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The organization started with 10 members in the spring semester but this extra time has allowed for new relationships to be formed between the newcomers.

Huerta said despite these challenges, the organization is making good progress and plans to fundraise throughout the rest of the semester.

“We also love the fact that everybody here at A-State is so supportive of us,” Huerta said. “Literally since we first started the organization people have been coming up to us like, ‘Oh my gosh we’re so glad this is finally happening,’ and just different stuff like that. It’s amazing to see how campus is coming together and they’re trying to work with us and see something happen.”

Many different Hispanic organizations have been revamped or started around campus recently. Huerta said her group of friends revamped the Hispanic Outreach & Latino/a/x Appreciation organization on campus. Another one of Huerta’s friends created Hermana y Hermano that stands as a mentorship program for minority freshmen.

“A-State has literally took such a drastic change honestly,” Huerta said. “We’re making it more of a place that is welcoming to a lot of Hispanic students. I know the numbers have risen and more students have applied to A-State because they know there are Hispanics that go there and there’s stuff that caters to us.”

PHOTO COURTESY OF LATIN SORORITY EXPANSION PROJECT

The Latin Sorority Expansion Project tabled outside the Student Union in an effort to sell tamales to raise money to bring the first Latin Sorority to A-State’s campus.



Three academic task forces announced

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Three academic task forces to support the upcoming strategic plan at Arkansas State University were announced by A-State’s Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Alan Utter last week.

Utter charged the task force members and established chairs to look into three areas identified by the university’s Strategic Planning Committee.

“I appreciate the leadership of our Provost in proactively setting up these groups to begin investigation by a broad group of faculty members,” Chancellor Kelly Dampousse said. “The reports and feedback we receive will be important to our finalization of the plan and its launch phase this fall.”

Utter indicated the three groups will establish procedures for meeting soon and begin the work of gathering and evaluating information related to their respective areas.

“Many of the faculty involved were intimately a part of similar discussions as break-out topics from our Strategic Planning

Committee, and I am looking forward to their reports on these very important areas,” Utter said. “The charge to each group is to evaluate our current practices and make recommendations. It may be to maintain our current policies in an area. It may be to suggest changes or adjustments. They may also propose new goals or pathways.”

Will McLean of political science will chair the Program Evaluation Task Force, which will look into strengths and potential for each degree program currently at A-State.

The members of the Program Evaluation group and their academic areas include Aaron Shew from agriculture, Shelley Gipson from art, Lauren Clark from music, Kris Biondolillo from psychology, Joanna Grymes from teacher education, Bill Burns from chemistry, Carmen Williams from English, Shawn Drake from physical therapy, Gauri Guha from economics, Libby Nix from nursing, Brandon Kemp from engineering, Karen Wheeler from academic affairs and Fen Yu from institutional research.

Joe Ford of Art + Design will

chair the General Education Task Force, which will evaluate the university’s common core of courses taken by all students.

The members of the General Education group include Lillie Fears of journalism, Sarah Davidson of nursing, Zahid Hossain of engineering, David Saarnio of psychology, Andrea Davis of history, Amanda Lambertus of mathematics, Temma Balducci of Art + Design, Ross Carroll of physics, John Hershberger of Chemistry, Nikesha Nesbitt, Karen McDaniel of marketing and management, Wheeler and Yu.

Loretta McGregor of psychology will chair the Test Optional Task Force, which will consider issues related to admission and reliance on standardized testing.

The members of the Test Optional group include Lynn Boyd of sciences and mathematics, Mickey Latour of agriculture, Cheryl DuBose of radiation sciences, Toccara Carter of the Learning Commons, Jerrod Lockhart, Pamela Bowie of enrollment management, Jill Simons, McLean and Yu.

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A-State to host “Blast into STEM” as part of the Arkansas Science Festival

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As part of the Arkansas Science Festival, Arkansas State University Museum will present “Blast into STEM” during the week of Oct. 20-24 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

A variety of hands-on

activities will engage visitors in the awe-inspiring field of space science and enable them to connect with current NASA research, according to Jill Kary, curator of education.

“Participants will be encouraged to make their own ‘spin-art nebula,’ build and test stomp rockets, explore star formation, consider what

it might be like to mine an asteroid, and more,” Kary said.

These fun endeavors introduce guests to the ongoing research at NASA in the fields of heliophysics, planetary science, and astrophysics. All activities are COVID-appropriate and include both demonstrations and hands-on opportunities designed to introduce space

science concepts safely.

“In honor of the Arkansas Science Festival, our educational offerings for the week will be space themed,” Kary stated. “Our goal is to inspire children and adults to learn more about the limitless frontier of space.”

COVID-19 safety procedures implemented by ASU Museum have been made

possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities CARES: Cultural Organization program. The CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act was passed by Congress to help offset the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed

during this week of space science activities do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

All “Blast into STEM” learning activities were developed and distributed by the National Informal STEM Education Network and were paid for by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.