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**Associated Student Inc. Petitions Available for 2013**

(FRESNO, Calif.) – Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 16, petitions to run for an officer or senator of Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) are available in the student involvement office located in the University Student Union, room 306.

ASI is an organization that provides an opportunity for student participation in the governance of the university. Students involved with ASI are responsible for voicing student opinions regarding campus issues, assisting in the protection of student rights and providing programs and services to meet the needs of the students and the campus community.

“Students should definitely get involved with ASI,” said Fernando Moreno, current senator of Clubs and Organizations. “ASI provides a training ground for students to practice the skills that will make them productive members of society. It is where the leaders of tomorrow come and leave their mark before heading out to tackle the problems of the world.”

ASI is comprised of four executive officers and 15 senators. Full time Fresno State students who meet the requirements are welcome to apply for an ASI position. Some of these requirements include a GPA of a 2.0 or higher from fall 2012, a 2.0 GPA for undergrad and a 3.0 GPA overall for graduate students, along with other details that are outlined in the Petitions for Office.

“Throughout my experience in ASI I have realized the influence the students have on our campus to create positive change,” said Michael Eberhard, current senator of Greek Affairs. “Students should get involved with ASI because of the personal and professional development they experience and the invaluable opportunity to network with professionals within the University and the community of Fresno. Serving as a senator has given me the opportunity to make a difference at Fresno State and makes me very proud to be a Bulldog!”

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ASI is a body of elected student representatives that encourages student involvement in campus-wide decisions and funds student programs. As the student government we ensure that students’ rights are protected and their voices are heard.