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February California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary

The February CSSA Plenary Meeting was held virtually on February 17 & 18th. Those in attendance virtually was ASI President Nataly Andrade-Dominguez and others. On Saturday, there were 5 committees that met while having a optional lunch period from 12:05pm-1pm. The committees in accordance to the agenda were Campus Connections, Systemwide Affairs Committee, Finance Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee, and the Board of Directors.

For Campus Connections, it was a meeting with the three engagement officers from each region. Our Northern Engagement Officer (CSU East Bay ASI President Nolan Calara) connected with the Northern CSU's including us as Sac State to discuss any updates within our respective campuses.

Moving into Systemwide Affairs Committee, there were New Business with one action item and one discussion item. The action item was the consideration of approval of the white letter in support of the Southern California College Attainment Network Emergency Aid Memo. The committee unanimously approved of this Letter in which it was authored by our Vice President of Systemwide Affairs Genesis Galilea Pompa where she wrote in support on behalf of CSSA of "the adoption of equitable emergency aid distribution practices to be implemented systemwide so that all CSU students are offered equal opportunity to maximize the resources available to them during emergency circumstances" in regards to the HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund). The next item was a discussion item of a CSSA Resolution titled "Condemning Human Rights Violations and War Crimes and Reaffirming Freedom of Speech and Expression". This resolution was sponsored by CSUF ASI President along with co-sponsors from Presidents of Chico State, San Jose State, and Cal State LA. There was a majority in support of this resolution. This will be an Action Item for the March Plenary meeting in which the committee will vote on this resolution in support or not.

To the Finance Committee, there were reports from the Assistant Director of Operations and the Chair of the committee. After, there was New Business both being information items. The first item was the January 2024 Financial Statement which went over the Fiscal Expenditure Statement in regards to funding. The noticeable thing on the statement itself is the SIRF Revenue being lower than expected due to a decrease in students who are opting out of this fee. The next and last informational item on the committee agenda was information in regards to the 2024-25 Operational Budget Overview.

The Legislative Affairs Committee was followed by with reports from the Director of Government Relations and Advocacy and the Chair of the committee. The new business were two information items that were presented by the Chair. The first committee item was in regards to "how postsecondary education institutions can address sex discrimination and provide educational justice on campus". Chair Sam Alvarez Chavarria presented information regarding a report on Title IX from the Assembly Higher Education Committee and Senate Education Committee. The information item following this was information on CHESS and just letting the committee know to make sure to get the legislators assigned to each campus have a meeting set up ASAP in case they may not have time; to know ahead in advance.

The last committee following a Lunch break was the Board of Directors Meeting. There were four liaison reports from the CSU Board of Trustees and Reports from Staff and Officers of the Executive Board on CSSA. There was no unfinished business but there were four items on the New Business. The Board of Directors presented the Legislator and Legislative Staff of the Year Awards. Following, there was an action item in support of proposed Title IV changes to CSU General Education Requirements. There were proposed revisions to Title IX regulations in which the Board of Directors were not in full support for because of some of the concerns that may have been brought upon students who are affected in this. The action item was postponed indefinitely because of the objections that were brought upon the proposal.

This concludes the February Virtual Plenary meeting notes. The next one is in-person at Sacramento State along with the annual CHESS Conference and Advocacy Day at the Capitol.