



## **Inclusive Excellence**

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### **Report to the ASI Board of Directors**

**Board Meeting Date: May 6, 2026**

**Submitted by Alex Shigenaga, Inclusive Excellence Representative**

#### **IPGE**

- International Student Graduation Ceremony: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 4pm-6pm, Pacific Suite, University Union. 74 of the 82 graduating students are signed up to participate. VP Mitchell and VP Nguyen will be giving remarks, and President Wood has recorded a video to be shown at the event congratulating the international students. The students are all getting a certificate of accomplishment, a customized international student stole, and a gift bag with Sac State swag.

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- Pride Festive and March Planning: IE and Pride Center are teaming up for a large scale group presence at Sacramento Pride Festival and March this year (June 13-14). We currently have a [participant sign up that is live](#) for our marching contingent. IE will soon be recruiting volunteers to represent Sac State at the festival all weekend. We are working with Admissions to get recruitment materials and gear for our booth. We aim to have an even bigger and better group than last year!
- IE Belonging Focus Groups: IE is planning a pilot belonging focus group series that targets Jewish, Muslim/SWANA, and Deaf/Hard of Hearing faculty, students, and staff. Focus groups will center on feelings of belonging and comfort on campus. Results will be used to help enhance programs and create a better serving institution. The focus groups will continue next semester and target other identities. Focus groups sessions are set for May 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. 30 participants signed up so far. Really great swag will be offered to participants. More info to come.

#### **Jewish Life and Resource Center**

- Jewish American Heritage Month Event: "A Pickle Problem: Deli Revival & American Jewish Religion: Join the Jewish Life and Resource Center in LIB 1522 from 3-4 p.m. on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> as we welcome Rachel Gross, associate professor and John and Marcia Goldman Chair in American Jewish Studies at San Francisco State University, to discuss "A Pickle Problem: The Deli Revival and American Jewish Religion" from her book "Beyond the Synagogue." This event will be followed by a Not Shabbat dinner hosted at the Jewish Life and Resource Center, Modoc 1010. Those interested can [register here](#) for the event and/or dinner. To request ADA reasonable accommodations, contact [Inclusive Excellence](#).
- Jewish Life and Resource Center will be closed for the summer session.



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### **Hispanic Serving Institution**

- Seal of Excelencia recertification was submitted last week. More to come on its approval/implementation.
- Chicana/Latina Recognition Ceremony on April 19<sup>th</sup> went well, with over 300 students participating. Cultural food, dance performances, and other activities were planned.

### **Employee Resource Groups**

- New ERGs: Three new ERGs have been approved this semester, bringing the total to 17 ERGs on campus. They include:
  - i. South Asian Faculty and Staff Association – 28 members already!
  - ii. Muslim Staff and Faculty Association
  - iii. Filipino American Faculty and Staff Association
- Freedom Seder: March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Alumni Center, JFAST, CHLFA, and the Jewish Alumni Network held a special Freedom Seder event. An extremely successful event that brought together over 75 members of the campus and Sacramento community. Excellent lecture by Dr. Heidi Sarabia, with Lilia Contreras-Ramirez co-leading the seder with Rabbi Nancy Weschler and Pam Herman (Jewish Federation of Sacramento). The Seder focused on themes of freedom and liberation, bridging our Jewish and Latine communities.