

Associated Students

Associated Students Inc. (ASI) of CSU Fresno opened its doors in 1975. Today, ASI provides a means for responsible and effective participation in the governance of the campus. It serves as an official voice through which students may express their opinions and assists in the protection of the rights and interests of the individual student and the student body.

The current administration has ignited a strong interest in providing a more representative, diverse, and well-rounded campus and recognizes a special commitment to addressing students' concerns.

The Associated Students Senate consists of the three executive officers — student body president, legislative vice president, and administrative vice president — and 15 senators. There is one senator for each of the eight schools, one for undeclared majors, one for the Division of Graduate Studies, and five at-larges. ASI is a nonprofit corporation chartered by the trustees of The California State University.

As a student, you are automatically a member of ASI and are required to pay a membership fee of \$16 per semester. This fee supports many programs such as the campus newspapers, University Lecture Series, a child care center, CSUF Overview, recreation and intramural sports activities, and a variety of multicultural festivals and programs.

Campus Newspapers. *The Daily Collegian*, *La Voz de Aztlan*, *Uhuru Na Umoja*, and *Hye Sharzhoom* are perhaps the most important sources of campus news for the

university. They publish a variety of information ranging from news to club announcements to cultural awareness. These campus newspapers can also give students the journalism experience needed to be competitive in the job market. Their offices are in the Keats Campus Building.

The Campus Children's Center. The center's philosophy is to serve those students with the greatest need, i.e., students who must have this service to continue their education. Consequently, enrollments are established on the basis of priorities. The center accepts children from ages six months to six years. For information, call 278-2652.



The Campus Children's Center is a vital service that makes the difference whether or not a college education can be a reality for students who are parents.

Faculty/Student Committees. Involvement in a faculty/student committee can give you practical experience and enhance your writing, speaking, reasoning, persuasion, and group interaction skills. Committees provide input into the university budget, academic policies, public affairs, bookstore or food services operations, and interaction with faculty members on an equal level when making these important decisions. Committees are a means of empowering students by giving them the direct responsibility of making decisions and implementing ideas that affect the entire campus community. Pick up a committee application in the ASI Office.

Annual Budget Process. All recognized clubs and organizations are entitled to participate in the annual budget process held in the spring semester. ASI's budget of more than \$300,000 is distributed to clubs, organizations, and programs.

Instructionally Related Activities. Organizations sponsoring projects directly related to classroom activities or laboratory experiments can apply for funding from Instructionally Related Activities. These activities or experiments should be an essential element to a quality educational program or an important aspect of an instructional experiment for any student enrolled in the respective program. Funding applications are available in the ASI Office.

Educational Research Program. This program provides financial support to both graduate and undergraduate research projects and other scholarly endeavors — under faculty supervision — in all academic disciplines. Funding supports proposed and in-progress endeavors only. If eligible, you can apply for this funding during the fall or spring semester. ■