News

Recipients of Faculty Endowment for Student Scholarships Awards announced
The Faculty Senate is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2014-15 Faculty Endowment for Student Scholarships Awards.

- Post-Baccalaureate Awards: Peter Lindbeck, Nursing, College of Health and Human Services; and Alisa Simonoff-Smith, Biological Sciences, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.
- Undergraduate Awards: Jennifer Blair, Psychology, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies; Melissa Byrne, Nursing, College of Health and Human Services; Jayla Lee, Communication Studies, College of Arts and Letters; Teresa Sy, Kinesiology and Health Science, College of Health and Human Services; and Lynne Zhang, Accounting and Finance, College of Business Administration.

Recipients are recognized for their academic achievement and promise of continued academic success, service and contributions to the student’s major department, college, the University and/or the community at-large, and articulation of future educational/career goals.

We extend our warmest congratulations to this year’s recipients. Please join us to honor the recipients at a ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in the University Union, Foothill Suite.
"Submitted by the Faculty Senate"

Call for nominations: Staff representative for Selection Advisory Committees
Provost Frederika "Fraka" Harmsen has requested that the University Staff Assembly put out a call for nominations to serve as the staff representative on the following Selection Advisory Committees:

- Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Data Analytics
- Assistant Vice President, International Programs and Global Engagement

If you would like to serve on one of these committees, please submit the following information to michael.hendren@saclink.csus.edu no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb 18.
The nomination should come via email and should include the following:

- Reason and qualifications for nomination
- College or division and department for which you work (e.g., College of Education, Teacher Preparation and Credentials)
- Immediate supervisor's approval (should be attached or forward with nomination)
- Your supervisor's campus phone number

These committees will begin convening in March and end in May. Given the nature of the committees, nominees should be willing and flexible to participate in all the deliberations of the committees as scheduled. If you have any questions about either committee, please contact Donald Taylor, interim associate vice president for Academic Programs and Global Engagement, at dtaylor@csus.edu or 278-6331.
"Submitted by the University Staff Assembly"
Emeritus professor to deliver Friends of the Library lecture

The event is free and open to the public. Parking permits for the event are available by contacting Sally Hitchcock at 278-5954 or hitchcoc@saclink.csus.edu.
Submitted by Library Administration

Anna J. Cooper Lecture, rescheduled from fall, will be Thursday
Professor Carolyn Gibbs will present “The Curiosity Itch,” the rescheduled 2014 Annual Anna J. Cooper Lecture, hosted by the Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the University Union, Redwood Room. Light refreshments will be served.
Submitted by the Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program

Farmworker-to-astronaut story will be told at guest lecture
Astronaut José M. Hernández will deliver a lecture, “Reaching for the Stars,” from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Monday, March 2, in the University Union Ballroom III.

In 2004, Hernández became the first former migrant farmworker to be selected as a NASA astronaut. An impressive achievement in itself, his accomplishment is even more amazing when you realize the journey he took to get there.

Determined to fulfill his dream of reaching the stars, José obtained his undergraduate and graduate degrees in electrical engineering. He started his career as an engineer and scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he worked on the development of an X-ray laser, helped to develop the first full-field digital mammography system for the early detection of breast cancer, and worked in the nuclear nonproliferation arena. In 2004, he was selected as part of the 19th class of U.S. astronauts. His inspiring journey of perseverance and hard work is a true fulfillment of the American dream.

To bring a class to the lecture, RSVP to the Serna Center at serna-05@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Serna Center

All Majors Career Fair coming Feb. 27
The Spring 2015 All Majors Career Fair will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, in the University Union Ballroom. Regional and national representatives will recruit Sac State students and alumni for full-time and part-time jobs, as well as internships and volunteer opportunities in a wide variety of industries. Résumés and professional dress are required. Students and alumni can view a list of attending employers at https://csus-csm.symplicity.com/events/students.php?mode=list&cf=CFspring2015.
Submitted by the Career Center

Donations collected for Communicating Through Art program
The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology is collecting materials for the Communicating Through Art (CTA) program. CTA is a unique program that purposefully integrates trained student communication partners and adults with acquired communication disorders such as aphasia and apraxia of speech. Each participant and his or her assigned student communication partner work together to create an original art project. This format provides the group members with individualized communication support during the
Completion of each art project. The room is typically charged with the buzz of creative energy and enthusiasm.

CTA turns trash into talk by utilizing donated collage materials for art. Please send us your unwanted treasures as we build up an extensive library of materials to draw from, not only for this semester’s group but also for future sessions. Donations can be dropped off in the department office (Shasta Hall 172).

Submitted by the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology

Call for participants and jurors: Student Research Symposium 2015
The annual Student Research Symposium, an occasion to celebrate and recognize the outstanding scholarly accomplishments of our students, provides the opportunity to present their research, scholarly and creative activities to the campus community in both oral and poster presentation formats. The top two undergraduate and graduate presenters (individuals or student teams) in each category will be honored with the Provost’s Award for Research Excellence, which includes both a monetary award for the students and development funds for their faculty mentors. Up to 10 students making oral presentations will be selected to compete in May at the 29th annual California State University Student Research Competition at CSU San Bernardino.

Online registration is now open to all current undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students. Alumni who received their degrees in 2014 also are eligible to participate. All disciplines are welcome, and those who participate may choose to be judged (to be eligible for awards and consideration for the statewide competition) or not (to gain and enhance presentation skills without the pressure of being formally assessed).

Are you a faculty member interested in supporting the Student Research Symposium? Along with encouraging your students’ involvement and attending the event, we invite you to volunteer as a juror for either the oral or poster presentations. The registration deadline for student participants and faculty jurors is today. Both registration forms are online at http://bit.ly/sympORA. Further details and the event schedule will continue to be updated online as well. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend the various student presentations and the awards reception Friday, March 6, in the University Union. For questions, please contact the Office of Research Affairs at 278-3667 or student.research@csus.edu.

Submitted by Research Affairs, Academic Affairs, Associated Students Inc., and Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

Application period opens for CTL’s Summer Teaching Institute
The Center for Teaching and Learning is accepting applications for the 2015 Summer Teaching Institute, “Course Redesign for 21st Century Learning,” scheduled for May 26-29. Why might you be interested?

- You want to learn new ways of engaging students and collecting evidence of their success.
- You want to know what new technologies might improve your teaching and student learning.
- You want to figure out why and how learning happens (or why it isn’t happening).

Apply online at http://ctl.csus.edu/?cat=22. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning
Fall 2014 Faculty Teaching Assignment Report
The new Faculty Teaching Assignment Report is available on the Office of Institutional Research website. This report is based on the Academic Planning Data Base submitted to and approved by the Chancellor’s Office on the Census Date of Fall 2014. The report displays detailed information regarding faculty teaching load such as course sections, student course credits, section enrollment, student FTE and weighted teaching units (WTU) by individual faculty member and department.

To view the report, go to www.csus.edu/oir. Click on “Data Center,” then “Faculty: Special Reports.” Please contact the Office of Institutional Research at 278-6566 if you have questions.

Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

The 2014-15 Common Data Set is available online
The 2014-15 Common Data Set is available online at www.csus.edu/oir. The Common Data Set initiative is a collaborative effort among data providers in the higher-education community. The combined goal of this collaboration is to improve the quality and accuracy of information provided to all involved in a student’s transition into higher education, as well as to reduce the reporting burden on data providers. This goal is attained by the development of clear, standard data items and definitions in order to determine a specific cohort relevant to each item.

The Common Data Set features both student and faculty profiles. It also highlights statistics in relation to admissions, class size, degrees awarded, retention, progression, graduation and financial aid.

Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

Violence in the Workplace Prevention Training
This is a one-hour presentation with additional time for questions on information regarding University policy on violence in the workplace, applicable campus statistics, crime prevention information, reporting practices and available resources. The course will give attendees information on how to prepare, recognize, document and report incidents in their respective areas as it pertains to violence in the workplace or unacceptable behavior. Materials will be provided. Class participation every three years is required of all faculty, staff and student employees by Cal-OSHA and Sacramento State. Training is in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium:
- 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19; Monday, Feb. 23; Monday, April 20; Monday, May 4; and Tuesday, May 19
- 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 25

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2015/02/ProfessionalActivities02-02-15.html.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedule
The Faculty Senate calendar is available at www.csus.edu/acse.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate
Security tip: Tax season and protecting your privacy
A growing phenomenon has taken root in America: preparing and submitting your taxes on your home computer. While this has helped many of us, it also creates a risk to our personal information. Tax-preparing applications retain our Social Security numbers (SSNs), dates of birth, and names and address of our closest family members, all in one place. This makes the application and any saved PDF of your tax return a target for data theft. To protect yourself, you should remove SSNs and dates of birth from the application after you confirm your e-file or print out your filed tax return. This may require you to overwrite the data with bogus data. Also, do not save unencrypted PDF versions of your tax return on your computer. If you are unable to encrypt the PDF, move it to a USB memory device or print it out and secure it with your other sensitive paperwork.
Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Catastrophic leave donation
Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate to other employees up to a maximum of 40 hours of sick or vacation leave credits in one-hour increments each fiscal year. Bargaining Units 1, 10 and 11 may donate only up to 16 hours per fiscal year. If employees are interested in donating time, a form can be obtained at www.csus.edu/hr/forms.html#disability by visiting the Human Resources Disability Leaves office in Del Norte Hall, Suite 3004, or by calling 278-3522.

The Benefits Office currently has the following employees on an approved CAT Leave:

- Lisalee Egbert, Teacher Education (Child Development Department)