Sept. 3, 2013: Welcome back to Fall!

**News**

**Forum coming Sept. 17 on new campus Master Plan**
Sacramento State has begun work on a new campus Master Plan that will guide the development of the physical campus over the next 20 years. The Master Plan will identify sites for new facilities, including classroom buildings, housing, parking structures, recreational fields/facilities, open space and a new Student Event Center. The Master Plan also will address campus circulation (vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle) and transit facilities. It will include long-range landscape, infrastructure and sustainability plans.

Your input is important to this process. We invite the campus community to a forum on Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon in University Union Ballroom I or from 6 to 8 p.m. in The WELL Terrace Suite. You are welcome to attend part or all of a session. These first sessions are designed to gather input and ideas, and to present information about existing campus conditions. The Master Plan team wants to know what students, faculty, staff and the community want to see as Sacramento State develops over the next two decades. The team will use your input to develop a series of alternative Master Plan concepts that will be presented for discussion at the second set of campus forums in late October.

This is your opportunity to tell us how Sac State should change to meet the challenges of the future. Don’t miss this chance to tell us!
Submitted by Facilities Services

**President finalizes campus budget**
President Alexander Gonzalez has approved Sacramento State’s budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The campus budget outlook is much brighter than in recent years, with funding in the state budget that provides a $125.1 million increase to the California State University. The President’s budget memo is available at [www.csus.edu/President/fromthedeskofthepresident.html](http://www.csus.edu/President/fromthedeskofthepresident.html).
Submitted by the Office of the President

**President to serve as chair of March for Babies**
The Office of the President is pleased to announce that President Alexander Gonzalez has been selected to chair the 2014 March of Dimes’ March for Babies. The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit supporting health initiatives for mothers and babies. The March for Babies is the largest fundraiser for the March of Dimes, raising more than $1 million locally to help support critically important work to prevent premature birth, birth defects and infant mortality.

The annual campaign will give the University the opportunity to showcase some of its greatest strengths, including world-class health care education; students, faculty and staff who give back to the community; deep connections in the region; and the huge economic impact the campus community makes as a group. As the campaign comes to fruition, opportunities for members of the campus community to get involved will be posted in the
Monday Briefing and on President Gonzalez’ website, www.csus.edu/President/fromthedeskofthepresident.html. Submitted by the Office of the President

‘Made at Sac State – The Video Magazine’ debuts Thursday
Don’t miss Made at Sac State – The Video Magazine, a new television show featuring Sacramento State. The show premiers Thursday, Sept. 5, on KQCA My58. Produced by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy in partnership with Academic Technology & Creative Services, a unit of Academic Affairs, Made at Sac State will air from 6:30 to 7 a.m. Thursdays through Oct. 24. One of the University’s colleges will be featured each week, beginning this week with the College of Health and Human Services. To learn more: www.csus.edu/made/tv/. Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Campus eateries’ hours for fall semester announced
Fall semester hours of operation are being posted this week at all campus eateries and on the Sac State Campus Dining website, www.dining.csus.edu.

New to campus? In addition to hours of operation, the Campus Eateries page at www.dining.csus.edu/campus-eateries includes a map with eatery locations and filters to help you search eateries by food type, cuisine, dietary options, location, payment type and price range. Submitted by University Enterprises Inc. (UEI)

A new campus eatery: RF Greens
If you crave fresh, healthy salads and savory soups, you’ll love the newest addition to Sac State Campus Dining – RF Greens in the River Front Center. At RF Greens, you design your own salad. With a variety of vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options, you’ll choose from an array of leafy greens, veggies, fruits and toppings, and watch as the salad is prepared and tossed just the way you like. To complement your salad, RF Greens offers hearty soups, wholesome breads and tasty desserts. For more information, visit the Sac State Campus Dining website at www.dining.csus.edu and “Like” the Sac State Campus Dining Facebook page at www.facebook.com/uei.SacStateDining. Submitted by University Enterprises Inc. (UEI)

Deadline to install SafeConnect wireless laptop protection is Sept. 16
Last year, IRT implemented SafeConnect protection for all student, faculty and staff laptop computers connected to the campus wireless network. If you are new to campus, or if you have a laptop computer you use on campus and have not yet downloaded SafeConnect, you have a two-week grace period at the start of this semester to get your computer protected. We strongly encourage you to install SafeConnect now by going to www.csus.edu/safeconnect. SafeConnect protection must be in place by Monday, Sept. 16, for computers to be able to access the wireless network. Mobile devices other than laptop computers are not affected.

During the two-week grace period, campus users of unprotected laptop computers will begin receiving SafeConnect warning messages when they log on to the University’s wireless network. Users who have not yet downloaded the SafeConnect application will continue to receive repeated warnings and will be unable to use the Internet outside of campus.

Downloading SafeConnect will not interfere with your computer use. It protects your computer and our network from malware, and gives plenty of warning and time to correct the few computer security problems encountered. As always, comments or questions can be
submitted at any time to itfeedback@csus.edu. Thanks for your cooperation in protecting our network.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

One World Initiative returns with ‘Global Perspectives on Migration’
Sacramento State’s One World Initiative is beginning its second year, and the campus community is invited to participate. The theme for 2013-14 is “Global Perspectives on Migration.” This broad topic can include human and animal migration, migration of pollutants in natural systems, the impact of migration on culture and the arts, and even the expression of movement in art and dance.

If you are incorporating migration into your course curriculum, please let us know so we can add it to our website. If you, your student group or your department is organizing a migration-themed event, please let us know so we can promote it for you. Information about the One World Initiative can be found at www.csus.edu/oneworld. Contact us by emailing oneworld@csus.edu. “Like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SacramentoStatesOneWorldInitiative.

Submitted by Geology/One World

ABA Speaker Series: Social media
The Division of Administration and Business Affairs (ABA) is proud to announce the ABA Speaker Series for fall 2013. Please join ABA for a morning with Jeannie Wong, associate vice president of University Communications, and Jack Vaughn, director of Web Communications in the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy, on Thursday, Sept. 19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Alumni Center. They will speak on “Social Media – Tips and Best Practices.”

The purpose of the series is to provide an open forum for the exchange of ideas and bring intellectual enrichment to the campus community. Each series is open to students, faculty, staff and auxiliaries. RSVP to Kimberly Donaville by Sept. 13 at 278-6312 or kdonavil@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Division of Administration and Business Affairs

Bring your recyclables to WELLcome Back
Sac State Sustainability will be at the WELLcome Back event Thursday, Sept. 5. We’ll be collecting all types of recyclables, so bring your old batteries, light bulbs and personal electronic waste – no University property, please. You also can help us initiate Sac State’s newest diversion stream by bringing your expired or unused prescriptions or over-the-counter medications for responsible disposal at The WELL Pharmacy. Or if you just want to learn more about Sac State Sustainability, stop by and see us – we’ll be happy to answer all your questions.

Submitted by Facilities Services

Faculty and staff ticket discounts for Hornet football
As Sacramento State faculty and staff, you can purchase discounted football season tickets for $50 in Reserve Section 215 of Hornet Stadium. This special offer includes all six home games, which include the contests against Montana and rival UC Davis in the 60th Causeway Classic. To purchase a faculty and staff season ticket online, please follow the directions below:

1. Click here to purchase tickets online
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and find the “Group Sales” section
3. Type in the promo code “Hornets” in the “Group Sales Password/Promo Code” box
4. Buy your tickets (Visa or MasterCard accepted)

To choose your seats or if you have questions, please call T’Ante Sims at 278-2222 or visit www.hornetsports.com. For all sports except football and men’s basketball, faculty and staff also can receive free admission for their immediate family by using their OneCard.

Submitted by Intercollegiate Athletics

Staff Awards Luncheon coming this month
The annual Staff Awards Luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, in the University Union Ballroom. The event will honor University staff and administrators as well as employees of University Enterprises Inc. and Associated Students Inc. for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service.

Tickets are on sale until Tuesday, Sept. 10; the price is $10 per person. Individual tickets may be purchased from the following sellers: Denise Anderson, Riverside 2014E, 278-6127; Ashley Ciraulo-Stuart, Eureka 432, 278-5728; Robin Eicher, Facilities 103A, 278-4895; Cossette Leos, Bookstore 3200, 278-7001; LindaKay Soriano, Sacramento 118, 278-3922; Michelle Bianco, Sequoia 320, 278-8607; and Angel Thayer, Sacramento 259, 278-7458.

For table purchases (groups of 10), please contact Mimi Phothichack at bphothi@csus.edu or 278-2783. For additional information about the Staff Awards Luncheon, please visit the University Staff Assembly website at www.csus.edu/usa and click on the "Events & Activities" link.

Submitted by the University Staff Assembly

Free technology training workshops available for staff and faculty
Learn about the new SacCT course tool enhancements, such as discussions, calendars, testing analytics, new global navigation and improved threaded discussions. In addition, discover the new social tools for students, such as People, Messages and Spaces, in the SacCT Communications workshop.

We also are excited to offer the staff and faculty iPad workshops, which include updates to reflect new apps and best-use options for cloud computing, presenting from iPad and meeting virtually via video conferencing. Bring you iPad so you can practice.

Brush up your word processing skills with the 2010 or 2013 Microsoft Office Workshops.

Requests or questions? Email training@csus.edu.

Submitted by Academic Technology & Creative Services

Constitution Bowl coming Sept. 19
As part of Constitution Week, the Center for California Studies and the Project for an Informed Electorate are co-sponsoring a Constitution Bowl at noon Thursday, Sept. 19, at the University Union. Demonstrate your knowledge of the United States and California constitutions, and win prizes! For more information: www.csus.edu/calst/upcoming_events.html.

Submitted by the Center for California Studies

Sac State Torchlight features inaugural Gonzalez Scholarship recipient
Katie Williams is taking another step on her inspiring journey as she begins the Fall semester. In March, the senior psychology major was awarded the President Alexander and Gloria Gonzalez Public Service and Community Leadership Scholarship at the Green & Gold...
Gala. Read about Williams and other examples of how private support is making a difference on campus in the latest issue of Sac State Torchlight.
Submitted by University Advancement

Children’s music lessons through the String Project
The Music Department’s String Project has openings for 20 children of Sac State faculty and staff. The project provides low-cost group lessons on stringed instruments to children and young people from the fourth grade up, taught by Sac State music students. A 10-week session, which includes lessons from 4:45 to 5:35 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, is $100. The first lesson is Wednesday, Sept. 18. For more information and registration forms: www.csus.edu/stringproject.
Submitted by the Music Department

Third annual Food Day at Sacramento State
Food Day is a national movement to build awareness about where our food comes from and to promote conversations about issues and solutions. Several events are planned the week of Oct. 24 on topics of food education and food in schools; hunger; the obesity epidemic; sustainable agriculture; what to eat on campus; food demonstrations and tastings; a keynote lecture by author Anna Lappé; and much more. These events are partnerships with community groups, local experts, government officials, etc., that offer learning opportunities and open discussion for students and the campus community. We invite everyone to participate, and ask faculty to announce and include these events in their lesson plans.

For details and questions, please contact assistant professors Lynn Hanna (Family and Consumer Sciences) at lhanna@csus.edu or Kristin Kiesel (Economics) at kiesel@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Family and Consumer Sciences Department

Preterm birth program
The Family and Consumer Sciences Department and the March of Dimes will host a public event at the Terrace Suite of The WELL from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, to raise awareness about the risks and causes of, and methods for reducing preterm births in the United States. The topic will be introduced by the documentary Born Too Soon, produced by Kentucky Educational TV, Johnson & Johnson and the March of Dimes. An informal discussion will follow, with personal and local perspectives provided by a panel of experts: Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Sacramento Department of Public Health officer; Laura Dennis, registered dietitian, San Juan Mercy Medical Center Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; and Mical Shifts, associate professor of Family and Consumer Sciences and the mother of a preterm child.

Faculty interested in incorporating this event into their lesson plans can get more information from Lynn Hanna, Family and Consumer Sciences, at lhanna@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Family and Consumer Sciences Department

Winter Bowling League
The Sacramento State Winter Bowling League is coordinated by University Police and will engage staff in a fun-filled six-week competition at Capitol Bowl, 900 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. The league will run Wednesdays from Jan. 8 to Feb 12. Practice begins at 5:45 p.m., with the start time at 6. 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. The cost is $10 per player per night. Each squad is responsible for a $40 payment each night even if fewer than four players show up. Typically, no-shows pay the $10. Shoes may be rented for $2 per night.
To register, contact Serena Fuson at sfusion@csus.edu by Thursday, Jan 2.

Submitted by University Police

Estate Planning 101
The Office of Planned Giving hosts Estate Planning 101 seminars throughout the year for members of the Sacramento State community who are considering their estate plans. Topics covered include property and inheritance planning, wills, living trusts, charitable gift annuities, disability planning, estate taxes and probate. The upcoming Estate Planning 101 seminar is Wednesday, Sept. 4. Reservations are required.

Please visit www.csusgift.org for more information on Planned Giving or www.csus.edu/giving/estateplanning.stm for more information on Estate Planning 101.

If you are interested in making a gift through your will or estate, or you have questions regarding Estate Planning 101, please call the Office of Planned Giving at 278-3922.

Submitted by University Advancement

Faculty Status Report (Fall 2012/Spring 2013)
The Faculty Status Report displays four different tabulations of the ratio: all faculty headcount, all full-time equivalent faculty (FTEF), instructional FTEF and full-time equivalent student (FTES) generated by instructional FTEF. This report also regroups faculty headcount, all FTEF, instructional FTEF and FTES into four separate categories: tenure/on-tenure track, non-tenure track, FERP/staff and teaching assistant. Moreover, all figures are aggregated at the departmental, college and University levels.

Also updated for this report is the Five Year Trend analysis, which compares the Faculty Status Report by college and University from Fall 2008 to Fall 2012. For a detailed look at the report, visit www.csus.edu/oir/Data%20Center/Faculty%20Special%20Reports/Faculty%20Special%20Reports.html. For more information, please contact the Office of Institutional Research at 278-6566.

Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

Peer-reviewed studies in educational leadership

Submitted by the Doctorate in Educational Leadership department

Fiscal Authority update
The policy on Delegated Fiscal Authority and Responsibility has been updated to address the Common Financial System (CFS) delegation of authority process and to clarify the responsibility within the approval process. More information is provided in the Policy and the University Funds Overview Procedures documents at www.csus.edu/aba/Financial-Services/Documents/procedures/University_Funds_Overview_Procedures_ADM_0162_July_2013.pdf.

Submitted by Financial Services
Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2013/07/ProfessionalActivities07-08-13.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 quick tip: Protecting 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 were 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 password, such as cracking programs, many are obtained by collusion with people in the institution who share IDs and passwords, sometimes simply for convenience.
Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

CalPERS Dependent Eligibility Verification Project
The California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) Dependent Eligibility Verification (DEV) Project is in progress and in the verification phase through Thursday, Sept. 12. During this period, the eligibility of your dependent(s) enrolled in a CalPERS health plan will be verified by CalPERS’ contracted vendor, HMS Employer Solutions.

On Friday, July 26, HMS mailed letters to CSU employees who have dependents enrolled in a CalPERS health plan. Employees should carefully read the information received from HMS – there are important deadlines included in the letter that can impact your dependents’ coverage if deadlines are not met. Please submit required documentation in a timely manner. Contact HMS directly (contact information will be included in the letter from HMS) with any questions related to the DEV project, required documentation or your specific situation.

The DEV Project is an independent review conducted by CalPERS and HMS. Questions regarding the verification process and/or documentation required must be directed to HMS (contact information will be included in the letter from HMS). Learn more about the CalPERS DEV project on the CalPERS website at www.calpers.ca.gov/index.jsp?bc=/member/health/dev.xml.

CalPERS Retirement Planning Fair
CalPERS is hosting retirement planning fairs this summer to help members achieve a more financially secure future. More detailed information about the 2013 CalPERS retirement planning fairs is available on the CalPERS website. Members are encouraged to pre-register for their preferred fair date to aid CalPERS in planning for staffing and materials, but it is not required.

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 following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

Priscilla Llamas-McKaughan, Financial Services
Jamie Jones, Services to Students with Disabilities (vacation donations only)
Carlyn Ster, College of Arts and Letters Dean’s Office