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News

Presidential search forum coming Dec. 3
With President Alexander Gonzalez’ planned retirement at the end of the current academic year, the CSU Board of Trustees has launched a nationwide search for his successor and is seeking campus input. The trustees’ search committee will hold an open forum from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 3, in University Union Ballroom I. In addition, the campus community is invited to visit the presidential search web page (www.csus.edu/presidentialsearch), where comments can be submitted in regard to desired qualities and qualifications for the next campus president. 
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Candidates for vice president for Student Affairs to make presentations
The campus community is invited to attend forums this week with the three finalists for vice president for Student Affairs, who will be on campus for full-day visits. The forums, which will include presentations by the candidates, will take place in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium, on the following dates and times. (Please visit the Human Resources website, www.csus.edu/hr, for additional information.)

- Tuesday, Nov. 18, 10 to 11 a.m.: Craig Elliott, associate vice president for Enrollment and Student Services, Samuel Merritt University
- Wednesday, Nov. 19, 10 to 11 a.m.: Suzanne Espinoza, vice president for Enrollment and Student Affairs, California State University, Stanislaus
- Friday, Nov. 21, 8 to 9 a.m.: Edward Mills, interim vice president for Student Affairs, California State University, Sacramento

Each candidate’s curriculum vitae is available for review in the Office of Human Resources, Del Norte Hall, Suite 3001. Public service hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Please see Mae Kong.
Submitted by Human Resources

Serna Center hosts Dream Act panel today
The Serna Center will host a panel discussion, “We Are DREAMers,” featuring Sacramento State students and alumni who are beneficiaries of the California Dream Act and/or DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). The free event will run from 3 to 4:15 p.m. today in the Terrace Suite at The WELL.

The discussion will explore the daily struggles that undocumented students at Sacramento State face and the measures the University can take to provide a safe and motivating environment for undocumented students to achieve academic success. While many doors have opened for undocumented students, this population remains largely unseen, unheard and excluded from many of the resources necessary to attain academic and professional success. If you are interested in participating, please RSVP directly to serna-05@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Serna Center
Contribute to the campus food drive through turkey donations
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services and KCRA hold the largest one-day Turkey Drive in Sacramento. It’s a great way to participate in this year’s campus-wide food drive. Donors can drop off fresh or frozen turkeys from 4:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at 3333 Third Ave., Sacramento, on the way to work, at lunchtime or after work – you won’t even need to get out of your car! Because your turkey’s weight counts toward Sac State’s food drive totals, please be sure to hand in a completed donation form with your turkey. To request your turkey donation form, please email Kristina Cullen at kristina.cullen@csus.edu or Joey Martinez at jmartinez@csus.edu.

Turkeys are in high demand during the holiday season, and without these donations, many families will not have meat in their holiday food boxes.

Submitted by Sustainability at Sac State

Capital Public Radio to present ‘Hidden Hunger: Storybooth’
An estimated 220,000 Sacramento residents go hungry at some point each month. Who are these people? Why are they in this situation? What are the solutions? To find out, Capital Public Radio went to our region’s food banks. Join us from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in the Terrace Suite at The WELL for an interactive presentation featuring stories from those on the front lines of food insecurity.

Submitted by Capital Public Radio

This week in the One World Initiative

- Today – Dr. Maria Jaoudi presents “The Noble Eight-Fold Path in Buddhism: May All Beings Be Happy,” noon to 1:15 p.m., Mendocino Hall 1024.
- Tuesday, Nov. 18 – Language Learning Day. Everyone from the campus community and beyond is welcome to learn how to express happiness in various languages; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., University Union, Redwood Room.

For a full list of One World events, visit www.csus.edu/oneworld. To let us know about your “happiness” event, email oneworld@csus.edu.

Submitted by One World

History and Philosophy of Science Initiative hosts British professor
As part of Sacramento State’s new History and Philosophy of Science Initiative – a joint program of the Center for Philosophy and the Natural Sciences (CPNS) in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and the Department of History – Professor Robert Geyer from the University of Lancaster in the United Kingdom will speak on the application of complex systems theory to public policy. The talk will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, in Library 3023. Geyer’s visit is co-sponsored by the Department of Public Policy and Administration, and is free and open to the public. Visit www.csus.edu/cpns for more information.

Submitted by the Center for Philosophy and the Natural Sciences

Author Lecture Series: Vietnam antiwar activist to discuss Resister
Longtime Sacramento journalist Bruce Dancis, a leading activist in the antiwar and draft resistance movements of the 1960s, will be the guest speaker for the Friends of the Library’s Author Lecture Series at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in the Library Gallery. He will discuss his newly published memoir, Resister: A Story of Protest and Prison During the Vietnam War, and the actions that led to his 19-month incarceration in a federal prison. Read more about him in our story: http://bit.ly/1u32NJ8. History Professor Joseph Palermo will introduce Dancis. The lecture is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored by the University Library, the Hornet Bookstore, the Center for California Studies, the
University Library Gallery. For more information, please contact Sally Hitchcock at 278-5954 or hitchcoc@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by the University Library

Library to host Japanese tea gathering Friday
In honor of International Education Week, the University Library will host a special Japanese tea gathering at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, in the Sokiku Nakatani Tea Room and Garden on the lower level of the University Library. For reservations or more information, please contact Sally Hitchcock at 278-5954 or hitchcoc@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by the University Library

Hornet Marketplace Vendor Fair is Tuesday and Wednesday
Student Organizations and Leadership invites students, faculty and staff to the Library Quad on Tuesday, Nov. 18, and Wednesday, Nov. 19, for the Hornet Marketplace Vendor Fair. Unique vendors specializing in handcrafted and imported jewelry, textiles, leather products and soaps will participate. Join us from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and get a jump-start on your holiday shopping and graduation gifts for friends and family.

Submitted by Student Organizations and Leadership

ASI External Grant Packet available online
Associated Students Inc. is committed to creating an active and engaged campus community. Each fiscal year, ASI allocates funds to be disbursed to on-campus programs dedicated to our common goal of serving students. The ASI External Grant Packet is now available on the ASI website, www.asi.csus.edu; click on “External Grants” under “Scholarships & Grants.” An applicant must be a University-sponsored program or activity in good standing; student clubs and organizations are not eligible. If your department/program wishes to be considered for funding, the completed packet must be submitted electronically and received no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. If you have questions regarding the application, please contact Director of Finance and Administration Mark Montalvo at montalvo@csus.edu or 278-7917.

Submitted by Associated Students Inc.

Student fee proposal forms
The Student Fee Advisory Committee has begun accepting 2014-15 Category II and Category III fee proposal forms. Executive Order 1054 governing fees and the fee proposal form can be found at www.csus.edu/aba/sfac. The Category Fee II (Campus Mandatory Fee) deadline is Friday, Nov. 21. The Category Fee III (Materials, Service and Course Fee) deadline is Friday, Feb. 6.

Submitted by the Student Financial Services Center

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. Tuesday, Nov. 25
- 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety

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 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Alumni Center. Please RSVP at giving@csus.edu.

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 (916) 278-3922.

Submitted by University Advancement

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2014/11/ProfessionalActivities11-03-14.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

Winter break systems maintenance and downtime
IRT is planning a shutdown of the Sacramento State Data Center to perform essential yearly maintenance on key IT systems. The outage will affect most campus technology services. The planned period for this maintenance is 6 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, through 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11. There is no good time to shut down systems for maintenance, but we have worked in advance with all divisions to pick the lowest-usage times twice a year, once in summer and once during winter break, to do this work. We ask that you keep this downtime in mind when planning assignments or activities for Jan. 10 and 11.

Affected systems include but are not limited to:
- Email
- The Sac State website
- My Sac State
- Student, Faculty and Employee Centers
- SacCT
- SacVault (data warehouse)
- Internet and wireless access
- NetApp file services (N:, P: & U: drives)
- VMware infrastructure and virtual servers

If you have questions or concerns, please call the IRT service desk at 278-7337. For other comments or concerns, please email itfeedback@csus.edu.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Security tip: What can malware do, and why do we need protection?
Worms or viruses can infect computers. Protected information then is harvested from the computer and disseminated. The computer also can be used as a “zombie” to send out
money-making spam or to propagate a virus or worm. Eventually, thousands of zombie computers are collected and can be sold to the highest bidder or used to threaten to attack corporate or government websites. Having constant and updated protection on your computer is essential at all times. For more information, contact the Information Security Office. You will find contact information on its webpage, www.csus.edu/irt/is.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Excess vacation hours
Sacramento State employees are limited in the amount of vacation they can keep as an unused balance. Those hours are reconciled annually, and hours in excess of carryover maximums must be used by Wednesday, Dec. 31. It is each employee’s responsibility to monitor his or her accumulated vacation time.

To view your vacation balance, go to www.csus.edu, log on to My Sac State using your username and password, and click on “Current Leave Balance” under “Employee Center.” The page will display your current vacation balance and alert you if it is approaching the maximum. The “Leave Accrual Information” link provides information on accrual rates and maximum carryover hours. Those who do not have access to a computer may request a printout from the timekeeper for their department.

Exceptions to the carryover policy must be approved by Christine Lovely, vice president for Human Resources, prior to the end of this calendar year. The limited grounds for such requests may be found in the “Vacation” article of your collective bargaining agreement or in Title V, Section 42909. The request must include the reasons for the exception and be submitted in writing to the employee’s program center manager for a recommendation. For staff, if approved, the recommendation must include a plan for using accrued vacation before Dec. 31, 2015. For managers, any carried-forward vacation must be used by the end of March 2015. In addition to use of accrued vacation, plans must address the usual accumulation of vacation leave time during the year to avoid this situation in the future. The recommendation must be forwarded by the program center manager to Vice President Lovely by Friday, Dec. 12, for approval. For more information, contact Human Resources at 278-6078.

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)
- Brittney Farrand, Arts and Letters (English Department)