

To: ASI Board of Directors

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News

Greetings Hornets!

The first month of the semester has moved by quickly, but this September has been a significant one for the campus. The inaugural Convocation on Anti-Racism was a first-of-its-kind event for the campus and, along with the Anchor University initiative, have set the course for the 2020-21 school year. Today I would like to share the following updates with you:

Enrollment: The fall 2020 census (official fall numbers) occurred on Sept. 29 and the numbers are good! Sacramento State's total headcount (HC) for fall 2020 is 31,510, the highest total in school history. As comparison, last year's total (31,156) had previously been the largest campus population. After planning on a three-percent drop in enrollment due to the pandemic, we ended up increasing enrollment by over one percent.

Total Full Time Equivalent (FTEs) are at 27,553 and Resident FTEs for fall 2020 are at 26,984. We exceeded our planned FTEs target by over 3,900 FTEs, mainly due to high unit loads. While this number doesn't provide the campus additional funding from the state, it is an indication that our students are progressing to degrees and more timely graduations.

Residence Halls: As of Sept. Oct. 5, there are a total of 403 students living in the Residence Halls. Incidents reports have been quite a bit higher this year due to increased monitoring for COVID-19 protocols. The efforts seem to have paid off in the early part of the year. In the first month of the semester, a total of eight students have been placed in quarantine.

Conduct: As might be expected in a virtual environment, online cheating cases are on the upswing. Here is a snapshot of conduct cases as of Oct. 1 over the last three years:

- 2020/21 - 26 cases completed on October 1, 2020. Another 28 in active process and another 21 under investigation moving to active next week. Most of those 75 cases will be closed before the end of October and new cases will be added.
- 2019/20 – 26 cases completed on October 14, 2019. In that year we did not get to 75 cases closed until November.
- 2018/19 – 26 cases completed on October 12, 2019. In this year we did not get to 75 cases closed until February.

Strategic Priority Updates

Through the first month of fall semester 2020, the CARES office has distributed a total of \$76,861 to students in need. Categories of support include: child care; course materials; food; health; housing; technology; transportation; and utilities. Monies disbursed come from a combination of funds (HEERF federal grants, state legislated dollars, and fundraised accounts). Since each of these areas have fund limitations and specific areas of required coverage, the CARES office works with each student to provide support so students can access the correct funds. The CARES team also utilizes resources from the various funds, within regulations, to make sure our student's needs are being met at the highest level possible.

Events/Calendar

Restorative Justice Event

Project Rebound will co-host a mediated conversation on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 4:30pm, that highlights the healing journey of Christian Branscombe and Gunner Johnson (a student at Sacramento State). At 20 years old, Gunner survived a home invasion and robbery perpetrated by Christian. During the incident, Gunner was shot twice and his friend was killed. Through a Restorative Justice Program known as a Healing Dialogue, Gunner took part in a face-to-face conversation with Christian nearly 25 years after the incident.

The healing journey (part of a CNN documentary) will be screened following a conversation between Christian and Gunner. Project Rebound would like to invite you to join this dialogue of redemption, forgiveness and healing. Sign up for this event at: <https://project-rebound-event-healing-dialogue.eventbrite.com>.

Weeks of Welcome

This year's Virtual Weeks of Welcome concluded on Sept. 28 and was a success for the students and organizations that participated in the two-week event. In light of the unique virtual environment in which we currently reside, we are working to put together a second Virtual Weeks of Welcome for the Spring 2021 semester. More details to come!