

To: ASI Board of Directors

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Subject: October Board Report

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Message to the Hornet Family

Hello Hornets!

My name is Gabriella Santiago and I am your newly elected Director of Graduate Studies for the 2019-2020 academic year. A little background about me! I transferred to CSUS from American River College with an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education in 2016. I then graduated from Sacramento State in 2018 with my Bachelor's in Child Development and a minor in Counseling. I am currently in my second year of the Child Development Graduate Program.

In addition to my academics and work I do with ASI, I am a research assistant on campus, a substitute teacher and a Graduate Teaching Assistant at California Northstate University. If you have any questions about the roles I serve in, please don't hesitate to reach out.

I am very excited to represent the Graduate and Professional student population throughout this academic term. I will be focusing on providing resources to this group of students as well as creating a pipeline from undergraduate education to Graduate/Professional education.

I am a service leader and have secured my time and efforts to supporting our student body, so please reach out with any needs, ideas, or issues you have! I am excited to be a resource in any way I can!

Respectfully yours,

Gabriella Santiago
Director of Graduate Studies



News:

Upcoming Events:

- *Demystifying Graduate School: Unpacking the Mysterious Degrees*
 - o *Workshop #2: Demystifying the Graduate School Application Process*
 - *Wednesday, October 30th 3:30pm – 5pm, Multi-cultural center*
 - o *Workshop #3: Thriving as a Graduate Student of Color*
 - *Wednesday, November 13th 3:30pm – 5pm, Multi-cultural Center*
- *Pride Services!*
 - o *Queer Connect: Every Thursday 12p.m.-1p.m.*
 - o *Graduate Workshop Series: Third Wednesday of every month, 3:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.*
 - *Sign-up at the Pride Center*
- *Free Legal Immigration Consultations*
 - o *Riverfront Center 1027: 9a.m. – 5p.m.*
 - o *10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 12/6*
- *Peer and Academic Resource Center*
 - o *10/24: Overcoming Procrastination*
 - o *11/14: Dealing w/ Imposter Syndrome*
 - o *12/05: Self-Care*
 - o *12/06: Building Resiliency in College*
- *Panel of Diversity/Inclusion*
 - o *Different, Yet United: A panel on Diversity & Inclusivity in our community*
 - o *11/19, 3:00p.m. – 5p.m., Cottonwood suite I & II*

Committee Updates:

- *Faculty Senate Committee (University Committee)*
 - o *The committee has been discussing topics such as:*
 - *Field Trip policy issues, issues with staff work conditions and policy, issues with hiring practices within student affairs, and issues with the GRE requirement many of our programs still hold*
- *Campus Educational Equity Committee (University Committee)*
 - o *If there are events or concerns you have regarding equity on campus, please reach out so I am able to bring these forward during our meetings.*
 - o *During the past meeting, this committee discussed the issues surround graduate rates for individuals of color. Specifically African American males and the Hmong population on campus.*
- *Student Academic Senate (Internal Committee)*
- *Marketing Committee (Internal Committee)*
 - o *This committee discussed the current practices that are most successful in reaching students regarding ASI events. Additionally, we discussed the best ways to adequately utilize each of our departments to support each other.*
- *Student Social Justice & Equity Committee (Internal Committee)*
 - o *We have started brainstorming ideas for our Fall Diversity Forum as well as our Spring Diversity Collaboration.*
 - o *We are currently looking to appoint more students at-large. Please reach out if you're interested.*

- *Next meeting: 09/30/19, 3:00pm – 4:00pm, Walnut Rm., 2nd floor, UU.*
- *I have been appointed to the Diversity Council (University Committee)*
 - *We are currently looking for an additional student to appoint to Diversity Council, if you're interested, please reach out to me as soon as possible to set-up a meeting.*
 - *This council*
- *I have been appointed to the Graduate Council (University Committee)*

Strategic Priority Updates:

- 1.3.1 Work with OGA team to create a simplified voter information packet on propositions and how each office they are voting on matters to college students*
- *Met with Alyssa & Ethan regarding the information for this educational packet.*
- 1.6.2 Check feasibility of a carpool application for CSUS students to promote carpool while maintaining security*
- *Met with UTAPS regarding the contract they currently have with WAZE. We will be meeting with them to discuss potential incentives for this program, as well as the sustainability of this program.*
- 2.1.1 Increase number of student participation in Green Team*
- *Have marketed Green Team via word of mouth to constituents*
- 2.2.1 Collaborate with campus partners to promote ASI events and programs*
- *Have talked to the Pride Center, the Career Center and intend to discuss this priority with the SERNA center, CAMP, FYE, Women's Resource Center, and the DRC.*
- 2.2.2 Advocate to have ASI info on My Sac State Channel*
- *Scheduled meeting with Christine from IRT for 10/31 @ 3:30pm*
- 4.1.1 Promote Career/Academic focused campus programs*
- *Have already posted and shared information regarding Graduate Student Grant Proposal Writing Workshop Series, Job & Internship Fair, & Demystifying Graduate School via social media.*
- 4.1.2 Assess the feasibility of an online platform compiling career/academic initiatives across campus partners*
- *Scheduled meeting with Christine from IRT for 10/31 @ 3:30pm*
- 4.1.3 Investigate current strategies being used by departments to support career/academic success*
- *Met with my Dean regarding current projects and ongoing efforts to support students' career/academic success.*
- 4.2.2 Promote & Attend Diversity & Inclusion Events/Programs*
- *Promoted and attended the Scot Nakagawa Forum*
 - *Attempted to have the entirety of the board promote the event. Samantha (Director of SSIS) & Israel (VP of Academic Affairs) attended the event*

Events/Committees/Meetings Calendar:

Proof of classroom/club presentations, meetings with deans/department chairs, ASI events, etc.

<i>07/29/19</i>	<i>9am – 10am</i>	<i>Orientation</i>	<i>Met with Corinne for orientation</i>
<i>08/09/19-08/11/19</i>		<i>Board Retreat</i>	<i>Attended board retreat</i>

08/20/19	9am – 4pm	Leadership Conference	Attended leadership conference on campus
08/22/19	8am – 8:30am	New Staff Orientation	Attended new staff orientation in children's center
08/22/19	9am – 11am	President's Address	Attended President's address
08/27/19	6:30pm-8:00pm	Equal Pay Event	Attended Equal Pay Event
08/29/19	7:30pm-8:00pm	Classroom Presentation	Presented to two combined classes: CHDV 200 & CHDV 290
09/05/19	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Faculty Senate meeting	COMMITTEE MEETING
09/06/19	1:00pm-2:00pm	Dreamer Resource Center Open House	Attended Dreamer Resource Center Open House
09/06/19	2:00pm-3:00pm	ASI Meeting w/ Director of Policy	Attended meeting with Director of Policy
09/06/19	3:15pm-4:00pm	Classroom Presentation	Attended and participated in ASI Government Office Classroom presentation
09/11/19	9:00am-10:00am	Meeting w/ Dean	Met with Dr. Chevelle Newsome (Dean of Graduate Studies)
09/11/19	10:00am – 12:00pm	Diversity Committee Meeting	COMMITTEE MEETING
09/12/19	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Meeting w/ Israel	Met with Israel (ASI, VP of Academic Affairs) regarding academic issues in my college
09/13/19	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Meeting w/ Diversity Council Subcommittee	Met with subcommittee regarding priorities for the year and upcoming events
09/16/19	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Student Social Justice & Equity Council Meeting	CHAired COMMITTEE MEETING
09/18/19	4:00pm-5:30pm	Meet & Greet w/ Dean	Attended Meet and Greet with Deans
09/19/19	10:00am – 11:00am	Campus Educational & Equity Committee	COMMITTEE MEETING
09/19/19	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Faulty Senate meeting	COMMITTEE MEETING

09/20/19	2:00pm – 3:00pm	ASI Panel	Attended/participated in meet and greet portion of panel
09/21/19	9:00am – 11:00am	River Clean-up	Participated in Residence Hall river clean-up event
09/23/19	7:30am – 8:30am	Nuts & Bolts	Solidified my Joint Council – Graduate Student Advisory Council
09/26/19	11:00am – 12:00pm	Meet w/ UTAPS	Regrading Strategic Priority related to carpool app
09/30/19	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Student Social Justice & Equity Council Meeting	CHAired COMMITTEE MEETING Solidified several details about our upcoming event
10/03/19	10:00am – 12:00pm	Marketing Committee Meeting	Discussed the current interests of the marketing committee. The committee discussed upcoming events and best practices for reaching students with event information.
10/03/19	3:00pm-5:00pm	Faculty Senate meeting	COMMITTEE MEETING
10/07/19	1:30pm-2:00pm	Check-In w/ EVP	CHECK-IN re strategic priorities
10/08/19	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Meeting w/ Dr. Farmer	This meeting was to discuss current ways to get involved with the undergraduate population to bridge the gap between undergrad and graduate/professional education.
10/10/19	11:00am – 12:00pm	Meet the Majors Event	During this event, I was the individual representing the Education major. I had an amazing meeting with three different first year students, and am continuing to help two of them over the past week.
10/14/19	9:30am – 10:30am	Forum: Scot Nakagawa	This forum surrounded the issues white nationalism practices bring to the CSU systems and the historical context of White Nationalism in the U.S.
10/14/19	12:10pm – 12:40pm	Voter Registration Training	Met with Savannah from OGA to better understand the practice of registering individuals to vote.
10/14/19	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Student Social Justice & Equity Council	CHAired COMMITTEE MEETING
10/15/19	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Safe Zone Training	Completed Safe Zone Training
10/17/19	11:00am – 12:00pm	Community & Civic Engagement	Assisted with voter registration during this event. Registered three individuals to vote!

<i>10/17/19</i>	<i>3:00pm – 4:00pm</i>	<i>Faculty Senate Meeting</i>	<i>COMMITTEE MEETING</i>
<i>10/22/19</i>	<i>12:00pm – 2:00pm</i>	<i>“I Stand with Immigrants” Event</i>	<i>Attended this event to show support for the wonderful work the DRC is doing for the CSUS community.</i>

*If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (831) 235-4041
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