News

2014-15 Outstanding Faculty Awards
The Faculty Senate congratulates the 2014-15 Outstanding Faculty Awards recipients for Outstanding Teaching, University Service, Community Service, and Scholarly and Creative Activity. Recipients are recognized for having positively affected the life of the University through their teaching, their service, or their scholarly and creative activities — displaying a consistent and engaging collegiality and a strong commitment to students throughout their careers at Sacramento State. The award ceremony and a reception to honor the recipients will be held at 3 p.m. March 5 in the University Union, Redwood Room.

Outstanding Teaching Awards:
- Ron Coleman, Biological Sciences, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Aya Ida, Sociology, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Nuriddin Ikromov, Finance, College of Business Administration
- Jacqueline Irwin, Communication Studies, College of Arts and Letters
- Robert Pieretti, Speech Pathology and Audiology, College of Health and Human Services
- Lynda Stone, Undergraduate Studies, College of Education

Outstanding University Service Awards:
- Phillip Akutsu, Psychology, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Carolynn Goetze, Nursing, College of Health and Human Services
- Lisa Hammersley, Geology, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Kazue Masuyama, Foreign Languages, College of Arts and Letters
- Pia Wong, Teaching Credentials, College of Education

Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activity Awards:
- Tim Horner, Geology, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Edward Lascher, Public Policy and Administration, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Saad Merayyan, Civil Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science
- Hakan Ozcelik, Management, College of Business Administration
- Mona Siegel, History, College of Arts and Letters
- Caroline Turner, Graduate and Professional Studies, College of Education

Outstanding Community Service Awards:
- Manuel Barajas, Sociology, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Nassrine Noureddine, Nursing, College of Health and Human Services
- Nigel Poor, Design, College of Arts and Letters

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Reminder: Jan. 2 is a workday for many
Friday, Jan. 2, while an academic holiday for academic year faculty, is a workday for all other staff, managers and 12-month faculty. The University Union and The WELL will be
open; however, they will operate under modified hours. No food services will be available on
campus. Unless work is scheduled for you, our hope is that you will request use of vacation
time, accrued compensating time off or your personal holiday to give yourself a well-
deserved, uninterrupted holiday break. As always, requests for time off must be made in
advance and approved by your manager.
Submitted by Human Resources

This week in the One World Initiative
From Tuesday to Friday, Dec. 16-19, the Design Department presents its Interior
Architecture Senior Show, featuring student projects that explore happiness and well-being
through the design of leisure interiors. A reception will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday,
Dec. 18, at the Mariposa Design Gallery (fourth floor).
Submitted by One World

Starbucks holiday offer, campus eatery hours announced
Season’s greetings from Starbucks on campus! Enjoy a 30 percent discount on all holiday
purchases now through Tuesday, Dec. 23. Get your favorite holiday beverages, shop for
holiday-themed gifts, stock up on your favorite holiday packaged coffee, and more. This
offer is good while supplies last.

You’ll also be happy to know that The Buzz will be open when EcoGrounds is closed from
Monday, Dec. 22, through Monday, Jan. 19. The Buzz will be open Monday and Tuesday,
Dec. 22-23, and during winter break starting Monday, Jan. 5, offering your favorite Java
City beverages, breakfast and lunch items, and grab-and-go foods. It’s located in the Union
near the vending machines and across from the Games Room.

Campus eatery hours of operation are changing starting this week through winter break.
Hours will be posted at all campus eateries by midweek and will be available on the Campus
Dining website at www.dining.csus.edu. Please note that Starbucks, Java City at Modoc Hall,
and The Buzz will be open Dec. 22-23. All other campus eateries will be closed Dec. 22-28.
Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

Sequoia Hall and State University Drive closure on Dec. 20
State University Drive, in front of Sequoia Hall, will be closed from 7 a.m. to approximately
2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. The closure will include the area directly after the Guy West
Bridge entrance to the location of the greenhouses. During this time, a crane will be lifting
heavy equipment onto the Sequoia Hall roof; therefore, Sequoia Hall will be closed and clear
of occupants to ensure everyone’s safety. If you have questions or concerns, contact Robin
Eicher at 278-4895.
Submitted by the Office of the Vice President for Administration/CFO

Testing Center hours as semester ends
The Testing Center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. We will be
testing through Friday, Dec. 19, and are open through Wednesday, Dec. 24. We strongly
encourage faculty to pick up completed final exams during regular office hours to ensure
they are received before grades are due. The campus will be closed Dec. 25 through Jan. 1,
and campus mail will not be delivered during that time. Please expect all untaken exams to
be sent back during that time.

For more information about the Testing Center and/or using our services, please visit
www.csus.edu/testing. You may also contact the Testing Center, located in Lassen Hall
2302, at 278-6296 or testingcenter@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Testing Center
Electrical system maintenance outages during winter break
Facilities Management will perform our yearly electrical system maintenance procedures during the campus holiday shutdown from Saturday, Dec. 20, through Wednesday, Dec. 31. This will require power outages as listed at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Briefing/documents/ElectricalMaintenanceOutageScheduleWinter2014.pdf. Some buildings will have up to an eight-hour power outage. If you work in one of the listed buildings, please be sure to turn off all electronics, computers and other electrical equipment to avoid damage from power surges.
Submitted by Facilities Management

IRT’s 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

Network upgrade is coming
IRT is upgrading the campus’s core network. To minimize the impact on faculty, students and staff, the work will be done Sunday, Dec. 21, through Sunday, Jan. 11, outside business hours. This equipment refresh is a part of the CSU-wide network refresh program and is necessary because our existing core equipment is almost a decade old and soon no longer will be supported by the vendor. Because the campus community relies more and more on wireless and wired networks, it is important to update this core hardware and software to ensure reliable network services. We have thoroughly tested the network transition on a number of non-academic areas (including IRT offices) and have found that the process occurred with no disruption to users. We expect brief outages during this transition, typically of less than a minute.

The first buildings to be switched to the new core Dec. 21 will be Lassen, Modoc, Mariposa, Sequoia, Benicia and Mendocino halls, and the University Library. The residence halls are scheduled for Monday, Dec. 22. Transition for other buildings begins Jan. 4, starting with Public Safety and Capital Public Radio. During the week of Jan. 5, all remaining buildings will be transitioned with building cutovers that will take place in the early evenings. We will
focus on major classroom buildings in the December and Jan. 4 windows to minimize possible disruption to classes.

The upgrade will be completed the weekend of Jan. 10-11, coinciding with the Data Center maintenance also planned that weekend. Keep in mind that all campus network and data systems will be affected at some point during this annual maintenance period.

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

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

2014-2015 Scholarly Writing Forum Program
The Office of Research Affairs invites tenured, tenure-track and part-time faculty to participate in the 2014-2015 Scholarly Writing Forum Program. In an effort to support faculty writing, Ted Lascher (Department of Public Policy and Administration, and researcher-in-residence, Office of Research Affairs) will lead four sessions during the spring semester addressing topics related to scholarly writing. Topics include: effective collaborations; the review process; on-campus support groups and outside resources; and how to discuss your research productivity with chairs, committee members and deans.

All sessions will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays with lunch provided. You need not attend all sessions, but if you do, you will receive a certificate of completion. The four selected Thursdays for the spring semester are Feb. 19, March 12, April 9 and April 23. Registration is required via www.csus.edu/research/scholarlywritingforum.html.

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

Regional Writing Across the Curriculum conference scheduled for April 17
Writing Across the Curriculum invites teachers across disciplines to submit a proposal for the fifth biannual Northern California Writing Across the Curriculum Conference at the University Union on Friday, April 17. Directions for submitting a proposal can be found on the conference website at http://writing.ucdavis.edu/the-workshop-program/the-5th-biannual-reading-and-writing-across-the-curriculum-conference.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

California Pre-Doctoral Program application deadline is Jan. 30
The California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the pool of potential faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of California State University students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages. A special emphasis will be placed on increasing the number of CSU students who enter graduate programs at one of the University of California institutions. The program provides:

- Travel funds for the student and faculty sponsor to visit U.S. Ph.D.-granting institutions, as well as to attend professional meetings appropriate to the student’s development.
- The opportunity to apply for a fully funded summer internship for the student to participate in doctoral-level research at a University of California campus or other U.S. research institution.
- Development funds for other related activities, such as student membership in professional organizations.

Submitted by the Graduate Diversity Program
Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program application deadline is Jan. 31
The CSU Forgivable Loan Program offers loans and faculty sponsorship to full-time students pursuing doctoral degrees who are interested in a teaching career at a CSU campus. Specifically, the program provides:

- Loans of up to $10,000 per year up to a total of $30,000.
- Loan forgiveness: 20 percent of the loan is forgiven for each year of full-time postdoctoral teaching at a CSU campus.
- Faculty sponsorship from a CSU faculty member.

Submitted by the Graduate Diversity Program

Fall 2014 Faculty Teaching Assignment Report
The new 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 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 (WTU) by individual faculty member and department.

To view the report, go to www.csus.edu/or. Click on “Data Center,” then “Faculty: Special Reports.” Please contact the Office of Institutional Research at 278-6566 if you have any questions.

Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2014/12/ProfessionalActivities12-01-14.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

Security tip: Be very careful with emails
Email communications – even internal emails – are inherently insecure because they can be readable as they travel over the network. When sending any email, consider how you can keep information from falling into the wrong hands. This can include determining precisely who needs to see the information and sending it only to that person; considering other forms of communication that might be more secure, such as the mail or hand-delivering a paper or electronic copy; or encrypting the email.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Year-end pay warrants and direct deposit posting dates
The regular master payday falls on Wednesday, Dec. 31; however, please be aware that the issue date is Thursday, Jan. 1, and the posting date for direct deposit is Friday, Jan. 2, per the State Controller’s Office.

Please note that because the December payroll is the first pay warrant issued in the new calendar year of 2015, your paycheck net may or may not be different from your previous
month’s check. This may be due to new benefit rate deductions and tax withholding changes that occur with the new year.

The Office of Human Resources – including Payroll – will be closed for the holidays from Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Friday, Jan. 2. If you have any questions, please call Payroll at 278-6211.

**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:
- Lisalee Egbert, Teacher Education (Child Development Department)
- Brittney Farrand, Arts & Letters (English Department)
- Anne Goff, Arts & Letters (Foreign Languages Department)