

**To: ASI Board of Directors**

**From:** Israel Flores  
Vice President of Academic Affairs

**Subject:** March 2020 Board Report

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**General Information:**

Office Hours:

Wednesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (<https://csus.zoom.us/j/840969774>)

\*or by appointment

All Office hours will be held via Zoom beginning March 16 by appointment.

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**News:**

We are very close to the end of the academic year and spring 2020 was an eventful semester for ASI, Sac State, and our country. As we all know classes transferred from in-person to online (zoom). The COVID-19 pandemic will be one that will be talked about for a long time! Although this has affected a lot of our students, families, and community we should be proud that we are getting through this together and one day it will be over. There have been a lot of news with Sac State and how they have handled this situation. We no longer are having an in-person commencement for class of 2020 and instead will be doing an online celebration for those students that want to participate. Class of 2020 will be invited to walk the stage with c/o 2021 if they wish to do so. While this is not most convenient President Nelsen sent Cely Smart to give us a presentation last board meeting to discuss how they came to make the decisions. We had students voice their opinions and most of them appreciated the information that was given by Cely. Provost and VP of Academic Affairs, sent out an email to students regarding students' choice of changing their letter grades to Credit/No Credit (C/NC). This will help alleviate some students from the stress this pandemic has put forth. There are three options a student can have: 1. Letter Grade (raise GPA) 2. A-C or No Credit, meaning that if you get between A-C (minus) you will receive a letter grade if anything lower you will get a no credit and therefore not affecting your GPA. Lastly, 3. Credit/No Credit (does not affect GPA). I also want to advise that students will have the option to opt-in and if at the end of the semester they receive a grade they like they can then opt back out of C/NC.

While this work has been done over the last several weeks, we at ASI are not done. Once this pandemic has gone over there will be many obstacles that students will be facing and I know that ASI will be there doing the best we can to support and help our students.

I am glad that I was able to serve students and voice concerns at Faculty Executive and Faculty Senate that helped with the choosing of C/NC and online ceremony.

**Committee Updates:**

**Faculty Senate Executive Committee:**

Faculty Senate Executive Committee meets every Tuesday from 3-5pm in Sacramento Hall 275.

Meetings will be held via Zoom and we will make a decision regarding the rest of the faculty committees.

**Faculty Senate:**

The Faculty Senate meets every other Thursday from 3-5pm in the University Union. Meetings will be held via Zoom and we will make a decision regarding the rest of the faculty committees.

**Strategic Priorities**

**1.2.2 Promote census education**

Denisse and I worked hard on this priority and we have found alternatives for this. While we did not have our event; we have been marketing Census on social media platforms. We also have been attending the Census meetings on Thursdays and with our other campus partners there have been competitions for art challenge for people to participate. There are also Census Ambassadors that are helping educate in the hard to count communities we were aiming for.

**Meetings/Extras:**

March 17: Faculty Executive

March 18: ASI Formal Board (zoom)

March 18: ASI Special Working Board (zoom)

March 18: ASI Special Formal Board (zoom)

March 19: Faculty Senate (zoom)

March 19: Census Meeting (zoom)

March 24: Faculty Executive (zoom)

March 25: Meeting with Provost, ASI President, VP Student Affairs, VP Inclusive Exc. (zoom)

March 25: ASI Working Board (zoom)

March 26: Faculty Senate (zoom)

March 30 – April 3: Spring Break

April 7: Faculty Executive (zoom)

April 8: ASI Formal Board (zoom)

April 8: Check In with ASI President

April 9: Faculty Senate (zoom)

April 13: ASI meeting with Sandra, ASI Pres, EVP (zoom)

April 14: Faculty Executive (zoom)

April 15: ASI Working Board Meeting (zoom)

April 16: Faculty Senate (zoom)

April 16: Census Meeting (zoom)

**Ending Note:**

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