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# Report to the ASI Board of Directors September 10, 2025 Division of Student Affairs Designee – Samuel N. Jones

#### Fall Opening/Returning Back to Campus – Student Affairs Update

#### Convocation

 Has been moved from the President's Division to Student Affairs. Campus Life subdivision handles planning the event. Convocation was held on Thursday, August 21.
 We had approximately 1,398 students and guests attend three separate ceremonies.
 The student RSV numbers were 988. Attendance continues to grow each year, and Spring Convocation is now being planned.

#### Hornet Nest Fest

 Has been moved from the President's Division to Student Affairs. Campus Life subdivision handles planning the event. Hornet Nest Fest continues to grow in popularity with nearly 5,738 RSVP number of students and guests. We registered 46 volunteers and 76 exhibitors. Numbers are still being finalized. Highlights of the event included: Sac State Marching Band, Athletics, Drumline & Stingerettes.

#### • Student Organization and Leadership

Welcomed over 250 students back to the Fall Leadership Conference held on August 19.
 The keynote speaker was Justin Knighten, graduate of Sacramento State, a FEMA communications leader, and advisor to everyone from U.S. presidents to community organizers.

#### Celebrating Anniversary

- The Union turned 50 this year. Hope you were able to attend the event on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 8pm. It was held at Serna Plaza. It was hot, but misters to keep people cool.
- The WELL turned 15 this year. Look out for celebration events. Join the WELLcomeback event scheduled for Friday, September 19 from 1pm 3pm.

#### • The Event Center in the WELL

 Scheduled to be completed by October 16<sup>th</sup>. The WELL staff is gearing up for recreational sports to be held in the center along with Athletics preparing for Men/Women's Basketball season. Check your email to be part of helping name the Event Center and a Hornet Wall. Details were sent out to students from the Union/WELL Staff.



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#### The Spirit Squirrel

MeWe will make their appearance during Homecoming week. Campus Programs will launch the campaign to find students interested in being the inaugural Spirit Squirrel. Auditions will occur September 15-26.

#### Cultural Academic Resource Centers (CARCs)

 Over the summer, the Centers were able to hire 17 interns and all Director level positions. The centers are fully staffed and Integrated Advising will occur in the Centers with the added staff. Please join the staff for the upcoming Open Housings:





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#### Basic Needs Center

o Located in the WELL, the BNC did a soft open on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Since the grand opening, BNC completed 169 appointments. On the first day 34 appointments were completed and as of Monday, there has been a 30% increase and continues to grow. During the experience at the BNC, students are being screen for CalFresh and there has been a 5% increase in scheduled CalFresh Application help. Most common products taken include pasta/past sauce, body wash, snacks, and shoes. The student feedback has been positive as noted by a comment from a student, "Ya! You have all of the ingredients for spam musubi! This is my comfort food, so I can have home away from home." The grand opening and ribbon cutting will take place on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Housing

 Students moved in on August 20 and 21. This was a two-day full move in process with 103% design occupancy currently at North Village. Hornet Commons opened at 92% occupancy. Residents had a full move-in week of events that included: Hornet First Night, Clear and Consent Training, Hornet Day at the Lake, and an RHA Pool Party.