



CALL POLY CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS ANNUAL REPORT

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MISSION & GOALS

MISSION

The Dean of Students Office, Clubs & Organizations contributes to the Learn by Doing model, as well as student development and retention by providing opportunities for involvement, leadership, and empowerment through a wide variety of clubs and organizations. These experiences nurture campus pride and student success in advancing an inclusive and diverse community.

VALUES

- Provide training for recognized student organization leaders and advisors.
- Provide resources for organization leaders to oversee the leadership and management of their organizations.
- Provide oversight for the development of advising organizations of the potential risks involved in their activities and taking proactive steps to minimize accidental injury and loss.
- Create a safe and fun environment for club sports athletes to compete at a multitude of skill levels and represent Cal Poly at competitions across the nation.
- Review and revise club policies and practices to ensure alignment with CSU Executive Orders and Cal Poly policies.



WELCOME LETTER

Despite the onset of COVID-19 and the subsequent requirements to shelter in place, Cal Poly student organization leaders continued to embrace opportunities to serve their communities by keeping them connected and engaged. It was a testament to the dedication of our students and the strength of the Cal Poly experience, which continues to engage students, giving them the ability to take ownership of their university experience and participate in Learn by Doing activities of their own making.

In both the in-person and virtual landscape, strong working partnerships continue to be an essential factor in the successful service of clubs and organizations. Partners include the Dean of Students Office, ASI, Risk Management, Facilities, University Police, Parking and Transportation Services, Cal Poly Corporation, Environmental Health & Safety, Athletics, and hundreds of advisors from various colleges and programs who selflessly volunteer their time and care in supporting our student endeavors.

Here are a few highlights from this academic year.

- In March 2020, the university aligned with precautionary measures from the State of California, requiring all individuals to shelter-in-place (except for essential work requirements or needs). As a result, all in-person club events were canceled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year, including club travel. Most club leaders used this as an opportunity to pivot, engaging their club members in a virtual environment. University staff personally emailed and called the student leaders of every RSO to inquire about their club status and offer support. Additionally, many of the processes that formerly required in-person interactions, and the submission of printed materials became virtual and electronic in nature.
- Personnel from Clubs & Organizations and ASI have collaborated regularly throughout the year to conduct an intensive self-study. The team used the Self-Assessment Guides (SAG), created in alignment with functional area CAS (the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education) standards. The team has completed a majority of the self-study and identified several areas for improvement, with practices to be implemented in various stages over the next five years.
- The Hub (student engagement platform) had a successful beta-launch in Fall 2019, with Club Sports moving 100% of their forms and resources to the system. Unfortunately, CampusVibe discontinued the product in January 2020. Nevertheless, personnel from Clubs & Organizations, ASI, and Student Affairs Information Technology continue to seek a student engagement platform solution. We conducted several product demonstrations and consulted with personnel at other institutions who are users of established products to evaluate platform offering alignment with Cal Poly's needs. At the time of this writing, Cal Poly is undergoing a spending freeze, which requires a greater conversation and authorization to determine whether this is the right time to move forward with a decision regarding a student engagement platform.
- University staff revised several club practices and policies to align with CSU and Cal Poly guidelines.
- University staff obtained permission on behalf of RSOs, allowing them to use club funds for travel expenses in restricted states.
- This was a high-water-mark year for RSOs successfully requesting ASI Club Funding. In fact, ASI Club Funding was exhausted following the first week of Winter Quarter 2020. To explore and discuss the lack of funding, student representatives formed the Ad Hoc Club Funding Committee which met weekly to consider funding alternatives, which included releasing a survey to gain student input. The committee tendered several observations and recommendations to ASI Student Government.
- Staff from Clubs & Organizations took over the LEAD Awards Committee this year, as it grew into a division-wide program for the first time. It was also the first time that the event was held virtually, considering coronavirus concerns. Overall, 26 nominations were received for 19 nominees, and nine winners were announced.
 - Leadership in Action: Jessica Husband, Athena Cole, and Erika Cospin
 - Collaboration: Michaela Donofrio, Lou. Ibe, and Bri Tomlinson
 - Programs & Events of Distinction: Buck the Stigma/Mental Health Dialogue Group and Seeds in STEM
 - Allyship: Shawna Smith, Lead Coordinator for Fraternity & Sorority Life

This year, Cal Poly recognized 416 student organizations. While this number is lower than the total number of RSOs last year, 432 (a decrease of 3.7%), it is likely that were it not for the repercussions of COVID-19 and the shelter-in-place requirement, more student organizations would have sought and received recognition status.

Clubs & Organizations Professional Staff



NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

TRAINING

CSU Executive Orders require campuses to provide orientation for advisors and officers. During the academic year 2019-2020, 416 student organizations completed the online training requirement to become Recognized Student Organizations (RSO). As a result of the training, participants were able to demonstrate an understanding of guidelines such as Cal Poly's Campus Administrative Policies concerning discrimination, alcohol use/abuse, and courses of action after a survivor has reported a sexual assault. Officers and advisors also demonstrated a knowledge of club operation procedures such as purchase reimbursements, ASI funding applications, and the E-Plan process (software necessary for schedule a club event).

For the third year, the Dean of Students Office supported ASI Student Government in hosting a campus-wide club program, titled this year, Students for Students Night. Club officers were invited to an evening event that included speakers from across campus and interactive and collaboration exercises. Although there were three events planned, only two events were hosted, one for the fall and winter quarter; the anticipated event for the spring quarter was canceled due to COVID-19. Clubs & Organizations, in cooperation with the Center for Leadership and ASI, facilitated club leadership training opportunities, such as Pass the Torch, a workshop for transitioning officers in Spring 2020 with 46 attendees. Club Sports hosted three quarterly Athlete Toolkit Sessions.

During the 2019-2020 academic year, 13 new RSOs completed the charter process. This number is significantly less than the number of new RSOs during the previous two years due to the impact of COVID-19.

NEW RSOs FOR 2019-2020:

- Masti
- Bollywood dance team
- Reality Dating Show
- A celebration of reality dating shows
- Womxn in Mechanical Engineering
- Aim to foster a safe and inclusive community that empowers her allies
- Alpha Sigma Phi
- Philanthropic founded on values of character
- University Film Association
- Dedicated to appreciation of film in an inclusive environment
- Sunrise SLO
- Part of a national movement to stop climate change and create jobs
- Delta Sigma Phi
- New Fraternity
- Composition Forum – To compose and perform new music, discussion, community
- Art 4 All
- To create a safe place for anyone interested in different art mediums at no cost
- West Coast Swing, Cal Poly
- Westies' to promote West Coast Swing
- Financial Independence Club
- To help people learn about practical personal finance.
- Speed Cubing Club
- Training and competitions using 3-D combination cube puzzles
- Nikkei Student Union
- Inclusive cultural and social club for those interested in Japanese American culture



CLUB EVENTS

The 2019-2020 academic year also saw a profound shift in how students conducted events. In March 2020, all events, both on and off campus were canceled out of an abundance of caution and care. Under normal operations, RSOs can request a reservation for an event, either on or off campus, by filling out an E-Plan. Requests that are approved by a club advisor and president are processed in Cal Poly's scheduling system, 25Live. During the 2019-20 academic year:

- Prior to the order to shelter in place, **9,711 RSO events** were facilitated on campus, each one requiring an EPlan request and review: **2,145 events or games, 7,063 meetings or practices, and 443 info booths or tabling events**. In total, this represents **27,688 hours of reservations**.
- These numbers do not account for the numerous virtual club events and engagement opportunities during the shelter-in-place requirement that included platforms such as Zoom, Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube.

Many events had to be evaluated for risk. The Dean of Students Office evaluated 1,061 unique event requests for risk or regulation compliance for the 2019-2020 academic year. Many requests necessitated a personal meeting with the student organizer(s) and Dean of Students staff to determine the scope of the event and to assess risk. Other requests necessitated that additional campus partners be involved, such as Risk Management, Facilities, Environmental Health & Safety, UPD, etc. In this case, a Dean of Students staff member scheduled a group meeting to discuss the event.



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RSO EVENTS

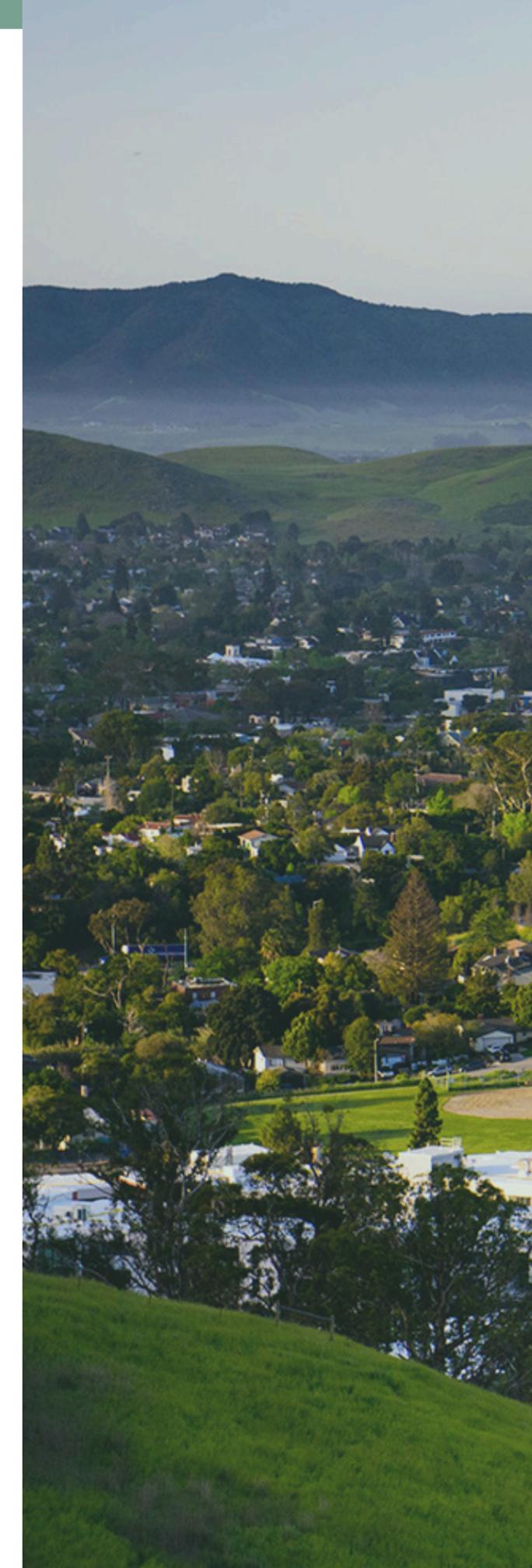


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HRS OF RESERVATIONS

EVENTS OF NOTE

While many noteworthy club events had to be canceled this year, such as Relay for Life and Design Village, there were, nevertheless, many noteworthy club events. Here are a few highlights:

- TEDx San Luis Obispo, inspired 900 community members in the Performing Arts Center to be catalysts for change. With a variety of dynamic speakers, it was an event worthy of TED's reputation for delivering compelling presentations. Dance Marathon 2020 raised \$46,501 in support of the patients and their families at Cottage Children's Medical Center.
- Movimiento Estudiantil Xicanx de Aztlán (MEXA) hosted the 2020 Xicanx Youth Conference, welcoming over 130 students to campus in an effort to promote higher education amongst Xicanx/a/o identifying students. Attendees enjoyed classroom instruction, inspiring guest speakers, complimentary food, and a sense of connection with current Cal Poly students. MEXA representatives were able to facilitate this event despite a significant reduction in donor funds.
- Student representatives from the Black Student Union (BSU) and the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) provided leadership to contribute to peaceful demonstrations to fight against racism and recognize and honor black lives.
- Many student groups imagined and realized new ways to engage their student members remotely, including hosting cooking contests, painting workshops, virtual games and video games, and meetings with guest speakers. As one club president remarked, shelter in place actually provided an opportunity for them to see new possibilities in inviting guests who would have otherwise found attending a club meeting difficult due to physical distance.



Club Sports PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Club Sports offers programming which allows student athletes to grow and contribute both on and off the field.

- The Club Sports Council facilitated monthly Council meetings with representatives from each club sport in attendance at each meeting. Additionally, they held the Club Sports Fall BBQ and Club Sports Awards Show to facilitate community amongst the teams.
- The Small Business Practices sessions were re-tooled into the Athlete Toolkit Sessions. Each quarterly session equipped student-athletes with skills necessary for balancing their athletic and academic endeavors. The topics were Sport Psychology (Fall), Nutrition (Winter), and Team Development (Spring). Training was facilitated by representatives from the Clubs & Organizations, Nutrition, and SMC Performance Coaching, respectively.
- Cal Poly's 29 Club Sports participated in 554 events for the year, with a 73%-win percentage for scored events (247-88-3). Of the 29 teams, five qualified for and participated in post-season nationals in Fall (Cycling, Distance, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, and Water Ski). An additional seven teams qualified for post-season nationals in Spring, however their events were canceled due to COVID-19. An additional six teams were on track to qualify for nationals before their seasons were cut short due to the pandemic.

CLUB SPORTS FUNDRAISER EVENTS

- The Club Sports Council hosted another very successful Krispy Kreme Donuts fundraiser on campus, raising just over \$1500.00 in Fall 2019.



CLUB SPORTS TOURNAMENTS HOSTED AT CAL POLY

Despite Spring 2020 being 100% virtual, Club Sports had a very busy year. Our teams hosted 74 home competitions and tournaments and 62 non-competitive events, including:

- Cycling's 2nd Annual Poly Canyon Classic Mountain Bike Race in October 2019 and the return of the Cal Poly Criterium, which was held on campus for the first time in more than 10 years in January 2020.
- The NIRSA Region VI Men's and Women's Soccer Championships. 18 teams from across the West Coast competed, and both our Men's and Women's teams placed 1st place to qualify for Nationals (October 2019).
- Fencing hosted their Annual Turkey Tournament on November 9, 2019 at the Rec Center. The club was also instrumental in bringing the USA Pentathlon Olympic Qualifiers to campus in January 2020, an event at which student-athletes from many club sports teams volunteered.
- Ballroom held their annual Mustang Ball on February 1st, bringing more than 300 dancers together from all over the state to compete and participate in workshops.
- Triathlon held their Annual Heart & Soles community run, a fundraiser for United Way of San Luis Obispo (February 22, 2020).
- Women's Water Polo hosted the Mustang Invitational at Anderson Pool on March 7 & 8th, the last weekend of competitions before the remainder of the season was canceled.

COLLABORATION W/ NSTP

Clubs and organizations play a huge role in collaborating with New Student and Transition Program events WOW and Open House.

- 364 RSOs participated in the WOW 2019 Campus Showcase on Sunday, September 22, 2019.
- 11 organizations partnered with New Student & Transition Programs to provide programming events during WOW 2019.
- For Open House 2020, 43 clubs hosted events as part of Cal Poly's first ever virtual Open House.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Sarah Hawkins attended the NIRSA California State Conference (August 2019) and successfully completed Creative Mediation's Elements of Mediation Training (October 2019).

STUDENT ASSISTANTS

Clubs and Organizations employed:

3 part-time student assistants assisting with clubs and organizations correspondence and publication needs.

2 part-time student assistants assisting club sports: Travel Coordinator, and Scheduling Coordinator.

14 Event Staff (E-Staff) students to provide event supervision and support at home games for club sports. E-Staff may sign up for available shifts as they are available. Shifts average 5-10 hours per weekend/competition.

FISCAL INFORMATION

ICSUAM 1401.00 (Administration of Student Organization Funds) requires that "Monies collected in the name of the Student Organization must be maintained in a bank account of the University or an Auxiliary." From July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, RSOs conducted \$1,896,670.52 worth of transactions, utilizing a total of 3,022 Payment Request Forms (PRFs).

