News

Sheree Meyer named as dean of Undergraduate Studies
The Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs are pleased to announce that Dr. Sheree Meyer will become dean of Undergraduate Studies effective Tuesday, July 1.

Meyer has served as associate dean of Undergraduate Studies since 2010, establishing an outstanding record of leadership. She has worked to revise important aspects of General Education and has collaborated with the Faculty Senate, deans and advisory groups to improve undergraduate teaching and learning across the University – all while making time to help students on a one-on-one basis. She also has overseen special majors and minors, as well as key initiatives that include the Honors Program, One Book, the Community Engagement Center and our First Year Experience Program.

Her role has expanded considerably since she became associate dean, and the new position recognizes the scope of her duties. She began at Sacramento State as a faculty member in 1991, becoming chair of the English Department in 2004.

Submitted by the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Spring blood drive coming Tuesday and Wednesday
Don’t miss Sac State’s spring blood drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, and Wednesday, April 30, in the University Union Ballroom. Faculty and staff are eligible for a “fast track” pass that expedites the check-in process. All participants in the blood drive will receive a free T-shirt and MyBloodSource Rewards.

Campus sponsors include BloodSource, Associated Students Inc., the Hornet Bookstore, the Green Army, the University Union and The WELL. For additional information, call 278-6997.

Submitted by the University Union

UTAPS plans for this week’s 5K Fun Run
University Transportation and Parking Services anticipates minor traffic congestion due to the Sac State 5K Fun Run from about 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1. The areas to be affected are:

- Parking Structure 1 – No entry to the structure will be allowed between 5:30 and 7 p.m. All exiting traffic will be directed to Sinclair Road to exit at the north end of campus using Moraga Way to Arboretum Way.
- Lot 8 – There will be intermittent traffic delays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please avoid during this time by parking in Lot 7.
- Faculty/Staff Lot 6 – This lot will be closed from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you plan to enter or exit the campus during this time, please park in Lot 4.
- Parking Structure 3 – There will be no entry or exit between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. To avoid traffic delays, please park in Lots 4 or 7, or Parking Structure 2 if you plan to enter or exit the campus during this time.
- Lot 12 will be closed all day.
• College Town Drive west of Callery Pear Way will be closed from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
• Stadium Drive will be closed from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Mitigation efforts:
• Five police officers and three UTAPS officers will be strategically placed at the parking structures, roads and lots listed above and along a marked detour route.
• Detour signs will clearly mark the route to exit campus.
• Signs in the aforementioned areas will be posted the day before and the day of the event.

Please avoid closed areas during the times listed, and be patient and follow the detour route to exit campus. For more information, contact race director Jason Blessinger at jblessinger@csus.edu or 278-2244.

Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services

Fix50 project continues through mid-June
Caltrans is conducting a massive repair project through mid-June on Highway 50 through downtown Sacramento, causing backups in each direction and jamming many side streets and alternate routes. This will have an impact on Sac State during the last weeks of instruction and finals. Continue to monitor the University’s web page, www.csus.edu/Fix50, for specific dates, updates and more information from Caltrans, as well as commute alternatives as the project moves forward.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Call for nominations: 2014-15 John C. Livingston Distinguished Faculty Lecture
The Faculty Senate is pleased to call for the nomination of a faculty member to deliver the 2014-15 John C. Livingston Distinguished Faculty Lecture. The lecture traditionally is on a topic of general interest to the University community and is chosen by the Livingston lecturer. The faculty member will be selected this spring and will deliver the lecture during the fall semester at a convocation held in his or her honor.

This award recognizes a sustained and unique contribution to the campus community in providing intellectual leadership and has important significance to the life of this university. The nomination letter or letters should include a detailed description of the nominee’s qualifications and a copy of the nominee’s vita. Nominations are to be submitted via email to kathy.garcia@csus.edu by Friday, May 9.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Apply for the Provost’s Research Incentive Fund for summer 2014
Academic Affairs has announced that funding has been set aside for faculty research and scholarly activity for tenured or tenure-track faculty, with a subset of funds specifically for tenure-track faculty in the first three full years of employment in a tenure-track position (began Fall 2011). Tenure-track faculty hired for the 2014-15 academic year are eligible for this program.

Successful applicants will receive $5,000 in summer salary, less taxes, pending confirmation of appropriate progress toward one of the two fund objectives: either submission of a peer-reviewed article or manuscript, which is either completed or substantially completed over the summer; or development and submission of a grant proposal to a federal or state agency, with a minimum project total of $300,000. Preference will be given to applications that incorporate student involvement into the research design, methodology and outcome. Applications must be emailed by 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, to research@csus.edu. For
Apply for the 2014 Research and Creative Activity Mini-Grant Program
For academic year 2014-15, approximately $138,000 has been received from the Chancellor’s Office in support of research, and scholarly and creative activity. These funds will be distributed via the Research and Creative Activity Subcommittee of the Faculty Senate, in collaboration with Academic Affairs and the Office of Research Administration. The purpose of the Research and Creative Activity Mini-Grant Program is to support faculty research, and scholarly and creative activity, as well as to encourage faculty contributions to their disciplines. Recipients must produce a deliverable such as a paper, grant proposal, performance, etc. The Research and Creative Activity Subcommittee is responsible for managing the peer-review process. Faculty may apply for one of the following types of awards: three units of assigned time to be used in fall 2014 or spring 2015, $5,000 for summer salary during 2015 (through Aug. 31, 2015) or up to $5,000 for research support expenses (travel, student assistants, supplies, equipment, other).

Applications must be emailed by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 15, to research@csus.edu. Proposal reviews take place in June with decisions announced by Tuesday, July 15. For additional information: www.csus.edu/research/funding/RCA-Mini-Grant-Program.pdf. For questions, please contact Vicki Pearson-Rounds at 278-4918 or pearson_rounds@csus.edu. Submitted by the Office of Research Administration

Center for Teaching and Learning grant opportunity
The Center for Teaching and Learning is offering a faculty work group grant opportunity to complete work on the Affordable Learning Solutions initiative of the CSU Chancellor’s Office. This program will provide support for faculty in the form of $1,000 stipends and for students in the form of jobs as student assistants to develop instructional materials that reduce the cost and/or increase accessibility to students. The application deadline is Monday, May 5. Details about the work to be completed as well as the application can be found at http://ctl.csus.edu/.
Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Social Work Department offers discussion on veterans benefits
The Social Work Department’s Veterans Issues classes will hold a veterans round table from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, in the University Union, California Suite, to inform interested students, faculty and staff about services available for veterans. We will have speakers from the Veteran Success Center, the Alpha K9 program and the Wounded Warrior Program, among others. For more information, call 278-7187.
Submitted by the Department of Social Work

Affordable Learning Materials Awareness Day coming May 22
Join us as we celebrate Affordable Learning Materials Awareness Day from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22, in Library 11. Meet resource providers and your colleagues who have identified, used or created affordable learning solutions. Free pizza and refreshments will be served. Support has been provided by the Affordable Learning Solutions initiative of the CSU Chancellor’s Office. Get more information on the initiative at http://csus.libguides.com/als. For questions, call Mary Reddick at 278-4045.
Submitted by the University Library
CAPIO award for Made at Sac State – The Video Magazine
The inaugural season of Made at Sac State – The Video Magazine, an eight-episode television series that aired last fall on KQCA My58, has been honored with a CAPIO award for outstanding professional work and accomplishment. The CAPIO awards are presented annually by the California Association of Public Information Officials to recognize exceptional public agency information and communications programs. Made at Sac State – The Video Magazine featured stories of academic excellence at Sacramento State. Visit the show’s website here: www.csus.edu/made/tv/index.html. For more on the Made at Sac State campaign, go to www.csus.edu/made/.
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Reprographics honored for service
Reprographics Services, Sacramento State’s official print shop, earned an Accelerated Service Award from the Association of College and University Printers (ACUP) earlier this month. The award is given to an “in-plant” or in-house printer for success in meeting an extreme production deadline. In this case, Reprographics stepped up to address a last-minute enrollment surge by producing additional print products (44 binders with five unique sets of tabs, covers, inserts and printed contents) needed by a client within hours, ensuring adequate course materials for class participants.

Reprographics is a full-service facility with state-of-the-art equipment that can meet any campus printing need at competitive pricing. Visit the product gallery at www.csus.edu/aba/Reprographics/gallery/product/index.html.
Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Farewell celebration for Helen Norris
Information Resources and Technology is hosting a farewell celebration for Associate CIO Helen Norris from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, in Library 11. Refreshments will be provided.

We are both congratulating Helen and saying a fond farewell as she moves to Southern California to accept a position as chief information officer at Chapman University. She has been on campus since 2009 and is well known as a vibrant and active IT leader whose friendly manner and skills have assisted the campus immensely.

Please join us in wishing her good luck and thanking her for her service. If you would like to include a personal message to Helen on a poster we’re preparing, please contact Jesseca Sanchez at 278-2900 for information. We’d appreciate an advance RSVP to jsanchez@csus.edu to help us better plan the event (view the event announcement).
Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Wednesday
Associated Students Inc., Mecha and University Union UNIQUE Programs are pleased to announce a Cinco De Mayo Celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, in Serna Plaza. Admission is free, and the general public is welcome. The event will feature free food (while supplies last), a car show, live performances by the B-Side Players and special opening guest, Sacramento State student Jay Cruz. For more information, call 278-6997.
Submitted by the University Union

Union Gallery hosts photography exhibit
The University Union Gallery will host a photography exhibit today through Thursday, May 22, with a special reception event from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 1. The exhibit features the photography of California by Jared Lawson. The photographs were taken after careful
planning of optimum lighting and ideal conditions to create dramatic colors and the finest landscapes. Hours upon hours have been taken to capture that perfect moment, often in bitter cold or blistering heat.

The gallery is open from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with special event hours from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. For additional information, call 278-6997.

Submitted by the University Union

**Epicure offering new lunch specials**
Starting today, Epicure restaurant is offering three new specials: fiesta salad, shrimp and grits, and a pulled pork sandwich. All are available through Friday, May 23. The restaurant is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reserve your table at [www.dining.csus.edu/epicure/reservations/](http://www.dining.csus.edu/epicure/reservations/). For same-day reservations, please call 278-6100.

Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

**Summer Bowling League**
The Sacramento State Summer Bowling League is coordinated by University Police and will engage staff and faculty in a fun-filled, six-week competition at Capitol Bowl, 900 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. The league will run Thursdays from July 3 to Aug. 7. Practice begins at 4:45 p.m. with the start time at 5 p.m. League play will consist of three games per night. Competing teams will change from week to week. Teams will consist of four players, and substitutes may be used. Sacramento State faculty and staff teams may also include family members or friends. The goal is just to have a great time! The cost is $10 per player per night. Shoes may be rented for $2 per night. Eighteen-team maximum, even number of teams only. The league is expected to fill up fast, so hold your spot ASAP if you plan on bowling. To register, contact Serena Fuson at sfuson@csus.edu.

Submitted by University Police

**University Staff Assembly seeks executive board nominations**
The University Staff Assembly is looking for nominations for three of our Executive Board positions: interim president (one-year term), vice president (two years) and treasurer (two years). More information about these committees and positions may be found at [www.csus.edu/usa/events%20%20activities/election.html](http://www.csus.edu/usa/events%20%20activities/election.html).

If you or someone you know is interested, please submit the nominee’s name, campus phone number, department, email and a brief explanation of why the nominee should sit on the committee to usa@csus.edu by 5 p.m. Friday, May 2. If you are nominating someone, please obtain that person’s permission as well as those of his or her supervisor and HEERA designee before submitting the name. If you are nominating yourself, please obtain permission from your supervisor and HEERA designee. Permission via email is acceptable. Elections will commence once nominees have been confirmed.

The voice of the staff on campus is invaluable. Please consider serving the staff and the University.

Submitted by the University Staff Assembly Election Committee

**Faculty Teaching Assignment Report updated**
The 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 2013/Spring 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 by individual faculty member and department.

View the report at 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

**Estate Planning 101 seminar**
The Office of Planned Giving is hosting an Estate Planning 101 seminar from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, for members of the Sacramento State community. Topics include wills, living trusts, property and inheritance planning, charitable gift annuities, disability planning, estate taxes and probate. RSVP to giving@csus.edu by Tuesday, April 29, if you plan to attend. If you are interested in making a gift to Sacramento State through your estate plans, or if you have questions regarding Estate Planning 101, please call the Office of Planned Giving at 278-3922.

Submitted by University Advancement

**Faculty professional activities**
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2014/04/ProfessionalActivites04-14-14.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

**Update on ‘Heartbleed’ vulnerability**
As you probably know, a major international Internet security vulnerability named “Heartbleed” was discovered Monday, April 7. We would like to update you on actions we have taken to ensure that campus network users are protected.

Campus IT staff have evaluated University-managed servers and have mitigated all identified Heartbleed vulnerabilities. Although there has been no evidence that any of our systems have been compromised, we have sent out specific requests to change SacLink passwords to a small number of users who were at high risk. We are not asking at this time that all campus users change their passwords. However, it is always good practice to change your passwords if you have any concerns.

Please exercise caution with websites you visit. The Heartbleed exploit can affect both servers and users’ Web browsers. Users can expect all major browsers to address this issue with an update. As server and site owners double their efforts to patch their servers, users may be notified by specific service providers to change their passwords. We anticipate a new wave of phishing messages using this vulnerability as an excuse to steal login credentials and compromise accounts. Always beware of spam messages.

If you have questions or concerns, contact the IRT Service Desk at 278-7337. For other comments, please contact itfeedback@csus.edu.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

**Security tip: Don’t share passwords**
A study of criminal prosecutions found an average associated financial loss of $3 million per incident for “social engineering” or insider-type crimes. Many institutions have been targets of these types of crimes, including universities. Almost 90 percent of the crimes began with
attackers logging onto accounts with IDs they obtained inappropriately. While IDs are sometimes illegally obtained by the use of passwords, such as cracking programs, many are obtained “the old-fashioned way” – by collusion with people in the institution who share IDs and passwords, sometimes simply for convenience.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Benefits – did you know? PERSpective online newsletter

The spring issue of PERSpective is available online at [www.calpers.ca.gov/eip-docs/member/perspective/2014-spring-full.pdf](http://www.calpers.ca.gov/eip-docs/member/perspective/2014-spring-full.pdf). The California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) newsletter provides valuable information on CalPERS programs, benefits and services.

CalPERS benefits education events

CalPERS is hosting benefits education events (formerly known as retirement planning fairs). The new name reflects a commitment to provide broader educational offerings geared toward members of all ages and at all career stages. The spring 2014 events begin in Sacramento on May 9 and 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sacramento Convention Center.

CalPERS is offering two versions of the CalPERS benefits, CalPERS health benefits and deferred compensation breakout sessions. One is tailored to members who are early through mid-career and will provide the tools needed to make sound planning decisions for their future; the other is tailored to members closer to retirement. There also will be breakout sessions on Social Security and member self-service. Members will have the opportunity to visit the exhibit hall to speak with representatives about their CalPERS benefits, including retirement, health, supplemental savings plans and long-term care.

In addition, representatives will be available from Social Security, CalPERS health plan providers, Savings Plus (administered by the California Department of Human Resources), ScholarShare – California’s 529 College Savings Plan, the California State Teachers’ Retirement System (CalSTRS) and public retiree organizations. Information and registration details for the events are posted on the CalPERS website.

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](http://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:

Cherish Blattler, CCE–General Administration
Marty Diaz, Graduate Studies
JoAnn Campbell, College of Health and Human Services (Dean’s Office)
Melisa Cervantes, Department of Theatre and Dance