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A Special Note to Our Hornets

Hi hornets,

It has been an honor to serve you all this year as the ECS Director. Before this role, I had little experience with the ECSJC and ASI student government. Also, I had the challenge to work on this position while we were being transitioned fully online. One of my biggest goals was to keep clubs active creating events and serving students. However, it was difficult for students to not only manage this new learning experience but also being involved on campus. I did my best to help students with their academics but also leadership skills. I wanted to give a shout-out to all the ECS Club Officers at Sacramento State for keeping your clubs up and running. The ECS Joint Council couldn't have been operating without each one of you. In this report, you will find detailed information about the work I have done this past year as the Director of ECS.

This is my last semester at Sacramento State, it has been awesome to work for the board and represent every student in my college. If you are graduating this year, congratulation on being a step closer to achieving your goals. If you are a continuing student, keep working towards your goals. I am very proud of you all to have finished this semester!

Stingers Up!

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Internal Committee Accomplishments

Student Academic Senate

The purpose of this committee is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors with issues within the Faculty Senate and Academic Affairs that directly affect students. Also, this committee will talk about any issue within academics. This past year, the Student Academic Senate was extremely important because we were giving support for the Credit/No Credit policy. Also, we were able to learn more about the new modalities for classes in Fall 2021.

ASI Student Outreach & Marketing Committee

The purpose of this committee was to work on a survey that was sent to all Sacramento State students focusing on three areas which were: productivity, and social connections. To motivate students to complete the survey, we were able to raffle a pair of Air pods. After gathering the data, we partnered with the University Library to create a games/study event. We got different games and after that hour we all joined in a study session on Zoom.

These are the internal committer and the focus I served on. I decided to choose committees that would focus more on students. There are so many committees so feel free to choose the committee based on your interests.

University Committee Accomplishments

Web Content Advisory Committee

The purpose of this committee was to manage the web content on the Sacramento State websites and mobile app such as MySacState, Student Center and more. By serving in this committee, I was able to give a student input on the changes that could affect our user experience on the Sacramento State website.

IT Advisory Board Meeting

This committee is the primary governing body for campus technology, the board has special consultation with the IRT Vice President and CEO to help prioritize IT projects based on on-campus strategic goals and other needs. This has been unprecedented times and students needed full technology support. I wanted to serve on this committee so I could monitor the number of services students were getting from IRT such as laptops and hotspot rentals.

2020-2021 Director Engineering & Computer Science Strategic Priorities

1.0 Academic & service impacts of pandemic on students

All the Directors working on this strategic priority joined the ASI Outreach & Marketing Committee so we could plan a survey for identifying the needs of students. We were able to send a survey to students focusing on productivity and social connections during the pandemic. We found out that students were less productive and needed more social connections to thrive as students at Sacramento State. We decided to partner with the University Library to create a games/study time event where the first half of the event we had games and the other half was a study room. This event happened in Spring 2020

More info about the Virtual Study Room: <https://library.csus.edu/virtual-study-room>

1.2.1 Promote and advocate for technological resources for students

I decided to create a social media campaign to help students understand the different online tools they need to use at Sacramento State. The campaign were: “Ready for Remote Learning”, “Steps to Success” and “Remote Learning”. All of these campaigns had their own flyers and important information beneficial for all students at Sacramento State.

1.2.2. Partner with IRT to investigate feasibility of long-term laptop and WIFI hotspots for students.

I was part of the IT Advisory Board, where I was able to have first-hand information about the plans for the long-term laptop and WIFI rental. IRT has been a great resource for students because they have been renting computers and WIFI hotspots since the beginning of the pandemic. I was always given the chance to explain the importance of this service for students at Sacramento State.

1.3. Support students with academic & career challenges

Basics of Being a Leader: I decided to create a leadership workshop to motivate students into leadership roles. We partnered with The Degrees Project for this event. This workshop was focusing on “The Importance of Student Engagement”. We wanted students to understand that being participating in class, attending school events, and joining clubs are very beneficial for their career development. This event was held in Fall 2020.

Career Fair Workshop: Because of the pandemic, the college of ECS didn't have a full-staffed career center. Therefore, we created a Career Fair Workshop with volunteer CiCi Mattiuzzi, she is an independent career consultant and career coach. She was the founding Director of Career Programs for the College of Engineering and Computer Science at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS), a position she held for over 30 years. The event was held in Spring 2021 and had 30+ students in attendance.

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4.2.1. Encourage BIPOC engagement with ASI Board of Directors Elections

I decided to work on this strategic priority because I wanted to see more diversity on our Board of Directors. I wanted to motivate some students to participate and take on some leadership roles. To complete this priority, we decided to visit different clubs to do some presentations about the ECS Director election.

ECS Joint Council

The College of Engineering and Computer Science has the only active student run Joint Council. The ECSJC serves as a support for clubs and students inside of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. During these difficult times, we have been working hard to maintain clubs active on the college with campus events and activities. Also, we were trying to create more social events for students to meet their fellow ECS students. We held meetings monthly with at least 12 clubs attending. I wanted to give a special thanks to Dr Shafizadeh for all the support and guidance given to the ECS Joint Council last year.

Noteworthy Events and Initiatives

Engineering and Computer Science Virtual Game Night

During Fall 2020, the ECSJC hosted a virtual game night to connect all students inside the college of ECS. During this even, students had the opportunity to meet their fellow hornets while we played some virtual games such as among us.

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