

To: ASI Board of Directors

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News

Greetings Hornets!

November has just begun, but – in the blink of an eye – we will be deep into the holiday season and what may look like a lot of time on a calendar will fly by very quickly. In this month of thanks, I want you to know I am so very grateful for the opportunity to work with such an incredible board and to be part of a larger Hornet family committed to supporting our students any way we can during these final weeks of the semester.

Here are a few items that I hope each of you can help me share with your constituents over the next several days and weeks:

Flu Clinic is Available

Flu Vaccines are here! Free vaccines will be available on Tuesdays through Nov. 30, 2021, from 10am – 2pm at the Student Health & Counseling Services located in the WELL. The flu vaccine this year is FREE to Sacramento State students, staff and faculty. Flu vaccines are vital to keeping up our immunity, preventing the spread of influenza, and protecting ourselves and others from serious illness and complications from influenza.

Please visit the Student Health & Counseling website for continued updates and information regarding our services. Students can visit the Patient Portal (located on the main home page of Student Health & Counseling Services) for updates on services available or contact them at (916) 278-6461.

Peer Counseling is Available

Students are experiencing a great need for mental and emotional health services with the continued pandemic and returning to the “new normal” this semester. Please encourage students, and yourselves, to be kind, gentle, and have grace as we head into the holiday season.

Peer counseling is now available for 30-minute appointments at Sac State and is a great resource for students seeking mental and emotional support. Peer counseling is a non-judgmental space to provide peer support for students to speak confidentially about what's on their minds or to check in on their mental health. Peer counselors are helpful listeners and trained to support peers through their mental health concerns. You can meet the peer counselors and sign up for an appointment at: https://csus.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9WAMNNY2syE9g7b.

Please note, peer counselors are not licensed professionals. If in need of professional support or assistance for student mental health, contact Student Health & Counseling Services at 916-278-6461.

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HEERF Emergency Funds Update

Since August 26, 2021, the Crisis Assistance & Resource Education Support (CARES) office has distributed just under \$500,000 in Supplemental HEERF monies to students this semester to assist with campus debt, food and housing (including utilities) assistance, health care, child care, technology, transportation and course materials. This is above and beyond the additional disbursements that went out to students earlier this semester.

The purpose of Supplemental HEERF monies is to provide financial relief to students who have experienced loss of income or added expenses as a result of the pandemic. Congress intended for students to use the funds for expenses related to disruption of their studies caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Note: HEERF II emergency grants are when the federal government provides funding to college and universities. This is not an ongoing federal aid program.

Hornet Laptop Discount Program Update

While I posted information regarding the Hornet Laptop Discount Program in my last report, I wanted to share with the board that of the \$5 million allocated for this program, we have used roughly \$3.4 million thus far (as of Oct. 22) to enhance student technology and availability. This program is scheduled to run through Mar. 22, 2022.

For more information on this program, please visit this page: <https://www.csus.edu/information-resources-technology/hornet-laptop-discount/>.