

To: ASI Board of Directors

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Subject: March/April Board Report

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I'd like to share that Bill Macriss will be taking over in an interim capacity as Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students. Bill will sit in on the rest of this year's ASI meetings as a member of the public to familiarize himself with the Board's process for when he assumes his role as President's Designee to the next ASI Board. I will continue to serve as President's Designee for the remainder of this semester. Please join me in welcoming Bill to ASI.

The university has decided to postpone the recruitment of a new Director for the Centers for Diversity and Inclusion and instead move those three centers to the oversight of Viridiana Diaz, effective June 1, 2020. This move will help align CDI more closely with the Serna Center, the Dreamer Resource Center and CAMP.

Here are a few updates on some of the changes and offerings made to better serve students during the shelter in place order (hyperlinks included wherever possible):

Academic Advising:

The academic advising center is offering zoom advising to all students with a simple click of a button found at <https://www.csus.edu/student-life/academic-advising/>. Appointments are available from 8 am to 7 pm!

Advising continues to offer Virtual Smart Planner and Toolbox workshops. They're listed in the attachment.

Using social media platforms @ sacstateacad to provide up to date information on important date, deadlines and information to students.

Housing and Residence Life:

Students who chose to leave on campus housing will be offered a refund for the remainder of the semester from the date of check out. Approximately 250 students have remained in the residence halls

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and have been consolidated into the two newest buildings to make social distancing easiest and most comfortable. Remaining RAs have been split up into three programming groups.

1. A hall decoration committee responsible for making door decorations for all residents and creating bulletin boards.
2. A passive programming committee responsible for a social media campaign utilizing Instagram.
3. An active programming committee responsible for creating virtual programs for residents to participate in via Zoom.

Career Center:

The Sacramento State Career Center is hosting a Virtual [Fun in the Sun Internship & Job Fair](#) on Friday, April 24 through the [Sac State Career Network](#), a partnership of the Alumni Association and Career Center.

The Career Center is also hosting a variety of virtual [career counseling services](#) for students seeking help with career exploration, job and internship search, resumes and cover letters, interview preparation, employer networking, and preparing for graduate or professional school for their career choice.

Multiple online career resources have been compiled into [a web page with information on virtual events and career, job, and internship resources during the time of COVID-19](#).

Also, the Career Center was invited by ASI to do an “Instagram Takeover” on May 1. Looking forward!

CARES:

Please check out the comprehensive resource documents created for students by the CARES staff: [COVID-19 Resources For Students](#)

Food and toiletries emergency fund: Students can receive \$200 for the months of March and April <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/crisis-assistance-resource-education-support/>

Emergency housing: On campus emergency housing continues to be available through May 15th, 2020 for anyone unexpectedly displaced due to COVID. Email cares@csus.edu

CalFresh application assistance: Students can email for an appointment. CARES is offering application assistance over the phone. Email calfreshsacstate@csus.edu for a phone appointment.

Case managers are available Monday-Friday 8am-5pm to help with resource navigation or advocacy in the event of an academic disruption. Email cares@csus.edu

Student Organizations and Leadership:

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Student Organizations and Leadership is continuing meetings with student org leaders. Leadership Initiative workshops and events from our campus partners continue over Zoom (these can be found on the calendar on [Hornet Hub](#)).

SOAL continues to host live events and engagement on their Instagram account at @sacstatesoal. All of our resources for things to do while social distancing, relevant how to's, student org operations, and more are being posted every few days on our blog at <https://sacstateleadership.wordpress.com>

Orientation:

New student orientation will go fully virtual this year. Reservations have started for incoming transfer students. First year students will begin at the start of May.

The best resources for details about new student orientation are:

WEBSITE: [Csus.edu/orientation](https://csus.edu/orientation)

INSTAGRAM: [csustransfersFall20](#) (transfers) and [SacState2024official](#) (first years)

Services to Students with Disabilities:

SSWD has been busy distributing an extra \$25,000 in federal grant aid to students with disabilities so if you know any students with disabilities who need financial assistance at this time, please make sure to direct them to SSWD (email marylee.vance@csus.edu) to see if they qualify for this targeted grant.

SSWD is still managing legally mandated accommodations for all eligible students and they're beginning to receive documentation from students planning on attending in the fall. The department is very much up and running so don't hesitate to email if you need assistance.

Dreamer Resource Center:

The Dreamer Resource Center (DRC) continues to offer free immigration legal consultations via Zoom or over the phone. The service is available to students and their family members every Friday, from 9am to 5pm, and immigration attorneys can assist with DACA renewals, family-based petitions, screenings for status adjustment, and other immigration related needs.

Additionally, other DRC services (e.g. financial aid guidance, scholarship resources, etc.) are still available virtually. To schedule an immigration consultation or access DRC services, call 916-278-7734 or contact erikramirez@csus.edu.

Serna Center:

The Serna Center encourages all students to participate in the #CountAtSacState challenge and the #CensusArtContest. Information for both challenges can be found on the Sacramento State Census [website](#) and by following @SacStateSernaCenter on Instagram and The Serna Center at Sacramento

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State on Facebook. The prize giveaways include a new Apple MacBook Pro and new Apple iPad Pro.”
For one-on-one assistance to fill out your Census form, please contact any of the student Census Ambassadors representing hard-to-count communities or email serna-01@csus.edu

Please know that we are all here to help and continue to work hard to find new and interesting ways of doing that, despite restrictions. If you or anyone you know is struggling in a way that feels difficult to manage, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly or to any of the areas listed here. This is not something we are meant to handle alone and there is a lot of help available. You have no idea how many people want to help and support you, now and always. Please reach out, even if you're not sure how we could help. We're good at figuring things out!

Though this transition has been incredibly challenging, I have been moved and inspired by the creativity and resilience of our Hornet community. The grace and decency extended by most people has been humbling and the commitment that our faculty, staff and brilliant students have evidenced is extraordinary. I couldn't be prouder to be part of this community and I wish you all peace and health as we continue to navigate these challenges together.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at beth.lesen@csus.edu.