

**To: ASI Board of Directors**

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**Subject: September 2019 Board Report**

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Over the summer the CARES Office added a second case manager named Jessica Thomas. Jessica is Made at Sac State. She earned her Master's in Social Work here a couple of years ago and has been working in the community with folks who are housing and food insecure since then. She's a great addition to the CARES Team and she came on board just in time because Danielle Munoz needed to take family leave until October to care for her grandmother who was a victim of the El Paso shooting this summer. Danielle will be back on October 7<sup>th</sup> and we are giving her all our support.

This year's President's barbecue saw over 7000 people. It was the biggest community event we've held outside of a sports or graduation event and it went very well. Another piece of good news is that it was a zero waste event. We successfully diverted 92% of all waste materials from that event from the landfill. Especially for the size of the gathering, this was an impressive result that took a lot of effort. Proud of our Sac State community for working to be as green as possible!

We just received information from the Chancellor's Office that we'll need to complete a proposal to apply for the money allocated to the CSU by the legislature for Basic Needs Rapid Rehousing. The deadline for the RFP is October 18<sup>th</sup> so we'll be working on that for the next few weeks.

The search for a new Director of Academic Advising is nearing the end. Four finalists will be interviewing on campus and we'd really like student feedback on each candidate so if any of you could commit to attending the open forums that would be fantastic. Here's a list of when, where and who:

- Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – Shonda Goward
  - 4:30pm – 5:00pm
  - University Union 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – Canyon Room
- Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Shawn Ryan
  - 4:00pm – 4:30pm
  - University Union 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – Canyon Room
- Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Denise Hamilton
  - 4:00pm – 4:30pm

- University Union 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – Canyon Room
- Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Miesha Williams
  - 4:45pm – 5:15pm
  - University Union 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Walnut Room

The goal is to get the new director started by October 1. So we really need your feedback!

**Updates:**

The Centers for Diversity and Inclusion is hosting Green and Gold Speaker Dr. Nazia Kazi on September 17 at 6pm in the Ballroom. Dr. Kazi will speak on “Islamophobia, Race, and Global Politics.”

The campus-wide Diversity Council is sponsoring Coffee and Community on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> in the Cottonwood Suite. It's an easy way to get some free coffee while getting to know some of our campus community members.

Hornet Weeks of Welcome continues. Attached please find the calendar of this year's events. This was the first year that the planning and execution of WOW was turned over in its entirety to a student. Cole Carman managed this huge undertaking out of the Dean of Students Office and has done a fantastic job. It's my hope to continue having WOW run by students, going forward.

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