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General Information

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A Special Note to Our Hornets

Hello Hornets,

It has been an absolute pleasure and honor to serve you. This academic year has been quite a transition filled with trials and tribulations, but I am so proud of the effort everyone has put in to make the best of the situation. As we settle into Finals Week, I urge students to do constant check-ins with themselves and make sure to take a quick step away if feeling overwhelmed. If you ever need additional help, please contact Sac State's Student Health & counseling Service at (916) 278-6461. They are a great resource for promoting safety and well-being. We are nearing the finish line and I know you can do this!

I also wanted to give an update and mention that I have completed all of my strategic priorities. I will also be continuing to work on the College of Education Newsletter along with our Associate Dean and staff and faculty within the college to ensure that students stay up-to-date with the changes within the College of Education. This will also hopefully serve as a great resource for students to know how to get in touch with their student representative and what ASI has to offer (committee information, scholarships, etc.).

To finish off my last report, I am grateful to have had such an amazing opportunity to advocate for students. It has truly been a wonderful experience.

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Internal Committee Accomplishments

ASI Student Social Justice & Equity Council

- Have created a fall forum “Together We Rise” that focused on police presence within our communities
 - o Presented findings and report to the board during 2/2/2021 meeting
 - o [Fall 2020 Forum: "Together We Rise" Report](#)
- Have created a Spring event “The Intersection Between Race and the Environment: A Conversation About Environmental Justice”
 - o Presented findings and report to the board during 5/12/2021 meeting
 - o [SSJEC Spring 2021 Environmental Justice Event](#)
 - o Can view event at [The Intersection of Environment and Race-A Conversation About Environmental Justice on Vimeo](#)
- Meeting with Dr. Viridiana Diaz to promote events
 - o One of my responsibilities as the chair is to meet with the Director for the Centers for Diversity and Inclusion, and I was directed to meet with Dr. Viridiana Diaz whom I was told who oversees all of the diversity centers.
- Met with Patsy Jimenez to promote Spring 2021 event and discuss possible future collaborations

ASI Wellness, Safety, and Sexual Assault Committee

- Able to gain insight from Reva Wittenberg about “Out of the Darkness Event”
- Joined Out of the Darkness Team to log in activity
- Discussed the possibility of starting a social media account
 - o No further information provided

University Committee Accomplishments

Parent Advisory Council

- Monitor activity and updates with the Children’s Center

Grade Appeals

- Able to review appeals and deliberate

2020-2021 Director of Education Strategic Priorities

2.1.1- Assess the feasibility of holding donation drives and food distribution events in collaboration with campus centers and programs

- Received marketing materials to promote on our social media.
- Promoted Homecoming Food Drive
- Promoted ASI’s annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive
- Promoted the Great Hornet Cook-off, Food Pantry Updates, Nutrition Workshop Series, and Free Groceries Pop Up
- Promoted ASI Food Pantry Finals Week Hours and Summer Hours 5/17/2021

2.2.1- Support Wellness, Safety, and Sexual Assault Committee

- Shared graphic to support “Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence Amidst COVID-19” which included guest speakers such as the Director of Community Response for Weave (Marci Bridgeford).
- Promoted “Out of the Darkness” and “Share Your Light” challenge to help break stigmas around suicide and mental health.
- 4/7 registered for event and for team Sac State ASI Board and logged in activities
- Attended/watched “Out of the Darkness” social media event
- Promoted Denim Day on social media

3.1.3- Encourage activism expression by creating a space where students can be creative.

- Board member created legislation to support CRISJ Un/Equal Freedoms: Expressions for Social Justice art event.
- Attended CRISJ Art Committee meeting on 1/21 to collect ideas or ways to support.
 - Discussion of Art Call: “Un/Equal Freedoms: Expressions for Social Justice” where anyone can submit different kinds of artwork and mediums by the deadline of 2/15.
 - Using Sacramento News & Review (SNR) to promote event and applicants.
- Advertised event and exhibition on social media

3.4.1- Increase awareness of racial injustices, discrimination, and white fragility.

- Reached out to Dr. Johnson to collaborate on event
- Promoted ASI and College of Education Scholarships
- Promoted College of Education “Leading with Justice: March Series” that included topics on white fragility and racial injustice
- 5/10 held Cultural Humility Workshop with Dr. John Johnson
- Promoted event on social media

3.5.1- Review campus police department procedures

- Reviewed Campus Police policies and training
- Met with Chief Iwasa on 10/12/2020
- Met with Chief Iwasa about social media postings on 4/16/2021

4.2.1- Encourage BIPOC engagement with ASI Board of Directors Elections.

- 3/5 sent video about why students should vote in the ASI Elections.
- 3/10, Emailed Kalena and William Chen (SEO) for graphics to promote and encourage engagement in the ASI Elections.
- 3/10, received graphics to share on social media.
- 3/17, emailed ASI Elections graphics to ASI Board to share on social media
- 3/18, promoted Ballot Draw for ASI Candidates on social media
- 3/29, promoted ASI Elections Candidate Forums on social media

- 4/8 promoted ASI Elections to get students to vote

Noteworthy Events and Initiatives

Highlight any noteworthy events and initiatives that you have attended or planned

- My current initiative includes advertising the open ASI Director of Education position as much as I can before leaving the position. This way, I can aid in hopefully finding the next College of Education Director. I have been in constant contact with Dr. O'Hara, our Associate Dean as well as Dr. Sidorkin, our Dean to advertise the position as well. In our last meeting, I shared a message that could be sent through SacSend, so all students within the College of Education are aware of the vacancy.
- Faculty and staff are still working on putting together the College of Education Newsletter, and I am contributing by inputting important information in regard to ASI and its resources (committee information, scholarships, etc.). I am making sure that there will be a section dedicated to ASI and the ASI Director of Education so that students know who is serving as their student representative and how to get in contact with them.
- It was an amazing learning opportunity to participate in the Multicultural Center's 7-week Social Justice Leadership Seminar during the Fall 2020 semester. It helped me to build cultural competency, enhance my critical thinking in terms of societal structures, and build skills to promote positive social change.
Cultural Humility Workshop on 5/10 with Dr. John Johnson, the Director of Inclusive Excellence Learning was so enlightening. Learning these topics during the ASI Board Retreat was very interesting, so getting to dive deeper into the topic and discussion was just as amazing.
- Antiracism Convocation on 9/29/2021 was great event to promote Sac State becoming an Antiracist campus.
- The SSJEC events held on 11/9/2020 and 4/19/2021 was noteworthy as it highlighted all the hard work that the committee had been working on throughout the semesters. It was a learning experience that hopefully left many in attendance determined to advocate for social and environmental justice. We were able to collaborate and hold discussions with so many different people who serves as our panelists. Through these shared perspectives, thoughts, and experiences, we were able to build understanding and engage in meaningful conversation.
- The Out of the Darkness Walk on 4/15/2021 was a great way to virtually recognize and promote suicide prevention and awareness. Joining the ASI Team and logging in our activities was a fun way to use teamwork and raise awareness.
- The ASI Board Celebration on 5/12/2021 highlighted and celebrated all the hard work the board has done this year. Through the laughs and tears, we met for the last time to reflect on all we have accomplished and laugh about our experiences with one another.