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News

Institute for Social Research wins two awards
Sacramento State’s Institute for Social Research and its subcontractor, the Academic Technology and Creative Services Unit, partnered with First 5 California to produce the First 5 California Fiscal Year 2010-11 Annual Report. This report recently picked up two awards: a Gold Award from the California State Information Officers Council and a Crystal Merit Award from the Association of Business Communicators Sacramento. The award-winning report can be found here: www.ccfc.ca.gov/pdf/annual_report_pdfs/Annual_Report_10-11.pdf.

Submitted by the Institute for Social Research

Anita Kermes is new financial aid director
Student Affairs is very pleased to announce that Anita Kermes has accepted the position of financial aid director, effective immediately. She brings to the position more than 25 years of experience in higher education, including 10 years as a director of financial aid.

Her collaborative leadership style and highly organized approach, combined with her experience in financial aid and the student loan industry, make her well-suited to lead the Financial Aid Office at Sacramento State.

Student Affairs wishes to thank the Sac State community for its participation throughout the process. Please join in congratulating and welcoming Anita Kermes.

Submitted by Student Affairs

Meet candidates for associate vice president, Student Engagement and Success
Student Affairs invites the campus community to meet candidates for associate vice president, Student Engagement and Success, on the dates below. Each open forum includes a 15- to 20-minute candidate presentation, followed by about 40 minutes of questions and answers. The forums are open to all interested University members, including students, faculty and staff.

The forums are from 1:15-2:15 p.m. in the Terrace Suite at The WELL on the following dates:

- Monday, June 11: Beth Lesen, executive director of Student Affairs, the City College of New York
- Tuesday, June 12: Christian Wuthrich, affiliate faculty, Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling Psychology, College of Education, Washington State University
- Wednesday, June 13: Michael Speros, interim executive director, Housing and Campus Life, Sacramento State
- Thursday, June 14: Eric Arneson, director of Campus Life, Florida International University

Individuals who plan to attend are encouraged to submit written comments to Lori Varlotta, vice president for Student Affairs, by email at varlotta@csus.edu no later than noon Monday, June 18. The subject line on the email should read “AVP candidate feedback.”

Submitted by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
2012 Writing Across the Curriculum faculty development retreat
All full- and part-time instructors are invited to the 2012 Writing Across the Curriculum faculty development retreat, "Time-Saving Strategies for Assigning, Evaluating, and Responding to Student Writing," from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, in the University Union, Foothill Suite. The retreat is free, and breakfast and lunch will be served. RSVP to Dan Melzer at wac@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

2012 Graduating Student Survey Report
In Spring 2012, the Office of Institutional Research administered a Graduating Student Survey to assess the quality and effectiveness of educational programs and support services at Sacramento State. This survey asked graduating seniors to share their views on a variety of issues covering many aspects of the Sacramento State experience, as well as to relate their future plans.

The survey report consists of nine sections: satisfaction with campus services and facilities; satisfaction with college experiences; progress; campus climate; interactions among racial/ethnic groups; faculty support; engagement and commitment; future plans; and background information. Survey findings have been compared with the previous year’s results where applicable and are broken down by college.

Please go to www.csus.edu/or/Reports.html to view the report.
Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

Faculty Teaching Assignment Report update
The updated 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 Spring 2012 semester census date. It displays information regarding faculty teaching load, such as courses and sections, student course credits, section enrollment, student FTE and weighted teaching units 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

University Policy Manual revision
Please note the following announcement of a revised policy in the University Policy Manual:

The policy “Campus Physical Planning” has been updated with a new title to align with other campuses and the Chancellor’s Office. Changes were also made to the committee membership. This revised policy replaces the existing “Campus Facilities Planning” policy.

ADM 0158 – Campus Physical Planning Policy (formerly Campus Facilities Planning)
www.csus.edu/umanual/admin/ADM-0158.html (revised)
Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Faculty Senate schedule
The Faculty Senate schedule for the summer is available at
www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/06/FacultySenateSummer2012Sked.html.
Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Professional activities
The latest professional activities are available at
www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/05/ProfessionalActivities05-07-12.html.
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

President Gonzalez continues updates
Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez will post updates on campus developments on his web page at www.csus.edu/President/fromthedeskofthepresident.html.
Submitted by the Office of the President
**Summer Academies for High School Students begin July 23**

High school students will explore the fields of biotechnology, health careers and culinary arts from July 23-Aug. 2 on the Sacramento State campus.

The Summer Academies for High School Students offer a personalized learning experience via small classes and a hands-on approach. Teens can study potential careers and prepare for the future while meeting other high school students from around the region.

To register, visit [www.cce.csus.edu/acads](http://www.cce.csus.edu/acads). For questions, contact Carole Taylor at catalyor@csus.edu or 278-2794.

Submitted by the College of Continuing Education

**Summer Golf League**

Sac State’s fifth annual Summer Golf League is playing weekly 18-hole rounds on Thursdays through Aug. 16 at Cordova Golf Course. Tee times are 4-5:30 p.m. with two players per team (substitutes may be arranged). Cost is $10-$12 for 18 holes/unlimited (no cart). It is not mandatory to make every Thursday of the summer. Absences and substitutions can be arranged. This is a recreation-based golf league.

For more information, contact basso@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by The WELL

**Temporary closure of parking facilities**

In an effort to save energy costs during an off-peak period, the following parking facilities are closed during the summer. Reopening is planned by 7 a.m. Monday, Aug. 20:

- Parking Structure III
- Lot 10
- Lot 11

All other parking facilities are scheduled to be open and available. For questions, contact University Transportation and Parking Services at 278-7275, parking@csus.edu or www.csus.edu/utaps.

Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services

**Price of commuter pass increases for faculty and staff**

The cost of faculty and staff Regional Transit commuter passes will increase from $30 for a six-month pass to $40, beginning July 1.

The commuter pass provides a significant discount for Sacramento State faculty and staff who ride RT buses and light rail. Sac State faculty and staff will pay only $6.67 a month for unlimited ridership, whereas an unlimited ridership pass purchased from RT costs $100 a month. Fees paid for faculty/staff commuter passes help fund the contract between the University and RT that allows faculty, staff and students to ride RT transportation at a reduced rate. Students pay for the commuter pass through a transportation fee each semester.

Faculty/staff commuter passes can be purchased at the Student Financial Services Center and the UTAPS Office. Passes are effective July 1-Dec. 31, 2012. For more information, visit the UTAPS website at www.csus.edu/utaps.

Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services

**OneCard discounts**

OneCard Services wishes to thank all who visited the OneCard booth during the University Staff Assembly’s Employee Picnic. Many were excited to view the discounts available to Sac State employees. If you didn’t get a chance to check out the list, you can do so by visiting the OneCard website at www.csus.edu/onecard. You can also “like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sacstateonecard to receive the latest and greatest discounts as we post them.

Submitted by Student Financial Services/OneCard
**Campus eateries open this summer**

Please pardon our dust as renovations to several campus eateries are under way. Key dining locations, including the River Front Center, Round Table Pizza, Dreyer’s/Da Deli and the University Center Restaurant, are closed this summer for much-needed updates. However, be sure to visit other terrific campus eateries, including:

- Java City/Roundhouse near Lassen Hall
- Various eateries in the University Union
- Subway next to the Hornet Bookstore

University Enterprises Inc. Dining Services continues to provide a wonderful dining experience for the campus community, and the changes will bring new, healthy and flavorful options. For a current listing of open eateries and their hours of operation, visit [www.enterprises.csus.edu/dining/](http://www.enterprises.csus.edu/dining/). For information about the renovations or closures, please contact Angela Rader at angela.rader@csus.edu.

*Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.*

**DuJour’s reopens in the Union**

University Enterprises Inc. Dining Services is pleased to reopen DuJour’s, near Jamba Juice in the University Union, offering the same high-quality, value-oriented items such as grab-’n’-go sandwiches, salads and snacks.

DuJour’s will be open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, please visit [www.enterprises.csus.edu/dining/dujours/](http://www.enterprises.csus.edu/dining/dujours/).

*Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.*

**Email system maintenance scheduled for Friday**

The University email service, Exchange, will be down intermittently for maintenance from 6 p.m. Friday, June 15, to 2 a.m. Saturday, June 16. Any incoming or outgoing mail during this maintenance, including SacSend email, will be queued and delivered when the system is returned to service. The outage time for any given user will only be seconds. If you happen to log in as the update is happening and receive an error message, simply log in again.

If you have any questions or concerns about this maintenance, contact the IRT Service Desk at 278-7337 or servicedesk@csus.edu.

*Submitted by Information Resources and Technology*

**Police Department on Facebook and Twitter**

Have you checked out the Sacramento State Police Department’s official Facebook and Twitter pages? Managed by the Office of the Chief, the pages offer important news and alerts at Sacramento State, such as emergency notifications, traffic alert updates, alert bulletins, media releases, upcoming training/events, services and safety tips. For the Police Department’s Facebook page, go to [www.facebook.com/sacstatepolice](http://www.facebook.com/sacstatepolice). To follow the Police Department’s Twitter updates, go to [http://twitter.com/sacstatepolice](http://twitter.com/sacstatepolice). Email any suggestions or questions to police@csus.edu.

*Submitted by University Police*

**Marketing now part of Public Affairs and Advocacy**

The Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy is now responsible for University marketing, including brand and logo compliance, campus-wide advertising, and review of the design and development of all communications intended for an external audience.

If you have materials you need reviewed, please email them to universitymarketing@csus.edu or call 278-4381. Please allow at least two working days for the process. This procedure ensures that Sacramento State’s identity standards and guidelines are maintained.

*Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy*

**Watch for even more University news and videos**

Sacramento State is filled with activities worth keeping up on – from outstanding teaching, learning and research to the arts, wellness activities and Hornet athletics. Stories and videos on University people,
events and other news are available on Sacramento State’s news page, www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/, overseen by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy. And send your ideas for campus coverage to publicaffairs@csus.edu.

Another option for publicizing an academic event or performance is the University’s digital sign network on campus. Submit your message to www.csus.edu/digitalsigns or www.csus.edu/pa/digitalsign.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Sac State on Facebook and Twitter
Have you checked out Sacramento State’s official Facebook and Twitter pages? Managed by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy, the pages offer up-to-the-minute news and information on all things Sac State, from academics to athletics, the arts to student life. For the University’s Facebook page, go to www.facebook.com/sacstate. To follow Sac State’s Twitter updates, go to http://twitter.com/#!/sacstate.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Security quick tip:
There is no one secure password or passphrase
A recent password file breach at LinkedIn reminds us that no one password is completely secure. If you are using the same password on multiple sites, you increase your chance of a compromise. Malicious attackers know that users are likely to reuse account names and passwords. We had an incident on campus where a user’s bank password was compromised. Unfortunately, this person used the same user ID and password for the bank and the SacLink account. Weeks after the bank password was compromised, the malicious attacker used this person’s SacLink account to send out millions of spam messages. Don’t let this happen to you. Protect yourself by using different passphrases for different accounts.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Noontime and After-Work Wellness programs, Summer 2012
Professional Development and Training invites you to reduce stress and meet your daily physical activities needs by participating in our Summer 2012 Noontime and After-Work Wellness activities.

You are encouraged to find a partner and practice yoga and tai chi, or tone those muscles with aqua aerobics, and make it a practice to engage in healthful activities. Interested in burning 400-800 calories in one hour? Sign up for zumba or give ballroom dancing a whirl.

To register, visit our page at www.csus.edu/hr/traindev/noonwellness.html.

Noontime Wellness activities will be held from 12:05-12:50 p.m., and After-Work Wellness activities will be held from 4:15-5:15 p.m., through Aug. 2. No activities will be held Wednesday, July 4.

For more information or questions, please contact Kim Harrington at harringtonkc@csus.edu or call 278-6327.

Summer office hours
This summer, in an effort to conserve energy, Sacramento State is continuing the practice of a modified work schedule with normal business hours for the campus of 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break. These hours are effective through Friday, Aug. 17. 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 hours when energy demand is highest. The University hopes that this change will also permit many 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.htm#Disability, by visiting the Human Resources Disability Leaves office in Del Norte Hall, Suite 3002, or by calling 278-3522.

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

Cynthia Hester, Facilities Housing Department
Althea Spencer, Accounts Payable Department
Steven Craddock, Facilities Services