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News

Unity Chat at Hornet Bookstore
Students, faculty and staff are invited to “Unity Chats” and informal conversations about issues, events and topics of interest to our campus community. Join the President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity for engaging discussions and complimentary Danish and coffee at noon Tuesday, May 7, at the Hornet Bookstore. 
Submitted by the President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity

Ice cream social coming Tuesday
The President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity will host an ice cream social, open to all members of the campus community, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, in the Hornet Bookstore Plaza.

The ice cream social continues the committee’s series of events designed to strengthen the sense of community at Sacramento State. The student winners of the short-film contest that focused on campus unity will be recognized at the event. For more information, call University Advancement at 278-7043. 
Submitted by the President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity

Ardith Tregenza named student conduct director
The Division of Planning, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs is very pleased to announce that Ardith Tregenza is the permanent director of student conduct.

Her office is in Lassen Hall 3008. If you have questions about student conduct or would like her to attend a faculty or departmental meeting to discuss relevant issues, please feel free to contact her at ardith.tregenza@csus.edu or 278-6060. 
Submitted by the Division of Planning, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs

One World Initiative announces 2013-14 theme: Migration
The One World Initiative invites the campus community to participate in the 2013-14 theme, “Global Perspectives on Migration,” through inclusion in curricula, public events and student activities.

Migration is a social, political and economic issue: Human migration occurs in response to political and economic factors. The impact of migration includes issues of cultural diversity and assimilation, human trafficking, resource management, immigration policy and international relations.

Scientists investigate migration in areas as diverse as gene migration in evolution and population genetics, plant and animal migration, and the chemical transport of material. And the experiences of migrants as well as the cultural exchange produced through migration are common themes in art, literature, music and dance.
To have your course or event added to the One World website and calendar of events, send information to oneworld@csus.edu. Visit our website at www.csus.edu/oneworld.

Submitted by the One World Initiative

**Philosophy Department hosts visiting speakers**
The Philosophy Department and the Center for Practical and Professional Ethics are proud to host three visiting speakers this month.

- Andras Miklos, visiting assistant professor from the Simon School of Business and Department of Philosophy, University of Rochester, will speak on “Justice and National Responsibility for International Health Inequalities” from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Thursday, May 9, in the University Union, Forest Suite. A reception follows from 3 to 4 p.m.
- Mark Jensen, assistant professor of philosophy at the Air Force Academy, will speak on "Hard Moral Choices in the Military" from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Monday, May 13, in the University Union, Redwood Room. A reception follows from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- John Milliken, assistant professor of philosophy and co-chair of the Department of Theology at LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania, will speak on “Architecture, Beauty, and Human Nature” from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, in the University Union, Redwood Room. A reception precedes the talk from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Jensen and Milliken will co-lead a panel on obligation and leadership, with each also delivering a talk, from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, in The WELL, Terrace Suite. A panel discussion and audience Q&A follows from 3 to 4 p.m.

These events are all free and open to the public; questions can be directed to Russell DiSilvestro, associate professor of philosophy and director of the Center for Practical and Professional Ethics, at 278-6766 or rdisily@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Philosophy Department

**Thursday is Sac State Bike Day**
University Transportation and Parking Services invites the campus community to participate in Sac State Bike Day 2013. Known nationally as Bike to Work or Bike to School Day, the event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 9, in the plaza in front of The WELL.

Stop by the UTAPS booth and sign up to log your miles at mayisbikemonth.com. Students, faculty and staff who register at www.mayisbikemonth.com will receive a free 21-ounce water bottle. Also, experts will be on hand from ASI Peak Adventures to showcase their services, provide on-site bicycle maintenance checks and answer questions about bicycling, including tips on roadside maintenance and commuting by bike.

Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services

**ASI Farmers Market this week**
The last of three ASI Farmers Markets of the Spring semester will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 9, in Serna Plaza. The markets give the Sac State community access to high-quality, reasonably priced, California-grown farm-fresh fruits and vegetables. Live music performances and information booths are also planned. Find out more at www.asi.csus.edu/farmers.

Submitted by Associated Students Inc.

**Spring Sac Pack Drive**
The Community Engagement Center’s spring Sac Pack Drive starts Monday, May 6, and ends Friday, May 24. Donations of new or gently used school and art supplies will go to
youth in need through the Community Engagement Center’s local nonprofit community partners. Last year, Loaves & Fishes’ Mustard Seed School received backpacks, paper, writing utensils, art supplies, folders, notebooks and binders due to the generosity of the campus community. Visit www.csus.edu/cec/sacpack for the donation wish list and more information. Please encourage faculty, staff and students of all ages to donate. Donations can be dropped off from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Community Engagement Center, Library 4028.
Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

Hornet Bookstore’s Spring Festival and Sale
The Hornet Bookstore’s Spring Festival and Sale is Thursday, May 9. Enjoy 20 percent off logo apparel, hats and gift merchandise all day. Stop by the outdoor booths from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and participate in free games for a chance to win a bookstore gift card. Refreshments will be served.
Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore

Sac State Serves: Volunteer opportunity
Sac State Serves offers a way to get involved in service projects year-round. Faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited to volunteer with Sac State Serves on Saturday, May 18, for Farm and Friends Go Green, Fairytale Town’s fun-filled celebration of Earth. Volunteers may help with making ice cream, leading arts and crafts, working as mascots and greeters, handing out fliers and more. For more information or to sign up: www.csus.edu/cec/volunteer.
Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

Upper Eastside Lofts open house is Wednesday
Faculty, staff and students are invited to an open house at the Upper Eastside Lofts, Sacramento State’s only off-campus housing, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 8. The open-house luau theme will feature a poolside barbecue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., with snacks and other treats from 2 to 5 p.m. The community will be open for tours, and attendees will have an opportunity to win prizes. For more information, please contact Danny Hyche at hyched@csus.edu.
Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

Starbucks to open on campus this fall
The campus community will have an additional choice of where to purchase coffee beverages on campus this fall. University Enterprises Inc. has announced that Starbucks Coffee is scheduled to open in September in River Front Center. The new venue will comprise more than 2,500 square feet and will include a variety of seating options, including a community table and meeting room, banquette, and new outdoor furniture in the patio area.

Surveys of students conducted by UEI have indicated that Starbucks is the most requested choice to add to the food and beverage options on campus. Java City coffee will continue to be available at multiple locations on campus. UEI will assume the operation of the five Java City venues as Java City exits the business of operating its own cafes and focuses on coffee distribution.
Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

2013 Asian & Pacific Islander American Celebration
This year marks the first Asian & Pacific Islander American Celebration at Sacramento State. The APIA Celebration, sponsored by the Full Circle Project, is a series of cultural performances, events and programs hosted by three academic departments, four campus
program offices and 11 student-led clubs and organizations. Most events are free unless otherwise stated and take place on campus in April and May.

APIA Celebration fliers have been distributed throughout several campus departments, including the Educational Opportunity Program, Student Organizations and Leadership, Ethnic Studies, the Multi-Cultural Center, the Pride Center and the Women’s Resource Center. For a complete list of events: www.csus.edu/fcp.

Submitted by the Full Circle Project

The WELL’s swim lessons open for online registration
The WELL’s Summer Swim Program aims to promote a fun and safe environment. It provides water safety skills as well as stroke technique enhancement and personal development through aquatic recreation. The program is designed to train children and adults to feel comfortable and safe in the water, as well as train them in different swimming strokes. All the instructors are previous competitive swimmers with extensive knowledge and backgrounds in aquatics. They also are certified through the Red Cross to give swim lessons and instruct in water safety.

For more information or to register, visitthewell.csus.edu/aquatics/swimming_classesor email Aquatics@thewellatsacstate.com.

Submitted by The WELL

Assessing food security and hunger among Sacramento State students
Did you know …

- About 1 in 20 people in the United States are at risk of going hungry.
- Because of income, many college students qualify for federal assistance with money for food.
- UC Davis has a food pantry for students on their campus.

Have you ever encountered a student who was having difficulty getting enough to eat? Your help would be much appreciated in advertising a survey on this issue to University students. All you need to do is encourage your students to take the survey and make the link available to them by any preferred means (e.g., email, SacCT announcements). The survey takes about five minutes to complete and can be accessed at coursesurveys.csus.edu/classclimate/online.php?pswd=foodsurvey.

Information from this survey is a first step in determining the need for intervention and promotion of support services for our students. Please email Lynn Hanna in Family and Consumer Sciences with questions at lhanna@csus.edu. This research project has campus IRB approval, protocol #12-13-064(NOV).

Submitted by Family and Consumer Sciences

Course repeat and financial aid update
Faculty, staff and students should be aware of an important change to financial aid policy as it relates to students repeating courses they already have passed with grades of D-minus or higher. Per the new Federal Financial Aid Repeat Policy, undergraduate students may count only the units associated with a course they already have taken and passed for financial aid eligibility one more time, regardless of whether their major requires a higher grade. In some cases, this may result in students being awarded less financial aid than they expect.

The relationship between financial aid and course repeats is complex, and there are situations in which required repeats (or repeats with different course content) may count
toward financial aid eligibility. To help faculty, staff and students understand this new regulation, the division has launched a comprehensive Financial Aid Course Repeat Overview and FAQ, available at www.csus.edu/student/CourseRepeatUpdate/. Staff and faculty who advise students especially are encouraged to become familiar with this new policy and to contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office with further questions. Submitted by the Division of Planning, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs

Finding external funding: Grants, gifts, contracts and more
The offices of Research Administration and University Development invite faculty and staff to a discussion of strategies for obtaining grants and philanthropic gifts in support of research, program development and other areas of need and interest. The forum will provide information on seeking funding from external sponsors (federal and state agencies, private foundations, industry, etc.) as well as best approaches for working with funders once you’ve been funded. Guidelines clarifying campus processes associated with gifts and grants, as well as the roles of each office, will be shared with attendees.

The event is from noon to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, in the University Union, California Suite. Lunch will be provided. To RSVP, visit www.csus.edu/research/workshops/funding.htm. For more information, please email research@csus.edu or call 278-7565. Submitted by Office of Research Administration

Building coordinator/floor marshal training
All members of building safety teams, building coordinators, floor marshals and faculty who have responsibility during building evacuations or emergencies must attend an annual two-hour training course covering the following areas:

- Building the emergency preparedness program and web page
- Duties of building coordinators and floor marshals
- The faculty’s role during an emergency
- Evacuation procedures
- Hazmat incidents and shelter procedures
- Disaster service workers/home preparedness
- ENS (how we will get the message out)
- NIMS/SEMS/ICS and emergency plans

This year’s training will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, May 9, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Please register by logging on to LearnerWeb. The course ID is PS-DPRP. Once you have logged on, select “Schedule” as listed under “My Menu.” When the calendar/schedule pops up, type part or all of the course name into the search window. Once you have located the class you are interested in attending, place your cursor over the course title and left-click your mouse. When the registration window opens, click “Register.” An email will automatically be sent to you confirming your registration. Submitted by Public Safety

Active shooter preparedness training for faculty, staff and students
Active shooter preparedness training is a 30-to-60-minute session using videos, a PowerPoint presentation and a discussion to understand what the threat is, what a survival mind-set is and what your response options are. The training is by request only. To request a group training session, contact Bill Gnagy at 278-2397 or email gnagywb@saclink.csus.edu. Submitted by Public Safety
Professional activities
The latest professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2013/04/ProfessionalActivities04-15-13.html.
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedule
The Faculty Senate calendar for the Spring semester is available at www.csus.edu/acse. On that page, click "Calendar" on the right under "2012-13 Senate Info."
Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Security quick tip: If I find a USB drive, should I use it?
Let’s say you find a lost USB drive on the sidewalk – and the USB drive you’ve been using for work is full, and you haven’t gotten around to getting another one. Should you use this free drive to store files? No. Never attach a USB drive (also called a flash drive, thumb drive or memory stick) unless you are certain of the origin and contents of the drive. It is possible for an attacker to attempt to access campus information systems by planting nefarious software (often called malware) onto a USB drive in an attempt to have an authorized user activate the software. This is called “baiting.” Advanced baiting techniques include placing corporate logos or interesting titles on the media to entice use. For more information, contact the Information Security Office. You will find contact information at www.csus.edu/irt/is.
Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Summer hours
This summer, in an effort to conserve energy, we will continue the practice of a modified work schedule, with normal business hours for the campus of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break. These hours will be effective Tuesday, May 28, through Friday, Aug. 23. As always, authorized supervisors may modify individual work schedules to address special situations as long as these basic hours are covered. It is important that offices are staffed during these announced hours.

As in past summers, this schedule enables the University to realize substantial budget savings by reducing energy consumption during the late afternoon when energy demand is highest. We hope that this change will also permit many of our employees to get the most from the longer summer days. If you have any questions or concerns that cannot be answered by your supervisor or manager, please contact Kent Porter, associate vice president for Labor Relations and Compliance.

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 3002, or by calling 278-3522.

The following employee has been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

Donna Redman-Fox, Science Educational Equity