



To: ASI Board of Directors
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Introduction Message

Hi everyone. Hope everyone is enjoying their Spring semester so far. It is already almost the end of March which is crazy so I hope everyone is taking care of themselves and prioritizing their mental health and well-being.

March California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary

The March CSSA plenary meeting was held here at Sacramento State with the presence of several other Board Members as well! CSSA annually hosts the CHESS Conference as well here in Sacramento and there were a lot of key points and events that highlighted March's plenary meeting.

On Saturday, March 9th, CSSA hosted the plenary meeting with reception hosted by our ASI President.

The first committee in attendance was the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee started off with public comment and then reports of Staff and Officers. The Assistant Director of Operations and the Chair of the committee presented their reports to the committee and the public. Following, there was an action item considering the recommendation for the 2024-2025 budget to the Board of Directors. In summary, CSSA is looking to approve approximately \$2.1 million dollars which would be a 6% increase from the year prior. The biggest changes in the budget would be a \$6,600 increase to the Student Trustee Search and a \$16,506 decrease in revenue from the SIRF which I have mentioned before. Finance Committee unanimously approved and sent the recommendation to the Board of Directors. Following, Chair Cruz provided an update on the February 2024 Financial Statement. As mentioned, the biggest notice was the drop in revenue from the SIRF.

In the Legislative Affairs Committee, there were two reports from Staff and Officers; Chair Alvarez Chavarria and Mary Washington, Director of Government Relations and Advocacy provided brief reports on their end. The new business were 5 Assembly bills that were all unanimously approved. It consisted of AB 2458, Ab 2407, AB 2586, AB 2608, and AB 3112.

Following, there was lunch provided for an hour. The next committee on the agenda was Systemwide Affairs Committee. There were reports from Staff Member Genesis Jara who sits as the Assistant Director of Systemwide Affairs and the Chair, Genesis Galilea Pompa. The unfinished business consisted of one resolution authored by CSUF ASI President Maysem Awadalla that was titled "Calling of Ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, Condemning Human Rights Violations, War Crimes and Reaffirming Freedom of Speech and Expression." There was no heavy discussion and the motion was

carried to a roll call vote. The resolution, in fact, received all Aye's and there were no objections. CSSA President Dominic Quan-Treseler supported the resolution beforehand stating that he wanted to apologize to the author and co-authors for not having this pushed out sooner or addressed sooner as he stated "this is an issue that affects CSU students and we should stand by those students". New Business entailed of an information item presented from Vincent J. Rasso about the residing tide in graduation rates in the CSU. In the CSU as a whole, there was an enrollment of 65,103 students with 52% of the first-year students identifying as Latinx. For transfer students, the enrollment data was 49,468 incoming transfers and for both data points, this was pulled from the Fall 2022 semester. 49% of transfer students in Fall 2022 were of Latinx as well.

The last meeting that was held with plenary was the Board of Directors. In their consent agenda, there was unanimous approval for the Assembly bills that were passed from Legislative Affairs Committee and as well as the 2024-2025 CSSA Budget. Following, there were reports from the Executive Director and the Executive Board of CSSA along with the Student Trustees. One unfinished business item that was brought from the February virtual plenary meeting was the support of proposed Title 5 changes to CSU GE requirements. The proposed revisions to Title 5 regulations were tricky to understand however the gist of the change would be removing the requirement of Area E: Understanding Personal Development to decrease the required number of units to graduate. This was a big concern for some of the campuses; it was moved to a roll call vote. The action item failed to pass in which the CSU Board of Trustees were seeking a support however did not receive that. The new business items were yearly awards that are awarded to a CSU Board of Trustee, Administrator, University President, and Faculty. For the Trustee of the Year award, CSU East Bay nominated Diana Aguilar-Cruz. This was the sole nomination in which she was awarded with the Trustee of the Year award. Administrator of the Year award had several nominations including myself nominating Dr. Aniesha Mitchell on behalf of Sacramento State however the award was given to another administrator. For President of the Year, CSSA President Quan-Treseler gave a recommendation to the Board of Directors to nominate Dr. Luke Wood of Sacramento State. Unfortunately, San Diego State took the recommendation quickly and nominated Dr. Wood for this award however, I was fortunate enough to have 30 seconds as to why he deserved the award. With majority support, Dr. Luke Wood received the award for President of the Year from CSSA.

Following plenary meeting, there was reception hosted by ASI President Nataly Andrade-Dominguez in which CSSA and the campuses participated in a Kahoot challenge and there was a winner in which received goodie bags as well. All of us were then moved to the football stadium to take a quick photo with our campuses which was a memory to remember forever.

The next day which was Sunday, CSSA hosted the CHESS Conference in which CSSA provided different workshops that we could attend regarding different issues to combat in the CSU system such as student housing, Title IX reform, more information about CSSA and how to get involved and so much more. Following, annually at CHESS, there is a Spirit Challenge where all 23 campuses try to win the title of most spirited. Sacramento State took home the 1st place trophy and stole the title from previous holders which was San Jose State.

For Monday, this was where the practice and information was put into effect as this was our CSSA Advocacy Day at the Capitol. We were able to host 6 meeting with Legislative Staff including meeting one Assemblywoman which was Angelique Ashby. We advocated for the CSU Facilities Bond and CSU Funding from the Governor in his annual budget proposal. Overall, March plenary was

successful and wouldn't have been possible without the contribution of the ASI Board and our amazing CHESS Scholarship recipients.

Lobby Corps & the Office of Governmental Affairs

As of March 12th, I am no longer the Interim Chair of Lobby Corps as our Associate Director was able to hire a brand new Legislative Affairs Coordinator, Chaaya. She is doing so far amazing work in our OGA office and with Lobby Corps and taking initiatives with the legislation in the State Assembly right now. As of March 25th, we have filled the vacancy of Civic Engagement Coordinator with Joshua. He is already connecting with the Advisor of the Cultural Clubs to discuss how to better engage with the clubs as a whole and this was on his first day. Lobby Corps so far has passed in support of three Assembly Bills which are AB 1575, AB 810 and AB 1818. We will be contacting once again to the Board if they are interested in tackling on resolutions for these bills as they affect the CSU and the students. More bills to come so stay tuned and shout out to Harbir and Eveli for being able to fill in the loneliness in the OGA office 😊 FYI, next meeting for Lobby Corps is this Thursday with Chaaya being Chair for her first time!

Events and Calendar Items

- October 24 – First Day
- October 25 – ASI Board Meeting
- October 26 – Lobby Corps Meeting
- November 1 – ASI Working Board Meeting
- November 1 – ASI Special Board Meeting
- November 3-5 – CSSA Plenary Meeting (Maritime Academy)
- November 15 – ASI Working Board Meeting
- November 15 – ASI Special Board Meeting
- November 16 – 1-1 Meeting with Harbir
- November 29 – ASI Board Meeting
- December 6 – Meeting with Nataly
- December 7 – Lobby Corps (CANCELLED)
- January 19 – ASI Board Retreat
- January 20 – CSSA Plenary (Cal Poly SLO)
- January 21 - CSSA Plenary (Cal Poly SLO)
- January 31 – ASI Working Board Meeting
- February 1 – Lobby Corps
- February 7 – CHESS Planning with Nataly
- February 7 – ASI Board Meeting
- February 14 – ASI Working Board Meeting
- February 15 – Lobby Corps
- February 17 – CSSA Plenary (Virtual)
- **February 19 – CHESS planning with Nataly**
- **February 21 – CSU Advocacy Day**
- **February 21 – ASI Board Meeting**
- **February 26 – CHESS planning**
- **February 28 – CSSA Monthly Meeting with VPUA**

- **February 28 – ASI Working Board Meeting**
- **February 29 – Lobby Corps**
- **March 4 – Multi-Cultural Fest X ASI**
- **March 6 – ASI Board Meeting**
- **March 9 – CSSA Plenary @ Sac State**
- **March 10 – CHESS Conference @ SAFE Credit Convention Center**
- **March 11 – CSSA Advocacy Day @ State Capitol**
- **March 13 – ASI Working Board Meeting**

This is the end of my report.

If there are any questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out to the CSSA Liaison, Armando Perez at asicssarep@csus.edu will get back to you at the earliest convenience. Thank you.