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A Special Note to Our Hornets

Greetings Hornet Hive,

As we progress further into the semester, I remain inspired by the energy, collaboration, and leadership exhibited across our campus community. This past month, our focus has been on turning strategy into action — strengthening committee operations, refining our financial frameworks, and ensuring that student voices are represented in every conversation, from local governance to statewide advocacy.

Our progress through the Greek Life and International Students Committees, participation in WSCUC and UDAC, and upcoming engagement at CSSA East Bay reflect what's possible when students lead with purpose. Together, we are building a more accountable, inclusive, and connected ASI — one that serves as a valid extension of Sacramento State's commitment to student success.

Thank you for your continued trust, collaboration, and Hornet pride.

In Service to the Hive,

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Internal Committee Updates

Greek Life Committee

- Held two committee meetings this term: the first on September 22, 2025, and the second on October 6, 2025.
- Focused on establishing the committee's framework, defining council representation, and developing actionable goals that strengthen collaboration between ASI and the four Greek councils, including philanthropic initiatives and service-based programming.
- Discussed initiatives such as a **Greek Week of Service**, a **Greek alumni networking event**, and potential discussions around **Greek housing with District 6 Councilmember Eric Guerra**.
- Exploring the creation of a **Greek Life master calendar** to consolidate events and improve inter-council communication, and the **Greek Honors Program** to showcase the academic achievements.
- Working with **President Aranjot Kaur and VPF Sergio Maciel** on integrating philanthropic efforts within Greek Life, supporting Giving Tuesday, and future ASI fundraising campaigns.

International Students Committee

- Met twice since its formation, first on September 22, 2025, and again on October 6, 2025.
- Focused on identifying international student needs, improving awareness of campus resources, and collaborating with International Programs & Global Engagement (IPGE).
- Currently planning initiatives around **cultural integration**, **peer mentorship**, and **student engagement opportunities**, and **exploring early priority registration options for eligible students**.

Student Social Justice & Equity Council

- Held two meetings this term: the first on September 22, 2025, and the second on October 6, 2025.
- Reaffirmed the Council's mission to promote inclusion and representation across all ASI entities.

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- Established partnerships with the Greek Life Committee and International Students Committee to **build shared programming** that uplifts marginalized communities and strengthens student belonging.

University Committee Updates

Vice President of Student Engagement & Membership (VPSEM) Search Committee

- **Concluded service** on the VPSEM Search Committee.
- Provided detailed feedback during **final deliberations, gaining valuable insight** into how the role supports Academic Affairs, student engagement, and alumni relations.
- Hosted **ASI Meet & Greet**s for candidates and Board members on Sept 3, 4, 5, and 18.

WSCUC Steering Committee

- Attended **WSCUC Co-Chair Weekly Meetings** with **Elisa Trimboli, Dr. Michael Nguyen**, and **Dr. Jennifer Wagelie** to align ASI priorities with institutional accreditation goals.
- Collaborating with the **International Students Committee** to ensure global perspectives are represented.
- Continued contribution to the **Compliance Standards Worksheet**, due for review on **November 7**.
- Continuing to identify opportunities to integrate **ASI's Strategic Priority 5 (Accessibility & Retention)** into campus-wide accreditation planning."

University Disability Access Committee (UDAC)

- Attended the October 3 meeting hosted by **Dr. Mary Lee Vance, DAC Director**.
- Engaged in discussions on accessible technology and physical campus improvements.
- Joining an **Information Resources & Technology (IRT) sub-committee** to address inclusive technology systems and accessibility standards.

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AI & Digital Transformation Task Force & ChatGPT Ambassador Program

- Officially appointed to the **Sac State Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Digital Transformation Task Force**, chaired by **Dean Jean-François Coget** and co-led by **CIO Mark Hendricks**, in alignment with **Strategic Priority 1**.
- Serving alongside **Director Aadil Bhat** to represent ASI and ensure that the student perspective is reflected in campus-wide discussions on AI innovation, ethical technology use, and digital transformation.
- The task force's immediate charge includes:
 - Co-authoring a **concise vision for AI and digital strategy** at Sacramento State.
 - Establishing a short list of **AY 2025–26 implementation priorities**.
 - Designing an **operating model** that supports high-impact pilot programs, training, and communication across Academic Affairs and other university divisions.
- Collaborating with faculty, deans, and administrative partners to integrate **student-centered principles** and ethical frameworks into AI-driven initiatives.
- Aligning ASI's innovation efforts and ambassador initiatives under **Strategic Priority 1: Innovation & Career Readiness**, to ensure AI literacy, access, and opportunity reach all students.

Strategic Priority Updates

Strategic Priority 1 – Innovation & Career Readiness

- Appointed to the **Sac State Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Digital Transformation Task Force**, chaired by **Dean Jean-François Coget** and co-led by **CIO Mark Hendricks**, in alignment with **Strategic Priority 1**.
- Serving alongside **Director Aadil Bhat** to represent ASI and integrate student perspectives into the university's AI and digital transformation planning process.

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- Supporting the development of a **concise AI and digital strategy** for Sac State, establishing **AY 2025–26 implementation priorities**, and contributing to an operating model that advances innovation, ethical AI use, and student readiness for a tech-driven future.
- Serving as Sacramento State’s **ChatGPT Ambassador** through **OpenAI EDU** and the **CSU System**, representing 22 campuses and over 460,000 students in advancing responsible and inclusive AI engagement.
- Collaborating with **OpenAI’s higher education team** to plan campus programming focused on **AI literacy, ethics, and career readiness**, including potential workshops, student panels, and academic partnerships.

Strategic Priority 3 – Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI)

- Advanced cross-committee partnerships between the **Greek Life Committee**, **International Students Committee**, and **Student Social Justice & Equity Council** to build a unified framework for inclusion and cultural awareness.
- Partnered with ASI President **Aranjot Kaur** and **Cultural and Academic Resource Centers (CARCs)** to expand ASI outreach and inclusion efforts, reinforcing **DEI alignment** across ASI operations.

Strategic Priority 4 – Financial Sustainability & Collaboration

- Worked with **VPF Sergio Maciel** and Finance & Budget Committee appointees to strengthen fiscal oversight and transparency in ASI processes.
- Collaborated on refining **Election Code financial provisions**, ensuring accountability and fairness in candidate expenditures and funding distribution.
- Partnered with **President Kaur** to explore joint fundraising initiatives tied to **Give Tuesday (December 2025)** and **Give Sac Day (March 2026)** through the **Greek Life Committee**.

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- Supporting ongoing financial education and training opportunities for Directors and committee chairs to strengthen financial literacy and responsible stewardship of student funds.

Strategic Priority 5 – Accessibility & Retention

- Participated in the **WSCUC Steering Committee**, ensuring the student voice is represented in institutional accreditation and student success planning.
- Attended the **University Disability Access Committee (UDAC)** on **October 3**, hosted by **Dr. Mary Lee Vance**, to address accessibility barriers and join the **IRT Subcommittee** for equitable technology implementation.
- Promoted retention and engagement for international students through the **International Students Committee** and collaboration with **International Programs & Global Engagement (IPGE)**.

Meetings, Events & Presentations

September 2025

- Sept 16 – Attended La Bienvenida.
- Sept 16, 22 & 30 – Attended ASI Finance & Budget Committee meetings.
- **Sept 17** - Attended the **ChatGPT Ambassador Kickoff**, hosted by **OpenAI EDU** and the **CSU Systemwide**, led by **Andrew Glenn**. The session launched the first-ever ChatGPT Ambassador cohort, outlining responsibilities for ethical AI advocacy, event planning, and student engagement. Discussed new educational features like Study Mode and Project-Only Memory, and explored opportunities for workshops, hackathons, and peer-led AI integration events.
- Sept 22 – Chaired inaugural Greek Life and International Students Committee meetings.
- Sept 23 – Attended Basic Needs Grand Opening.
- Sept 23 – Met with Megan Piermarini and Nicki Croly to discuss ASI and SO&L Joint Council operations.

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- Sept 24 - Participated in the campus visit of **CSSA Vice President of Legislative Affairs Derrick Herrera**, strengthening collaboration between ASI and statewide advocacy initiatives.
- Sept 25 – Connected with **Christopher Gill, Communications Assistant for the City of Sacramento**, to coordinate with **District 6 Councilmember Eric Guerra** on a campus visit with President Wood, cabinet, ASI BOD, and the Greek Life Committee to discuss housing advocacy and various topics.
- Sept 29 – Attended **“Better Together: Unlocking the Power of Canva and Grammarly for Higher Ed.”**

October 2025

- Oct 1 - Attended **CARC and ASI Board of Directors joint meeting** to explore partnerships with Cultural and Academic Resource Centers (CARCs) and increase student representation across ASI committees.
- Oct 1 – Attended Bingo with the Board.
- Oct 2 – Attended **Assessment Culture Evaluation (ACE)** survey session hosted by Dr. Jennifer Wagelie.
- Oct 3 – Attended **WSCUC Steering Committee** Meeting.
- Oct 3 – Attended **UDAC meeting** and joined IRT sub-committee.
- Oct 6 – Chaired the second meetings of the Greek Life Committee, Student Social Justice & Equity Council, and International Students Committee..
- Oct 18–19 – Will attend CSSA Plenary at CSU East Bay.

Next Steps / Focus Areas for November 2025

- **AI & Digital Transformation:** Begin drafting Sac State’s **AI & Digital Strategy Vision Statement** with Dean Coget, CIO Hendricks, and Director Bhatt; identify high-impact AI pilot opportunities to enhance student learning and digital literacy in alignment with Strategic Priority 1.

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- **ChatGPT Ambassador Program:** Coordinate with **OpenAI EDU** and **CSU System Ambassadors** to organize a **student-facing AI awareness event** focused on ethics, study tools, and innovation across disciplines.
- **WSCUC & Accreditation:** Participate in the **WSCUC Committee review on November 7**, ensuring ASI's student-centered initiatives are represented in institutional evidence submissions.
- **Accessibility & UDAC:** Continue participation in the **IRT Subcommittee** to support campus accessibility audits and propose student-led input on digital equity improvements.
- **Finance & Budget:** Work with **VPF Sergio Maciel** to finalize updates to the **Election Code financial section** and provide recommendations for budget transparency in mid-year reviews.
- **Greek Life & Philanthropy:** Advance planning for Greek Week of Service and align Greek Life Committee efforts with ASI's philanthropic and donor engagement goals ahead of **Give Tuesday**.
- **CSSA Engagement:** Present highlights and outcomes from **CSSA East Bay (October 18–19)** to the Board of Directors.
- **Committee Collaboration:** Continue supporting the **Greek Life, International Students, and Social Justice & Equity Council** committees in developing inclusive programming for the spring semester.