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To: ASI Board of Directors

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Subject: October 2020 Board Report

General Information

Office Hours:

Thursday: 1:30pm – 3:30pm by appointment ONLY

Zoom Meeting ID: 760 0887 8240

Friday: 12:00pm – 2:00pm by appointment ONLY

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Schedule a meeting with me here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084aadad2da3f58-ssis>

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A Special Note to Our Hornets

Hello fellow Hornets!

This past few weeks have been bustling to say the least. With my course load, ASI duties and being a caregiver at home; I've had to reassess what a work-life balance looks like and finding a system that works best for me. With my main priority being my health, I am learning how to best

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divert my time amongst my other responsibilities like assignments, projects and my personal goals. I've incorporated *compassionate* practices in my work-life routine especially when I am feeling like I am not contributing as much as I want to to ASI. Practices like moving around at least every 30 minutes, replacing self-doubt with positive thoughts and getting enough sunlight. I wise counselor once told me, "how can I help other people when I am not taking care of myself first" and I carry that with me everyday. With that being said, I hope everyone is able to take a moment for themselves everyday.

Although I am not able to connect with as much students as I would like, the few students have talked to shared a sense of frustration and anxiety about trying to be successful and stay positive. I am glad I can talk and relate to these students while providing a positive outlook to our shared experience of attending college during a pandemic. My goal is to reach out and talk to more students about how ASI can help elevate stress and let them know of the initiatives aimed at improving our college experience.

Wishing you good health and prosperity,

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Internal Committee Updates

ASI Marketing Committee

-Next meeting on February 6, 2021

City Ambassadors

-Next meeting on October 22, 2020

-In need of more students to join and take on leadership positions

University Committee Updates

Capital Public Radio Committee

- On boarding orientation in September

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- NextGen 2020 project

Transportation Advisory Committee

-In the first meeting we discussed how will be transitioning to sticker parking passes to a virtual pass.

-Next meeting November 18,2020

Strategic Priority Updates

I am woking on nine priorities including: 1.3.1, 4.2.1, (clothing closest), 3.1.3, 3.4.1, 1.4.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3 and 3.5. I have met with my fellow board directors to work on mid-year priorities like investigating campus police and working with campus partners to facilitate leadership positions for our BIPOC community.

Current Project Updates

Artistic expression event with faculty in SSIS college

- Supporting and brainstorming with faculty who are associated with the SSIS Center on Race, Immigration and Social Justice create an event that weds our interest in race, immigration and social justice to artistic expression.
- The artistic subcommittee in the center met with the Mayors office to discuss funding for our event. We are proud and excited to be able to compensate all artistic that sign up to perform.

Researching Mental Health Support for Students of Color During and After the Coronavirus Pandemic

- My main priority this year is to focus on disparities experienced in the BIPOC community and how ASI can pass initiatives to address the stress and trauma that comes with social distancing and remote learning in 2020.

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- I have attended a few well-ness events put on by the MLK center and the DEGREES Program . These are amazing equity programs on campus that I plan on collaborating with.

Legislation for Joint Council

- The SSIS Joint committee basically has no foundation and it difficult to maintain for next directors . To alleviate the barriers of trying to organize with SSIS clubs, I am in the process of writing legislation that makes a Joint Council an ASI Committee that each director must chair. I am open to any suggestions if joint councils interests you or if you are a director that is struggling to get their Joint Council off the ground.
- Once the joint council is in effect, I plan to schedule a virtual study time where we study for 45 mins and then take break for 15 minutes to discuss any interesting topics we are studying for at least 2 hours once a week.

Legislation for three strikes policy

- In our ASCSUS OPERATING RULES, we have a “three strikes” policy. Not only is this policy punitive but it upholds institutionalized racism and ableism. The “three strikes law” in California has been proven to be rooted in racist criminalized language. It disproportionately effects brown and black by imposing a mandatory life sentence without parole on offenders convicted of certain crimes(most likely non-violent crimes).I believe this policy does not prevent Directors from committing an offense and only adds barriers to success. What constitutes as a strike is loosely outlined in the ASI operating rules leaving it up to the EVPs discretion. I am brainstorming a clearer outline of what constitutes a serious offense and hope to find a better way to “negatively” incentives a Director to fulfill their duties.

- **Office Hours**

Approved to make office hours appointment ONLY starting October 22,2020. I hope this will encourage students, faculty, etc to plan in advance to meet with me and increase turnout.

- Met with Deans of SSIS college to discuss where our priorities align and to brainstorm events.

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- Worked on projects above

Meetings, Events, & Presentations

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

ASI Meetings

September 2020

2 ASI Aquatics Center Director Presentation

2 ASI Working Board Meeting

9 ASI Board Meeting

15 TAC Meeting

16 ASI Working Board Meeting

16 Diverse Women in Political Science General Meeting

23 ASI Board Meeting

24 City Ambassadors meeting

30 Working Board Meeting

30 MLK scholar program Black cultural consciousness and community discussion

Campus Events

September 2020

3 University President's Address

8 DEGREES study skill workshop

14 The DEGREES project presents Battling Unconscious Bias

15 College of SSIS's "Calling Out Racism" (Panel Discussion)

17 BSU Presents Welcome Black resource fair

18 Political Science Department Open house

21 Student Academic success workshop

25 Queer Welcome 2020

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29 Fall 2020 Convocation: Advancing Our Commitment to Antiracism

ASI Presentations

September 2020

16- DWIPS club presentation