

Francisco De La Torre III
Vice President of Academic Affairs

To: ASI Board of Directors

From: Francisco De La Torre II
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Subject: March 2021 Board Report

General Information

Office Hours:

Wednesday: 9:00am-11:00am

Meeting ID: 829 8938 8778

Meeting Link: <https://csus.zoom.us/j/82989388778>

Thursday: 11:00am-1:00pm

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A Special Note to Our Hornets

Hello Hornets!

This past midterm season has been unlike any other, so I applaud all of you for making it this far. Can you believe that we are halfway into this current semester? With our gusto, we are bound to finish off strong. This upcoming Spring Break, I would recommend you all take a moment to reflect on your accomplishments and make some time to just relax. All of us Hornets deserve a moment to decompress and unpack everything that has happened around us.

With Spring Break in mind, please be cautious of the present COVID-19 guidelines in your community. I want you all to stay safe during the break. Wear your mask, wash your hands regularly, and practice social distancing. You all play a part in preventing the spread of this deadly disease.

In Solidarity,
Francisco De La Torre III

Internal Committee Updates

ASI Green Team

-The committee is working closely with the Environmental Student Organization (ESO) to host a panel of guest speakers to discuss different career paths involved in environmentalism.

Student Academic Senate

-The committee has had its first meeting with the new chair. We reviewed Campus' plans for CARmencement and the second reading of endorsing ABC/NC for the spring 2021 and summer 2021. Discussion on those items ensued.

University Committee Updates

Faculty Senate

-During the last couple Faculty Senate meetings, many pieces of non-controversial items were passed. The faculty senate then went into a second reading of endorsing ABC/NC for the spring 2021 and summer 2021. It was established that summer's status of the policy is still up in the air, but likely to be approved. Fall 2021 will **not** have ABC/NC. We ended the meeting with a discussion on planning for Fall 2021. Details emerged of all the different modalities that will be offered for the upcoming semester. Concerns were brought up and most questions on the floor were answered by Provost Perez and other administration.

Executive Committee

-During the latest Executive Committee, we were given a presentation by Dr. Ed Mills that goes into details for what is planned for Fall 2021 regarding instruction styles the reopening of various campus sectors. While we are not anticipating a full reopening of everything, students and faculty should anticipate that need to be back on campus at some point during Fall 2021. Face masks will be required, and daily cleaning will be done across campus buildings, and there will be no vaccine mandate as of yet, but could change if shown to be legally allowed. Faculty should choose the modality that best meets the needs of the students and is feasible given the circumstances for fall 2021. (Faculty are not expected to change modality during the semester unless there is a major change in campus circumstances)

Strategic Priority Updates

The ASI Board of Directors have approved the 2020-2021 strategic priorities and can be found on the ASI Website. Here is a list of what priorities I am on and below are any updates.

3.2.1 Further outreach to Sacramento community.

-Board is sharing various resources that ASI and our campus partners offer through social media.

-Spoke with ASI HHS director, who is leading this priority, for notes from the work so far. Need to meet with other members.

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

- Social media flyer will be posted March 21st, 2021 and May 7th, 2021.
- The Environmental Student Organization (ESO) will help with sharing flyer.

3.3.2 Partner with sustainability department to support initiatives.

- Spoke with ASI HHS director to get onboarded this priority, need to meet with other members.
- Our Director of HHS has been working with Sac State Sustainability on various initiatives.
- Green certificate program has been pitched to ASI Green Team and sustainability department.

4.2.2 Publicize awareness of Safe zone and ally trainings.

- Priority is nearing completion, a review of what sharing strategies were successful is in order.
- Exploring the concept of a “social justice month” where more trainings and other events similar to the subject matter could take place.

4.6.2 Sponsor a challenge to promote ASI elections for student participation.

- Spoke with ASI President about details of this to onboard me in.
- Having a meeting on March 17th to discuss more with the A-Team Communications and Outreach Coordinator.

Office Hours

List activities that took place during your office hours, below.

- Responding to emails
- Homework
- Meeting with students interested in committees
- Speak with other Board Members
- Working on strategic priorities

Meetings, Events, & Presentations

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

ASI Meetings

Feb 2021

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- 17 Swearing in (First ASI Meeting as VPAA)
- 24 ASI Working Board
- 24 A&L Touch-Base
- 25 EVP Touch-Base
- 25 EDU Touch-Base
- 25 UND Touch-Base
- 26 NSM Touch-Base

March 2021

- 1 Board Study Hour
- 3 ASI Formal Board Meeting
- 10 ASI Working Board
- 12 Provost Perez Meeting
- 15 Board Study Hour
- 17 Formal Board Meeting

Committees

Feb 2021

- 8 Green Team
- 22 Green Team
- 25 Faculty Senate

March 2021

- 3 Student Academic Senate
- 4 Faculty Senate
- 8 Green Team
- 9 Executive Committee
- 16 Finance and Budget

Campus Events

Feb 2021

- 5 ASI How to Run for Student Government Workshop
- 5 Honors Program Convocation
- 24 Mandatory Candidate Workshop

March 2021

- 9 Mandatory Ethics Workshop
- 11 A Year of COVID-19 at Sac State Panel
- 16 On the Rise: The Campaign for Sacramento State
- 16 Outstanding Faculty Awards

Classroom/Club Presentations

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