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To: ASI Board of Directors

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General Information

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A Special Note to Our Hornets

Hello Hornets!

I hope all of you are doing well! We are almost to the end of the semester, and we made it! YAY! This report highlights everything I did this past month, and I would say it was probably the most productive month I've had in terms of ASI so far. I started to work on two of the strategic priorities that I feel most passionate about including advocating for more culturally competent counsellors and healing circles on campus. I will keep you all updated through my board reports, but as of now I have had meetings with multiple campus representatives, and we are working towards fulfilling these priorities. I am also excited about two of our upcoming events before the semester ends! The first one is the NSM Joint Council Kick Off which is going to be held on November 30th from 1:00– 3:00 pm in the Guy West Plaza outside Sequoia Hall where you will have an opportunity to learn about the different clubs and resources within the college of NSM. The second is an academic specific event for all majors on December 2nd from 12:00-2:00 pm in Room 1001 in the Tschannen Science Complex where you will be hearing from three amazing speakers on how to succeed in your careers. Oh, and you also get free food and gift cards for attending!

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As always, I highly encourage you all to attend out weekly board meetings (held in the Green & Gold Room in the University Union) where you can ask questions and voice any concerns you may have to the ASI Board of Directors.
Wishing all of you a successful semester and a great year ahead!

Best Wishes,
Isha Bindal

Internal Committee Updates

Student Wellness, Safety and Sexual Assault Committee
Had 3 meetings in the last month – October 29, November 5 and November 12.
I was unable to attend the meeting on October 29, but I was updated on what was done and the other members prepared condom bags for tabling.
On November 5, instead of a regular meeting, we tabled at the Well and distributed condom bags.
On November 12, we had a meeting where we discussed our plans for next semester including the possibility of having a Ted Talk on sexual assault awareness, recruiting new members for the committee and tabling again outside the dorms.

University Committee Updates

Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Centre Planning Committee
Had a meeting on November 2nd, where we voted on the logo preferences for the APIDA Centre and discussed some of the main issues that impact the community.

Grade Appeals Panel
Had our second meeting on November 4th, during which we finalized our decision about the professor's response to our final opinion on the grade appeal. The grade was finalized, and the case was resolved.

Strategic Priority Updates

ASI board of Directors voted on 2021-2022 Strategic Priorities on September 15, and I have been appointed to the following priorities:

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 Fall semester taking place on December 2nd.

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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

~ Scheduled 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.

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.

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.
Gained 51 new followers last month.
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 information on Instagram.

5.1.2 Support CARES office on housing initiatives

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 campus representatives from SHCS and

5.1.4 Promote and advocate for initiatives to bridge the digital divide

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

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Office Hours

Office hours are held in Room 3250, Government Office, 3rd Floor University Union. Office hours are posted on ASI Website.
List activities that took place during your office hours, below

- Replied to all ASI related emails.
- Held meetings for the NSMJC Kick Off Event.
- Met with other directors to develop an action plan for fulfilling strategic priorities.

Meetings, Events, & Presentations

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

ASI Meetings

October 2021
27 ASI Board Meeting

November 2021
1 Meeting with Associate Dean of NSM, Dr. Yinfa Ma
2 APIDA Council Meeting
3 ASI Board Meeting
4 Grade Appeals Panel Meeting
5 Student Wellness, Safety and Sexual Assault Awareness Committee Meeting
5 Meeting with Dean of NSM, Dr. Lisa Hammersley
5 Meeting with Director of Counselling, Mr. Ronald Lutz
6 CSSA Plenary
8 Meeting with Associate Dean of NSM, Dr. Yinfa Ma
10 ASI Board Meeting
12 FYE Meet the Majors Event
12 Meeting with Bryce Redmann (Sac State Alumni) for being a speaker at the academic specific event
15 BOD Check-In with Sandra Gallardo
15 BOD Evaluation with ASI President
15 Interview with The State Hornet about Strategic Priority 3.2.1
17 Meeting with Associate Dean of NSM, Dr. Yinfa Ma
17 ASI Board Meeting
19 Meeting for establishment of healing circles
19 Meeting with Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Mr. David Zeigler

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Campus Events

October 2021
28 South Asian Social Event
28 American River Courtyard Haunted House

NSM Academic Council
Update from my designee Kacey Sozzi - This past month the Academic Council completed the review and editing of the Appointment, Retention, Tenure and Promotion (ARTP) and is in the process of sending the document out to faculty for a vote before sending it to the university for approval and adoption.

NSM Joint Council
The NSM Joint Council has officially been re-established.
We will be holding our first meeting in person during the Spring semester.
The NSM Joint Council Kick Off event is scheduled for November 30th.