

To: ASI Board of Directors
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Subject: April 2024 CSSA Plenary Notes

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April California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary

The April CSSA Plenary meeting was held virtually on Saturday, April 6th, 2024. There were seven committee meetings during the meeting which included an Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The plenary meeting started at 8:30am and lasted until 3pm which included a break time for Lunch as well.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee started off the plenary meeting with reports from Joe Nino, the Executive Director along with Dominic Quan Treseler, our CSSA President. Afterwards, there was a CSSA Executive Director 6-month performance evaluation which was held as a closed session pursuant to Government Code §89307.d.1.D. The meeting was adjourned afterwards.

Internal Affairs Committee

The Internal Affairs Committee was called to order. Following, there were reports from Varenya Gupta, chair and from our Executive Director, Joe Nino. One new business item was an information item about the CSSA Revised Personnel Policy which E.D. Nino provided information about the revisions.

Legislative Affairs Committee

The Legislative Affairs Committee was called to order. The reports of staff and officers were presented by the Director of Government Relations, Mary Washington and Chair, Sam Alvarez Chavarria. For the action items, **AB 2057, AB 2152, AB 1905, AB 2047, AB 2048, AB 2326, & SB 1166**, these were discussed and approved with majority. Below are the bills that were passed and the titles of each one, the meeting was then adjourned.

Systemwide Affairs Committee

The Systemwide Affairs Committee was called to order. Following with reports from the Interim Assistant Director of Systemwide Affairs, Genesis Jara & Melvin Ridley III, Vice Chair who sat in as Chair due to the absence of Chair Pompa, Vice President of Systemwide Affairs. The new business on the agenda was an information item which was a presentation from the Founder of Campus Mind, Stephen Burke who presented information about what Campus Mind is and any questions. After the Campus Mind presentation, there was a discussion item from Deputy Vice Chancellor Dilcie Perez about the Second Start and Finish Strong Program. Committee was adjourned following.

Campus Mind Presentation:

From their website, Campus Mind is a comprehensive outreach program advancing the culture of care at U.S. colleges and universities. They envision campus communities joining forces to reach students faster, and adapt to student needs for a more well-rounded and inclusive college experience. The biggest takeaway from this presentation was the importance of student mental health in the U.S. The top five mental health challenges that students faced in 2022 were: 1) Depression, 2) Anxiety, 3) Suicidal Ideation, 4) eating disorders, and 5) Addiction. 73% of students experience some sort of mental health crisis during college and only 25% of those students actually seek help with one or more of these problems. There has been a 135% increase in depression and 110% increase in anxiety on college campuses from 2013-2021. The ratio of counselors to students for small

to moderate size schools is 1:1000-2000. For larger universities, the ratio is 1:2000-3500. **The current ratio for Sacramento State's student counseling services is 1:2179 (assuming an enrollment of 30,500 students).** This upcoming Summer, Campus Mind will be accepting applications to join the Campus Mind Research Pilot Study to be able to get a head start on schools to launch Campus Mind at your schools. May is also Mental Health Awareness Month as well. For more information, contact the Founder at stephen@campusmind.org or visit campusmind.org.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee was called to order with reports from the Assistant Director of Operations and the Chair: Brandon Martinez and Alex Jimenez Cruz. **The only item on the agenda was a brief overview of the March 2024 Financial Statement from CSSA.** The meeting was adjourned.

Student Trustee Committee

The Student Trustee Committee was called to order which was followed by reports from Genesis Jara, Interim Assistant Director of Systemwide Affairs and Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins, Chair. There was one discussion item which was the review of the Student Trustee Nomination Policy which also went over some possible changes or updates to the policy as well. **Some of the proposed updates are regarding the accessibility of interviews, including in-person or virtual to accommodate the interviewers and interviewees. Some discussed a possible option to have a representative of each campus to be on the Student Trustee interview process however some opposed because of the intimidation it may bring to the interviewee and other concerns.**

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order. **The Chair requested that the action item from the consent agenda titled CSSA Resolution #2024-01 regarding a ceasefire was removed.** Multiple Board members questioned the removal request and the Chair declined to comment. The action item was then removed from the consent calendar. The other items were passed. Moving on, the Liaison reports were given out from the Academic Senate representative, CSU Office of the Chancellor, and the CSU Student Trustees, Diana Aguilar Cruz and Jonathan Molina Mancio. This was then followed to the reports from our Executive Director Joe Nino, President Dominic Quan Treseler, VP of Finance Alex Jimenez Cruz, Chair Varenya Gupta, VP of Legislative Affairs Sam Alvarez Chavarria, and last but not least, VP of Systemwide Affairs, Genesis Galilea Pompa. The only item that was on the agenda from New Business was information presented by E.D. Nino regarding the process for the 2024-25 CSSA Executive Officer Elections and its policy. **The CSSA Elections were pushed back for April 28th to dedicate time for Elections to hear about the candidates.**

Lobby Corps

Lobby Corps has passed AB 2586 & AB 1818 in support. AB 2586 was introduced by Assemblymember Alvarez which would open Employment Opportunities to Undocumented Students on UC, CSU and Community College Campuses. AB 1818 was introduced Assemblymember Jackson which would require the CSUs to allow overnight parking by an enrolled student if they meet those student conditions where students can sleep in their cars in a designated parking space provided by the campus. Our last Lobby Corps meeting is this Thursday and I am proud to have such an amazing group of students continue to be on the committee and can't wait to see next year! Bigger and better things on the way 😊

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
- **March 27 – State Hornet Meeting about Lobby Corps**
- **March 27 – ASI Board Meeting**
- **April 3 – ASI Working Board Meeting**
- **April 6 – CSSA Plenary @ Virtual**
- **April 10 – ASI Board Meeting**
- **April 12 – Sandra’s Farewell Celebration**
- **April 15 – CSSA Resolution Drafting**
- **April 17 – ASI Working Board Meeting**

This is the end of my report. Happy April!

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.