

To: ASI Board of Directors

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General Information

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A Special Note to Our Hornets

Hello Hornets,

I cannot believe this year is finished! I just want to thank my constituents from the bottom of my heart. I am so blessed to have served as director of Arts for the 2020-2021 Academic Year! This year has tested us like no other! This was the first full year where we had online classes. Zoom University...as some of us called it. We survived and continued to grow in our education! As the summer begins, please take this time to give yourself the well-deserved break you need! Go on a walk, Binge watch your favorite show, treat yourself; maybe go on a retail therapy trip. During this summer, I will plan to continue to advocate for the needs of our students! This year has taught us that even when we're apart; when we want to bring forth change, we use our voices to come together. This year has also taught us that we are strong and made it through.

Also, Congraduation to all my A&L seniors! Great job on your academic success! Have a wonderful summer!

*Sincerely,
Joseph Sais*

Internal Committee Accomplishments

Committee # 1: ASI Memorial Scholarship Committee-The committee is in charge of awarding and marketing the five memorial scholarships. The Scholarships include the Shaun Lumachi, Ron Tanton, Arnulfo Lara, Chris Ramos and Bradley Bayless scholarships. We met during the fall and graded scholarships. We had a scoring sheet where we were able to score the applicants based on how well they answered the questions for the scholarship.

Committee # 2: Lobby Corps-The Sac State Lobby Corps is the advocacy branch of ASI and serves as a policy analysis and advisory committee to the ASI Board of Directors. It is comprised of Sacramento State students who lobby at the local, state, and federal levels. I joined late Spring semester; So, I was only able to hear a few legislation items that would help students. Due to this committee; I joined the CHESS Conference, and was able to learn more about lobbying.

Committee # 3: Student Social Justice and Equity Council-Shall be responsible for presenting to the ASCSUS Board of Directors issues pertaining to social justice and equity, which may or may not be directly related to education.

In the fall we held a forum called "Together we Rise: A discussion about Police Presence in our community." Which Helped students express how they felt around their community. We also, hosted a webinar that helped showcase The Intersection of Race and the Environment.

University Committee Accomplishments

Committee # 1: State Hornet Publication Board:

The purpose of this committee is to outline the organization, structure, functions and responsibilities of the State Hornet, a student-run newspaper serving California State University, Sacramento, and the relationship of the State Hornet to the campus. The Publications Board will act as the publisher of the State Hornet. The chair of the Publication Board will be elected yearly from the board (with the exclusion of the State Hornet editor in chief) by the board. We elected the EIC for next year, and took a look at the 5-year plan that would ensure the success of the State Hornet. We also met and were able to discuss the expansion of the newsroom where we found an area in Del Norte Hall

Committee #2: Green & Gold Speaker Series: The Green and Gold Speaker series features scholars, artists, writers and others whose work reflects Sac State's commitment to fostering a welcoming environment. I will be on this committee for the next school year. We have met and suggested names for the 2021-2022 academic year. When we finalize the list of names, we will choose who will be on the series.

2020-2021[Director of Arts & Letters] Strategic Priorities

1.1 -Survey all students to identify areas of financial hardships with a particular focus on Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), first generation college students, and underserved students- Contacted student groups and heard issues pertaining with the BIPOC students in my college.

2 .1.1- Assess the feasibility of holding donation drives and food distribution events in collaboration with campus centers and programs - Received marketing materials to promote on our social media. - Promoted ASI's annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive -, Food Pantry Updates, Emailed Department Chairs about the said events

3.1.2- Continue the "Buzz the Ballot Campaign" for the upcoming 2020 elections - created script for promotional video. Then remembered and submitted my section for said video.

3.6.1 Pursue the possibility of instituting cultural humility/antiracism modules, both on the CSUS campus as well as across the CSU system -Advocacy form for modules submitted to CSSA -Currently collaborating with the Division of Inclusive Excellence on piloting modules utilizing Vector Solutions: Diversity Edu Modules -Priority is complete and ongoing.

Noteworthy Events and Initiatives

ASI Events

11/09/20 Together We Rise: Student Forum

11/18/20 ASI Fall Forum

02/05/21 How to Run for ASI Office

04/19/21 The Intersection of Race and the Environment

University/Constituent Events

11/10/20 DiAngelo "Seeing Racial Waters" Workshop with Dr. John Johnson

01/30/21 Beach Hut Deli W/ Phi Mu

04/10/21 Theatre Dance Sampler

04/16/21 A&L Admitted Students Welcoming Booth

05/07/21 All People's Recognition Ceremony

Classroom Presentations

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04/05/21 Theatre 173

04/06/21 Theatre 174

04/06/21 JOUR 135

04/07/21 JOUR 153

ASI Video Sent out to A&L

Club Presentations

01/12/21 Alpha Psi Lambda

03/23/21 Lambda Pi Eta