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To: ASI Board of Directors

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Subject: April-May 2022 Board Report

General Information

Office Hours:

Office hours are held in Room 3250, Government Office, 3rd Floor University Union. Office hours are posted on [ASI Website](#), and are mentioned below:

Monday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Room 3250, Government Office, 3rd Floor, University Union

*Available on Zoom or in person outside of office hours by appointment

List of activities that took place during my office hours, below:

- Met with other directors to develop an action plan for fulfilling strategic priorities and to plan out details for upcoming events.
- Replied to ASI related e-mails.
- Worked on NSMJC related items.

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A Special Note to Our Hornets

Hello Hornets,

I hope all of you are doing well and taking care of yourselves as we gear up for finals week.

This year has flown by in the blink of an eye, and I am full of bittersweet emotions while writing this board report because I can't believe it is going to be my last. I am so grateful for all the ways I have grown during this journey, and thankful to everyone who was a part of it. This experience will always have a special place in my heart.

I wish you all a healthy, happy and successful life ahead.

As always, Stingers Up!

Best Wishes,
Isha Bindal

Internal Committee Updates

Student Wellness, Safety and Sexual Assault Awareness Committee

The committee promoted campus events related to student wellness and sexual assault prevention including the Out of The Darkness Walk, Take Back the Night event, Denim Day and May as Mental Health Awareness month.

University Committee Updates

Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Centre Planning Committee

The committee met on April 18. We discussed program initiatives and services that students want the APIDA Center to provide. The center is scheduled to open in Fall 2022 in Lassen Hall. They are currently hiring APIDA Center Program Assistants and Peer Leaders. This was the last meeting of the semester and the committee will now convene in Fall.

Grade Appeals Panel

There were 3 appeals that were to be evaluated this semester. They have been completed and the recommendation letters have been mailed.

Strategic Priority Updates

ASI board of Directors voted on 2021-2022 Strategic Priorities on September 15, and I have been appointed to these priorities, whose updates are as follows:

1.1.3 Promote Alumni Center & Alumni Associations initiatives on social media

~ Shared promotional posts on Instagram.

1.2.1 Host at least (2) two academic specific events

~ Academic event for Spring semester was held on April 29th.

1.3.1 Promote internship, job & volunteer opportunities on social media

~ Shared promotional posts on Instagram.

1.3.2 Collaborate with campus partners to support their efforts with internship and volunteer opportunities

~ Held meeting with Career Centre for December 2nd to determine best form of support.

2.1.2 Promote financial resources through social media and marketing

~ Shared resources and scholarship opportunities on Instagram.

2.2.1 Advocate for student wellness regarding COVID-19

~ Encouraged following COVID-19 safety guidelines and promoted different health resources available to students on Instagram.

~ Tabled alongside ASI Free Grocery Pop Up in April and May and distributing ASI neck gators, COVID self-testing kits and sanitizers.

3.2.1 Advocate for culturally competent & diverse mental health counsellors

~ Held meeting with Ronald Lutz (Director of Counselling) on November 5th to determine the feasibility of diverse counsellor hiring. Follow-up meeting was held on May 6th.

3.4.2 Explore, with campus partners, the establishment of healing circles

~ Held meeting with Katherine Betts (Bias Response Director), Dr. Tina Jordan (Director of Peer and Academic Resource Center and Guardian Scholars Program) on November 19th to advocate for regular healing circles on campus in the Spring.

4.1.2 Promote ASI positional accounts

- ~ Shared posts from all different ASI accounts on Instagram.
- ~ Took over Sac State ASI official Instagram account on November 17th.

4.4.1 Increase student engagement with CSSA through their meetings and initiatives

- ~ Attended CSSA plenary for three hours on 6th November

5.1.1 Share Food Pantry & Free Groceries Pop Up information

- ~ Made a promotional reel for the ASI pop up pantry and shared the ASI food pantry and grocery pop up information on Instagram.

5.1.2 Support CARES office on housing initiatives

- ~ Shared promotional posts on Instagram.
- ~ Collaborated for Basic Needs Resource Fair

5.1.3 Work with campus administration to advocate for State Basic Needs and mental health funding allocation.

- ~ Held meeting to discuss the allocation of State Mental Health and Basic Needs funds with multiple campus representatives which was followed up with a detailed allocation plan presentation by SHCS at the ASI Board Meeting on December 1st.

5.1.4 Promote and advocate for initiatives to bridge the digital divide

- ~ Shared promotional posts about the Hornet Laptop Discount Program on Instagram.

Meetings, Events, & Presentations

List of the events, presentations, and meetings I attended, below.

ASI Meetings

April 2022

- 1 Student Wellness, Safety and Sexual Assault Awareness Committee Meeting
- 1 Associate Dean for Student Success for NSM Search Committee Meeting
- 4 Associate Dean for Student Success for NSM Search Committee Meeting
- 4 Meeting with Associate Dean of NSM, Dr. Yinfa Ma
- 6 ASI Board Meeting
- 8 Associate Dean for Student Success for NSM Search Committee Meeting
- 11 Meeting with Associate Dean of NSM, Dr. Yinfa Ma
- 12 Basic Needs Resource Fair
- 13 ASI Board Meeting
- 15 Student Wellness, Safety and Sexual Assault Awareness Committee Meeting
- 18 Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Centre Planning Committee Meeting

- 18 Student Trustee (Maria Linares) meeting with ASI
- 20 ASI Board Meeting
- 21 ASI 65th Anniversary Celebration
- 22 ASI President Evaluation
- 23 Grade Appeals Panel Meeting
- 25 Meeting with Associate Dean of NSM, Dr. Yinfa Ma
- 26 ASI 65th Anniversary Alumni Panel
- 27 ASI Board Meeting
- 29 Student Wellness, Safety and Sexual Assault Awareness Committee Meeting

May 2022

- 2 Meeting with Associate Dean of NSM, Dr. Yinfa Ma
- 4 ASI Board Meeting
- 11 ASI Board Meeting
- 11 ASI Board End of Year Celebration

Campus Events

April 2022

- 12 Basic Needs Resource Fair
- 21 ASI 65th Anniversary Celebration
- 26 ASI 65th Anniversary Alumni Panel
- 28 Silent Disco

Classroom Presentations

04/06/2022 Biology 2 – Activity Section 13

NSM Academic Council

The NSM Academic Council is working on creating a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion working group to aid in the college better aligning with the University on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Some faculty are concerned about the higher DFW rates in their classes this semester compared to pre-pandemic numbers they saw, and the council has heard testimonials to pandemic learning from faculty and student perspectives. This is an issue that is actively being looked at by the council and discussions will continue to find the best way to lower these numbers and provide students and faculty the support needed to improve learning as the transition from pandemic, online learning back to in person settings.

NSM Joint Council

No new updates.