

*April EDU Directors Report*

**To:** 2024-2025 ASI Board of Directors  
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Hello, Hornets!

I hope you're staying committed to the grind and focused as we approach the end of the spring semester. Midterms are behind us, and finals are just around the corner-this semester is flying by! Remember to stay positive, stay focused, and keep pushing forward. Your success and future career are in your hands. Good luck, and great job so far-keep up the amazing work!

Stingers up!

Priority 2.2.2 is completed

This Priority has been completed through the

"Rethink Your Drink" event. I contributed to this priority by assembling 50 events goodie bags, which were distributed to the first 50 students.

**Committee Meetings**

- Dean's Advisory Council

Date: Thursday, March 27 at 1:15 PM – 2:45 PM **Zoom session Description:** During this committee meeting, we discussed the merging of colleges and changes within the deans' offices. We also addressed the potential reactivation of a previously inactive committee. In addition, we

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reviewed the remaining agenda items and ongoing issues that we hope to resolve by the end of the semester, along with planning efforts for the upcoming academic year. Furthermore, we explored the idea of creating an on-site housing option in the Eureka Hall area to help alleviate commuting challenges an issue that students have increasingly brought to the attention of both staff and the community committee.

### **Student Academic Senate**

- **Friday, March 14, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Zoom Session**  
description: During this meeting, we reviewed the minutes from our previous session and continued our discussion from where it had concluded. We briefly addressed the ongoing dialogue regarding artificial intelligence and how its use will be managed between faculty and students. Additionally, we discussed several pressing concerns currently affecting students. Matters related to academic standing and other significant issues were also covered

### **Events**

- **CHESS 2025**  
Dates: Saturday, March 8 – Monday, March 10 (ALL DAY, 3 days)  
Location: Harbor Alumni center  
description: The first day of CHESS was a valuable experience, as it provided me with the opportunity not only to represent my college, but also to engage with fellow ASI members from across the 23 CSU campuses. I found the experience to be both inspiring and enlightening, particularly as I observed how other boards conducted business and collaborated. I had the chance to witness the acknowledgment and voting process for well-deserved awards—led by the ASI presidents—for applicants who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and personal growth throughout the college and student government systems. There were several key moments and discussions that truly resonated with me. Although it was a full-day event, the time was used efficiently and strategically, allowing every item on the agenda to be addressed thoroughly. The post-event reception was also quite enjoyable, offering an opportunity for students from all participating campuses to connect. I had meaningful interactions with students from institutions such as San Diego State University and San Francisco State University, among many others. Overall, it was an enriching and rewarding experience.
- **GE Symposium Table Talks [In-person]**  
Date: Thursday, March 6

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:40 PM (1h 40m)

Location: Harper Alumni Center

- Armstead/Sac State Signing Event

Date: Thursday, March 6

Time: 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM (1h 15m)

Location: the welcome center

### **Office hours**

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 (11:45 AM – 1:45 PM)

During my office hours, I met with a student to address his concerns, and the conversation evolved to include the Vice President of Academic Affairs. I also spent time reviewing materials and legislation in preparation for the upcoming board meeting.

Monday, March 10, 2025 (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

During my office hours, I began assembling the first 25 goodie bags for an upcoming event we are hosting in support of one of our strategic priorities. Rethink Your Drink is a fun and inspiring initiative, and as part of fulfilling my responsibilities, I completed the first half of the 50 goodie bags we plan to distribute at the event.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 (11:45 AM – 1:45 PM)

During this time in my office hours, I completed the remaining 25 goodie bags, bringing the total to 50 bags prepared for the event. I dedicated significant effort not only to assembling the bags but also to making them festive and visually appealing. I wanted to ensure they were thoughtfully put together and ready to make a strong impression.

Monday, March 17, 2025 (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

On this day, I primarily used my office hours to review documents, check emails, and respond to time-sensitive messages. I also communicated with my Assistant Dean via email to confirm a date for an upcoming Zoom meeting.

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 (11:45 AM – 1:45 PM)

I had no student visitors during my office hours, so I used the time to review documents online.

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Monday, March 24, 2025 – (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

I engaged in conversations with fellow directors and board members regarding the upcoming discussion topics for this week's board meeting.

**Zoom meeting with my assistant Dean**

- I met with the Assistant Dean of the College of Education to touch base and address a few questions and concerns that had been brought to my attention by students. We also discussed upcoming changes taking place between colleges and how this transition could potentially impact both students and staff. Toward the end of our meeting, the Assistant Dean and I reflected on the "De-Stress Finals" event I hosted last semester, which was a great success. We agreed it would be a great idea to host a similar event this spring semester, around the same time in May, as finals approach. Our hope is to hold the event outdoors to enjoy the beautiful weather and engage with even more students. More details will be shared soon.

**Board Meetings**

Working board - Wednesday March 5, 2025,

Formal board - Wednesday March 12, 2025

Working board. - Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Formal board. - Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Green & Gold Room, University Union 3rd Floor

**Practice Sessions for CHESS**

Location: The WELL

- Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

## Events

- ASI new member orientation- **(06/21/24)**
- CA API policy Summit – **(09/18/24)**
- ASI Board Retreat **(08/09/24)– (08/11/24)**
- Football Watch Party: Sac State @ San Jose State – (Tabled the Event) **(08/29/24)**
- Football Watch Party: Sac state @ Fresno State – (Tabled the Event) **(09/07/24)**
- ASI President Group Photo- **(08/30/2024)**
- Sac State Historic Black College Ceremony – **(08/8/2024)**
- Sac State Presidents Fall Address – **(08/22/2024)**
- New Student & Parent Ceremony -**(6pm-7pm) (Tabled the Event) – (08/22/2024)**
- New Student & Parent Ceremony -**(7:30pm-8:30pm) (Tabled the Event)- (08/22/2024)**
- Attended Career Fair Oct 2nd (Day 2) **(10/02/24)**
- Filipino American History Month Kick-Off event **(10/9/24)**
- Meet and Greet with the Board (PROVOST) **(4:30pm-6:30pm) (10/9/24)**
- ASI HOCO 24 Pep Rally **(Tabled this Event)- (10/14/24)**
- HOCO 24 Golf Cart Decorating **(10/19/24)**
- APIDA and SWANA Center Tailgate **(3PM-4PM)- (10/19/24)**
- ASI HOCO 24 Tailgate **(Events Tabled (2)) (4PM-PM) One hour each (10/19/24)**
- HOCO 24 Football Game Vs Weber state- **Participated for Crowd Signs Control (10/19/24)**
- Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony @ The Harper Alumni center **(11/7/24)**
- The 6th Annual Conference on Genocide **(11/15/24)**
- Final Football Watch Party **(11/16/24)**
- Causeway Classic Football Game **(11/23/24)**
- EDU KICKOFF EVENT **(12/4/24) (11am-1pm)**
- ASI Winter Wonderland **(12/4/24) (10am-2pm)**
- Textbook Grant Information Session **(12/19/24) (1pm-2:30pm)**
- President Spring Address **(01/16/25) (9am-11am)**
- Student and Family Convocation Ceremony **(11/16/25) (3pm-4pm)**
- ASI Midyear Retreat **(11/17/25) (8am-4:30pm)**
- Puzzles and Pizza with the board **(02/19/25 (11am-1pm)**
- Belonging Ambassadors session 2 **(02/26/25) (12pm-2pm)**
- GE Symposium Table Talks {In-Person} **(03/03/25) (1pm-2:40pm)**
- Erik Armstead Sac State signing Event **(03/03/25) (3:15pm-4:30pm)**

❖ **EDU Kickoff Event - December 4, 2024 (11:00 AM - 1:00 PM)**

➤ I created this kickoff event to support my fellow students by providing them the opportunity to distress and relax their mind for a few minutes. I created to help students de-stress and take a breather from finals. I was thrilled by the turnout—it far exceeded my expectations, which felt so rewarding. With amazing support from Jenn, our Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Armando Perez, our director of Undeclared Studies, the event ran smoothly and was a huge success. Seeing students take the time to relax and enjoy themselves in a supportive environment was incredibly fulfilling for me.

❖ **ASI Winter Wonderland. - December 4, 2024 (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM)**

➤ Later that day, I attended the ASI Winter Wonderland event, and it was a perfect way to cap off the evening. The holiday spirit was alive with activities like cookie decorating, ornament crafting, and festive decorations. I especially enjoyed sipping hot chocolate while engaging in all the fun and interactive elements. It was a beautiful event that really captured the magic of the season and brought everyone together in such a positive way.

**Textbook Grant Information Session. - December 19, 2024 (1:00 PM – 2:30 PM)**

❖ The Textbook Grant Information Session was such a valuable experience for me and other students. It provided clear information about the transition from the textbook reimbursement program to a grant system. I appreciated how it addressed students’ questions and helped them navigate the new process. Being part of a program that aims to ease the financial burden of textbooks and promote equitable access felt incredibly meaningful.

**President spring address. - January 16, 2025 (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 AM)**

❖ The President’s Spring address was a warm welcome back to another semester at Sacramento State. There was a great turnout of students, families, and staff supporting the event. The president addressed many changes and concerns happening on campus. For example, he provided an update on our athletes and discussed some changes that will hopefully be beneficial to the university’s growth and enrollment. He also reflected on and commemorated some of the great events and experiences from 2024, expressing his optimism for the new incoming students and the semester ahead.

**Student and family convocation ceremony. - January 16, 2025. (3:00 PM. - 4:00 PM)**

❖ This ceremony is designed to warmly welcome new students and their families to Sacramento State University. It serves as an opportunity to reassure parents and guardians that their students are entering a safe, supportive, and inclusive community. The president recognizes and understands the concerns families may have and offers reassurance that Sacramento State is a welcoming campus where everyone belongs, no matter their background. He emphasizes the significance of being a Hornet and highlights

the valuable personal and academic growth students will experience through campus life and the broader university community.

### **ASI midyear retreat. - January 17, 2025 (8:00 AM. - 4:30 PM)**

❖ The midyear retreat provided a valuable opportunity for board members to reconnect, reflect on our progress, and refocus on our priorities for the year. It was a time to catch up after the break while also setting clear goals and strategies for the semester ahead. The retreat was organized into focused sessions, each addressing key topics. During our meetings, board members reviewed accomplishments from the past semester, identified tasks that still need to be completed, and outlined responsibilities moving forward. We also participated in team-building activities designed to strengthen collaboration and support within the board. Overall, the retreat was a productive and enriching experience, ensuring that we are well-prepared to move forward with our goals for the upcoming semester.

### **Puzzles and pizza with the board**

❖ This event was a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to engage with one another, participate in puzzle construction, and enjoy some delicious pizza. I attended the entire event, and there was a great turnout of students. Towards the end, there was a special game where students took part in a hands-on activity, unwrapping a surprise. Overall, the event was a success!

### **Belonging Ambassadors (Session 2)**

❖ The "Belonging to Ambassadors" meeting served as an open forum where students could share their experiences—not just as Sac State students but also as transfer, exchange, or international students. Many individuals, including myself, shared diverse experiences. It was a great opportunity to listen to students' concerns and feelings about the specific changes taking place on campus.

### **GE Symposium Table Talks [In-person]**

❖ A wonderful event that focused on ideas that could make the general education experience in the future better. It was set up with many different tables with different staff members from different departments discussing questions and topics that generated ideas, concerns and feelings about the current GE program and the modification and changes that need to take place to make the students experience more better.

### **Erik Armstead/Sac State Signing Event**

❖ Fun and inspiring to see high school seniors other known as future, hornets and family friend's faculty members and students come together to celebrate a momentous occasion. It was a beautiful ceremony that had a level of entertainment, speeches, and historic moments like the signing of the document.

### **Presentations**

❖ **EDSP 229** -Will finalize a date for my presentation upon professors' approval for next week Wednesday **(Completed)**

❖ **NSM21 Section 85**- Presented on **September 30th** with NSM Director Noor

❖ **Eureka Hall Room 104**- Presented on Thursday **October 3rd** with VPAA Jenn Galinato

### **Meetings**

❖ Meeting with Assistant Dean College of education myself and Sarah, we introduced ourselves and discussed upcoming year **(07/19/24), (07/26/24)**

❖ Met with Grad student's director about coordinating an event for grad students **(09/18/24)**

❖ Met with VPAA and an Undergrad student in correcting their academic schedule **(09/18/24)**

❖ Met with EVP to talk about the language in the BY-LAWS concerning words like Handicap also adding details about the PRIDE center while visiting the PRIDE center, we consulted for the approval of the language. **(10/16/24)**

❖ Met VPAA to go over changes to legislation and add my name to a legislation as well **(10/16/24)**

❖ Meetings with VPAA on **10/02/24, 10/04/24**

❖ *HOCO 24 meetings/discussions*

**If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided in my report, please don't hesitate to contact me I can be reached @ - [asiedudirector@csus.edu](mailto:asiedudirector@csus.edu) Thank you.**



**Stingers Up Hornets**

**One Hive, One Voice**

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