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A Special Note to Our Hornets

Hornets,

We have made it to the final stretch. While 2020 has included a rollercoaster of events, students continued to persevere. You should be proud of yourself no matter where you are in this moment.

This has been a busy semester! There have been many topics up for discussion within faculty committees that I have sought student feedback for. Some being; summer unit course loads, implementation of AB1460, and overall academic related issues. One other topic that the ASI President and I have been working on is alternative grading options for students. Once Noah and I were aware that the option was up to individual campuses we immediately called for feedback on offering students Credit/No Credit for the fall. We were able to gather 5,000 plus responses with 96% of those responses in favor of offering Credit/No Credit. Once we saw an overwhelming majority in favor of this option we immediately began to structure a plan to advocate for the option. We were able to draft and pass a resolution in support of Credit/No Credit through ASI and advocate for it to administration and faculty. There were a number of arguments both for and against this topic. A formal decision as to what grading options will be offered to students will be made public soon.

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This semester I did my best to fulfil my duties as Vice President of Academic Affairs. I have met with many campus administrators to see how we can work together to best address student needs. I have attended every faculty committee meeting to which I am appointed to. I was able to appoint many students for other Faculty Senate committees to increase student representation in those spaces. I chaired three Student Academic Senate meetings and held thoughtful discussions on issues. I created workgroups for strategic priorities that I have signed up for. Plus so much more inside my role as a board member.

I hope that I have been able to amplify the voices of our students and look forward to representing you all next semester. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me throughout my term. Good luck on finals and take a much needed break after next week. Stay safe and Happy Holidays, Stingers Up!

In Service,
Samantha A. Elizalde

Internal Committee Updates

Student Academic Senate

The Student Academic Senate had their last meeting on November 25th where we discussed Credit/No Credit, ASCSU 3450 Resolution, and suspension of face-to-face classes after Thanksgiving break. The first meeting of the spring semester will be on February 24th, 2021.

Green Team

The Green Team has created a new Instagram to get more outreach to students and promote the committee (@asi.greenteam). The last meeting consisted of compiling more ideas for the Instagram and reviewing goals for next semester. The committee has adjourned for the semester and will reconvene in the spring.

Lobby Corp

The last Lobby Corps meeting consisted of analyzing Legislative bill text and conducting Mock Legislative/Legislator Briefs. The committee has adjourned for the semester and will continue in the spring.

University Committee Updates

Faculty Senate

A wide variety of topics have been presented to the Faculty Senate this semester. As per usual there are non-controversial items such as; program proposals/amendments, policy proposals/amendments, and other items. However, some items that have been up for debate recently have been Credit/No Credit, ASCSU 3450 Resolution, Suspension of Face-to-Face classes after Thanksgiving Break, and Options for Spring Semester. There has been lots of thoughtful discussion and I look forward to continue serving on the committee in the spring.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee also focuses a bit on what is being discussed in Faculty Senate, but also allows for more in depth conversation.

Strategic Priority Updates

The ASI Board of Directors have approved the 2020-2021 strategic priorities and can be found [here](#). Here is a list of what priorities I am on and below is any updates.

1.4.1 Share available resources for students, through collaboration with campus partners.

2.1.1 Assess the feasibility of holding donation drives and food distribution events in collaboration with campus centers and programs.

-In the process of setting up meeting in the spring to discuss options.

2.1.2 Support housing and personal hygiene based needs.

-Instagram post on sexual safety and menstrual care products offered on campus has been posted on Instagram. It was shared on the @sacstateasi and @sacstate Instagram.

3.1.2 Continue the “Buzz the Ballot” campaign for the upcoming 2020 General Election.

-Priority is complete. A new 2020 [California Voter Information Guide](#) was created and posted on the ASI Website, total of 1300+ new votes have been registered, and board members created a video to get out the vote and it was shared during an OGA event.

3.3.1 Continue “Don’t Litter Our River” campaign.

-We plan on posting a flyer for the campaign in the spring (two months before graduation and two weeks before graduation).

3.3.2 Partner with sustainability department to support initiatives.

-Our Director of HHS has been working with Sac State Sustainability on various initiatives.

3.3.3 Partner with UEI to decrease food waste.

-Plan to asses priority with the workgroup.

3.5.1 Review campus police department procedures.

-Work group has reviewed campus police department policies and procedures. We have met with Sac State Chief of police, Mark M. Iwasa to discuss certain trainings with sworn in officers and CSO’s.

3.6.1 Pursue the possibility of instituting cultural humility/antiracism modules, both on the CSUS campus as well as across the CSU system.

-Proposal has been submitted through a CSSA advocacy form by our CSSA Liaison and Director of HHS. Met with campus administrators to discuss possible implementation of modules at Sacramento State.

Office Hours

My office hours have consisted of:

- Meeting with students interested in committees
- Meeting with administrators
- Meeting with college directors to get updates on academic related issues within their college
- Working on strategic priorities
- Replying to emails

Meetings, Events, & Presentations

List the events, presentations, and meetings you attended, below.

ASI Meetings

November 2020

- 4 Meeting with Associate VP of Student Services and Enrollment
- 4 ASI Formal Board
- 4 Strategic Priority 2.1.1 Planning Meeting
- 5 Strategic Priority 3.4.1 Planning Meeting
- 10 Meeting with Food Pantry Coordinator
- 18 ASI Working Board
- 18 Strategic Priority 2.1.1 Planning Meeting
- 23 Meeting with Provost
- 23 Board Evaluation
- 23 Strategic Priority Meeting
- 24 College Director Check-In
- 24 College Director Check-In
- 24 Strategic Priority 3.4.1 Meeting
- 25 College Director Check-In
- 25 College Director Check-In
- 25 ASI Formal Board
- 25 Meeting with Chief of Police
- 30 Executive Committee

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- 2 College Director Check-In
- 2 ASI Working Board
- 3 Meeting with Director for University Initiatives and Student Success
- 7 Strategic Priority Meeting with Administrators
- 7 Meeting with Provost
- 9 ASI Formal Board

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Committee Meetings

November 2020

- 9 Green Team
- 10 Faculty Executive Committee
- 12 Lobby Corps
- 17 Faculty Executive Committee
- 19 Faculty Senate
- 24 Faculty Executive Committee
- 25 Student Academic Senate

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- 3 Faculty Senate

Campus Events

November 2020

- 6 FYE Meet the Majors
- 9 SSJEC Together We Rise