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**To:** **2026-2027 ASI Board of Directors**
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## General Information

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## Academic Affairs and Advocacy

- Continued coordinating student appointments to Faculty Senate committees, university committees, and Grade Appeals Panels to strengthen student representation in shared governance.
- Worked with ASI College Directors to identify eligible student representatives and address outstanding committee vacancies.
- Held the first Student Academic Senate meeting of the academic year on October 2, providing an opportunity for student representatives to discuss academic priorities, Faculty Senate developments, and student concerns.
- Coordinated with university administrators and ASI College Directors to identify student representatives for upcoming Dean and Associate Dean search committees.
- Continued advocating for student involvement in university decision making, particularly regarding academic advising, student success, and campus policies.

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## Faculty Senate Updates

- **Fall 2026 Enrollment Census:** President Wood reported approximately **31,800 students** enrolled for Fall 2026. The university continues to monitor enrollment relative to Chancellor's Office targets and its financial implications.
- **Graduation Rates:** The university reported exceeding its previous four year graduation target of 30%, achieving 32%, and its two year graduation target of 40%, achieving 48%. Improving transfer student graduation outcomes remains an area of focus.
- **Academic Advising:** The Interim Provost discussed plans to improve advising through stronger coordination between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, with an emphasis on student success.
- **Disability Access:** The Disability Access Center reported serving approximately 1,900 students, with 11 currently approved for memory recall sheets as an accommodation. Faculty Senate discussed the development of clearer guidelines for these accommodations.
- **Campus Safety:** Faculty Senate and the Executive Committee discussed concerns regarding scooters and bicycles on campus, including safety, enforcement, and the importance of educating students about existing policies
- **Campus Facilities:** Discussed concerns regarding the condition and accessibility of Kadema Hall, including maintenance needs, student concerns, and communication surrounding campus improvements.
- **Shared Governance:** Continued discussions regarding faculty and student involvement in university decisions, including academic hiring, campus policies, and institutional planning.

## Meetings and Committee Work

- Chaired the first Student Academic Senate meeting of the academic year on October 2.
- Participated in the WSCUC Steering Committee.
- Participated in Faculty Senate and Executive Committee meetings, discussing academic advising, campus policies, student success, and shared governance.
- Completed a scheduled check-in with my PRE intern to discuss progress, professional development, and ongoing responsibilities.
- Continued coordinating student appointments to Faculty Senate committees, Grade Appeals Panels, and university search committees.

## Events and Student Engagement

- Participated in campus voter registration activities to support student civic engagement and awareness.
- Attended the ASI Board Mixer with Sacramento State President Luke Wood, providing an opportunity to engage with university leadership and fellow Board members.
- Attended a university alumni dinner, connecting with alumni, university leaders, and community members to strengthen relationships and expand opportunities for collaboration.
- Continued collaborating with The WELL and Student Health, Counseling, & Wellness Services to develop student wellness and harm reduction resources for upcoming campus events.
- Continued developing the Safe & Supported initiative in collaboration with campus partners, with a goal of distributing approximately 600 student wellness and safety kits during upcoming campus events.
- Continue to coordinate with campus departments and community partners to secure resources, educational materials, and sponsorship opportunities.

## Upcoming Priorities

- Finalize student appointments to Faculty Senate committees and grade appeal panels.
- Continue facilitating Student Academic Senate meetings and strengthening student representation in academic governance.
- Follow developments regarding academic advising improvements and graduation outcomes.
- Coordinate Safe & Supported outreach activities and resource distribution at upcoming campus events.
- Continue representing student interests in Faculty Senate and Executive Committee discussions.

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