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News

Input is invited as Sac State develops a new Strategic Plan
Sacramento State is developing a new Strategic Plan that will guide all aspects of the University for the next several years. As part of the process, the students, faculty and staff on the Strategic Planning Committee are seeking input from all members of the campus community. President Alexander Gonzalez and the committee have set up multiple ways to provide that input.

Two town halls – the first for faculty and staff, the second for students – were held last week. The committee invites you to inform students of a third town hall where they can share ideas – it is scheduled from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, in the American River Courtyard conference room. Refreshments will be provided.

Feedback also can be submitted through the Strategic Planning website: www.csus.edu/universitystrategicplan. In the “Voices From Our Community” section at the top of the page, the committee is posting key questions; the answers will help inform development of the plan. Additionally, ideas can be sent via email to strategicplan@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office of the President

Double your Giving Tuesday gift to Sac State
Faculty and staff now have an extra incentive to make a gift to the University on Giving Tuesday (noon Monday, Dec. 2, to 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3): The University Foundation at Sacramento State has pledged to match any Giving Tuesday contribution of up to $100 from Sac State faculty and staff, as well as from first-time donors and recent graduates, up to $10,000 overall. Find out how to make your gift twice as nice by visiting Sac State’s Giving Tuesday website, www.csus.edu/ua/givingtuesday, or by joining the event on Facebook.

Submitted by University Advancement

‘Wish Upon a Star’ at the University Union
Economic hardships have affected us all, and the spirit of giving is more important than ever to help those less fortunate than us. To help make a wish come true, come to the “Wish Upon a Star” display in the University Union main lobby during building hours, choose a star, purchase the wish listed on the star, then share the very special holiday gift with a child. The donated gifts benefit Sunburst Projects, which provides support services for HIV/AIDS-impacted families with children.

The “Wish Upon a Star” display will be in the University Union through Friday, Dec. 13, during regular building hours: 6:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday.

Submitted by the University Union
Special exhibit highlights work of graphic design alumni
The University Union Gallery is pleased to announce "Design Circus," a remarkable display of visual concoctions from Sac State’s graphic design alumni. The exhibit, a compilation of post-graduation “real world” projects created by Graphic Design Program alumni, runs through Thursday, Dec. 19. A reception is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5.

Since graduation, program alumni are working with a diverse list of clients, from Java City to StubHub, Target and even the SyFy channel. This show is just a small sampling of the high quality of work that has been generated by the program’s alumni over the past few years. Many of our alumni have helped companies to define their identity and create messages that are memorable. We hope this show will inform, persuade, delight, amaze and enlighten you as to what opportunities are out there for graphic designers.
Submitted by the University Union Gallery

Art exhibit offers educational opportunities
Artist and Professor Ian Harvey and his wife, Korean artist Koo Kyung Sook, are curating a special exhibit in February and are inviting all faculty to incorporate the show in their fields. “The Land and the People – Contemporary Korean Printmaking” will run Feb. 6 to May 17 in the University Library Gallery and feature the works of 10 Korean printmakers. Each artist offers unique perspectives on subjects such as social activism, political documentary and the environment. Instructors wishing to highlight the exhibit as part of their curricula can contact Harvey at iharvey@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Art Department

Tibetan Buddhist teaching with Lama Lodu Rinpoche
Lama Lodu Rinpoche of KDK San Francisco will provide a two-day teaching on living positively and following the path of Buddha. On Saturday, Dec. 14, the topics will be “How to Live in a Positive Way” and “Overcoming Afflictive Emotions Via Calm Abiding Practice.” On Sunday, Dec. 15, the topic will be "The Three Yanas – the Different Stages of the Path of the Buddha.” The teaching will take place in the Sokiku Nakatani Tea Room and Garden at the University Library.

This event is sponsored by KDK Sacramento (www.kdksacramento.com) and the Asian Studies Program. Free for Sac State students and faculty with a valid OneCard. Space is limited; RSVP to Jo Anna Davis at jojodancerfly@gmail.com.
Submitted by Asian Studies

Diversity Leadership Conference
The office of Student Organizations and Leadership invites faculty and staff to share their knowledge about leadership with our students at the Diversity Leadership Conference from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, in the University Union Ballroom. There will be workshops specific to student club leaders and workshops focusing on aspects of social justice, multiculturalism and multicultural competencies in regard to leadership.

Those interested in presenting a session should submit a Leadership Conference Session Proposal form at https://orgsync.com/1983/forms/87857 by Monday, Nov. 25. If your students are interested in attending, please have them complete the registration form at https://orgsync.com/1983/forms/89125 by Wednesday, Jan. 8. Please contact Mai Nguyen at mtnguyen@csus.edu with any inquiries.
Submitted by Student Organizations and Leadership
23rd annual Africa & Diaspora Conference
The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution, in collaboration with the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento, will present the 23rd annual Africa & Diaspora Conference, “Rethinking & Managing Ethnic and Religious Relations in Contemporary Africa/Diaspora: Past Experiences, Present Realities and New Directions.” The campus-based conference will be April 24-26. Faculty, students and scholars are invited to submit a proposal. The deadline for submission is Saturday, Nov. 30. Contact Ernest Uwazie at uwazieee@csus.edu with questions.
Submitted by the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution

Epicure extends Thanksgiving specials
Epicure restaurant at the University Union is extending its Thanksgiving specials through Wednesday, Nov. 27. Choose turkey cranberry ciabatta with a choice of sweet potato fries or French fries, or a kale and brussels sprouts salad. The restaurant is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Reserve your table at www.dining.csus.edu/epicure/reservations/ to enjoy a delicious holiday meal at Epicure.
Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

Winter Bowling League
The Sacramento State Winter 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 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 sfuson@csus.edu by Thursday, Jan 2.
Submitted by University Police

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2013/11/ProfessionalActivities11-04-13.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: Never fall for phishing
You receive an email from “CSUHelpDesk@gmail.com” late on a Friday afternoon, stating that there is an issue with the email system and that your password must be reset or you will be unable to check your email over the weekend. The email asks you to click on the “reset password” link. Never do this. Disregard the email as a phishing attack.

“Phishing” is a technique through which attackers attempt to fraudulently acquire protected information, such as passwords or credit card details, by masquerading as a trustworthy source in an electronic communication. If you received an email such as this, do not reply. Please forward this and any other suspicious emails to abuse@csus.edu. For more on phishing, go to www.csus.edu/irt/is/phishing.
Submitted by the Information Security Office
Human Resources

Conduct policy reminder
As the semester draws to a close, many members of the campus community will be celebrating the holiday season with faculty, staff and student parties or other University-related social events. Such events are wonderful opportunities for everyone to unwind after a semester of hard work. While the main focus of these events should be on fun and holiday cheer, the Office for Equal Opportunity wants to remind everyone that Sacramento State and the CSU’s policies addressing student and employee conduct, specifically Executive Orders 1074 and 1089, remain in effect during these events, whether on or off campus.

Therefore, when attending University-related social events, please be aware of the effect that any unwelcome conduct (inappropriate jokes/comments, unwelcome touching, etc.) could have on others. Finally, for social events where alcohol is served, please remember to drink responsibly. Executive Orders 1074 and 1089 may be found at http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-1074.html and http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-1089.html.

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:

Carlyn Ster, College of Arts and Letters Dean’s Office
Jennifer White, Financial Aid Office
John Dirk Van Adrighem, Facilities Services