

To: ASI Board of Directors

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Subject: September Board Report

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News:

The Science Complex officially has opened on 9/18/2019. I attended the Grand Opening with the rest of the board. It amazes me that one of the previous ASI NSM directors, Melissa Bardo, has advocated for the necessity of opening a new science building a few years ago and it has become to be in our time, this shows the strength of our voices and the impact we can have.

Committee Updates:

NSM Academic Council: I have attended the NSM Academic Council meeting on 9/10/2019 and had the chance to meet the NSM college dean and the various departments' representatives. A Council Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Committee member has been elected.

Student Social Justice and Equity: the first meeting of the semester was held on 9/16/2019. The members had presented themselves and their purpose of joining the committee. Possible Diversity forum and collaboration opportunities has been discussed.

Committee on Diversity and Equity: I have been appointed to CODE as the ASI student representative on 9/11/2019. I have yet to hear from the chair.

Strategic Priority Updates:

1.5.1 Promote the CHESS Conference Attendance

Have not yet started.

2.2.2 Advocate to have ASI info on My Sac State Channel

Have not yet started.

4.1.1 Promote Career/academic focused campus programs

Currently exploring the upcoming events in the college

4.1.2 Assess the feasibility of an online platform compiling career/academic initiatives across campus partners

Have not started yet. But I think there is a possibility to work with computer science students on the project.

4.1.3 Investigate current strategies being used by departments to support career/academic success

Have discussed with the college dean the college's strategic priorities and strategies that will be implemented to help students succeed.

4.1.3 Assess the feasibility of interdisciplinary Alumni/Professional speaker program

Will be discussing an alumni forum with the Science Educational Equity Program to assess the feasibility of the alumni speaker program.

Events:

9/06/2019 DRC Open House
9/12/2019 ASI Block Party
9/13/2019 ASI Feel Good Fridays
9/18/2019 Ernest Shannon Science Complex
9/20/2019 ASI leadership Platform

College News:

I am currently working on reestablishing the NSM Joint Council, and planning for the NSM club Kick-Off event. So far, 13 clubs from across all majors have enthusiastically agreed to join the Joint council and take part of the kick-off event. I am still looking for students to fill the joint council officer positions. The associate dean, Dr. Shannon Datwyer, has agreed to be the academic advisor of NSMJC.

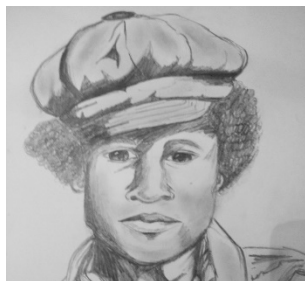
Reflection and Advice:

Lately, I have been looking back on how I have changed and grown over the past four years in college. I have realized, that the person I am now is different in many ways than the person I was then. When I entered college. I used to be a shy students who preferred to stay in a well-defined comfort zone; I did not feel that I can fit in. However, I grew to be convinced that being different is what empowered me, I wanted to be the voice of others. I wanted to become stronger and break that barrier that I for a long time have held up and hid behind.

Remember that you are an amazing person, and that you can fit in. Discover the space that empowers you and seek to find people who will support your journey, whether they were students, professors, or mentors. Have the confidence to step out of your comfort zone and be the beautiful person you are.

Progress:

For those who don't know, I am an art minor. I am currently taking painting classes, and wanted to share my progress. I am convinced that indeed nothing is easy, and progress only comes with hard work.



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