach within the community. Used information from committees to help guide me in planning my own community health fair.

3.3.2 - Developed and presented the green initiative program to Green Team and the sustainability department. The project was well liked but lacked enough department bandwidth and student engagement to get off the ground this year.

3.3.4 - Met with various representatives from the sustainability department to assess, strategize, and plan continuation of the BAC Yard operations, however, was halted by restrictions imposed about physical presence on campus.

3.4.1 - A cultural humility workshop was hosted in addition to the creation of a social justice scholarship.

3.4.2 - Conducted a series of interviews for campus, local, state, and federal advocacy efforts that got put into an updated advocacy toolkit.

3.4.3 - Cultural humility workshop was hosted by a specialist and alumni in an advocacy career (Dr. Johnson).

3.5.1 - Held various meetings with workgroup and UPD to discuss policies and procedures.

3.6.1 - Had numerous meetings with campus partners and third-party providers to discuss the procurement of cultural humility and/or anti-racism module trainings.

4.2.2 - Met with both the Pride and Dreamers Resource center individually to discuss promotion and strategy of the training offerings. Circulated information and materials on the trainings.

4.8.1 - Student Marketing and Outreach (which I also sat on) developed, conducted, and analyzed a survey on productivity and social belonging.

## **Noteworthy Events and Initiatives**

*Highlight any noteworthy events and initiatives that you have attended or planned*

### *August 2020*

19 *Meeting with Dean Carter of the college of HHS*

27 *Safe Zone Training*

### *October 2020*

8 *Dean Search Committee meeting*

9 *Meeting with Dean Carter*

20 *Dean Search Committee meeting*

21 *Dean Search Committee Interview*

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27 *Dean Search Committee interview*

28 *Dean Search Committee meeting*

### *January 2021*

20 *Midyear Retreat*

21 *President's address*

### *February 2021*

2 *Assembly member Cooley - Sac State meeting*

2 *Assembly member Kiley - Sac State meeting*

10 *PRIDE center meeting*

17 *State Hornet Interview*

23 *Dreamer Resource Center meeting*

### *March 2021*

2 *Virtual Job & Internship Fair*

18 *ASI elections ballot draw*

### *April 2021*

8 *ASI Elections Results Party*

14 *SSWD Focus Group*

18 *ASI BOD panel - Admitted Students Weekend*

29 *ASI Students Awards (SEO)*

### *May 2021*

5 *Startup product & service design for global markets*

6 *CSU advocacy training meeting with Ray Murillo*

7 *Community engagement showcase*

10 *Campus advocacy interview with Nicki Croly*

10 *State advocacy training CSSA*