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### **May 2024 CSSA (California State Student Association) Plenary Meeting**

The May 2024 CSSA plenary meeting was held at San Diego State. The attendees were our ASI President Nataly Andrade-Dominguez and myself as CSSA Liaison. Two days were held for the plenary meeting consisting of six committees and the Board of Directors.

#### **Finance Committee**

Consent agenda was approved with minutes. Afterwards, there were reports from Brandon Martinez and Alex Jimenez Cruz regarding the Finance Committee and the Operations of CSSA. For new business, there was an update and a presentation of the April 2024 Financial Statement. Lastly, there was an update on the SIRF (Student Involvement and Representation Fee) fee. The committee was then adjourned for the last time by the VP of Finance.

#### **Legislative Affairs Committee**

Consent agenda was approved with minutes. Reports were given from the Director of Government Relations & Advocacy and Chair Sam Alvarez Chavarria, VP of Legislative Affairs. For new business, these are the bills that were voted on and unanimously supported by the Leg. Affairs Committee!

**AB 2033 (Reyes) Public postsecondary education: electronic benefits transfer cards: basic needs services and resources**

**AB 2821 (Grayson) Postsecondary education: students with disabilities**

**H.R. 7488 (Carbajal) Degrees Not Debt Act of 2024**

For the last item on the agenda, there was a Bill Status Update on the Legislation that the committee made a stance on since the beginning of the 2023-24 cycle for CSSA. The Legislative Affairs Committee took **18 bills** from the Senate & Assembly into consideration for support/oppose/co-sponsored positions for the 2023-24 academic year. The meeting was adjourned for the last time by the VP of Legislative Affairs.

#### **Student Trustee Committee**

Consent agenda was approved with minutes. Reports were given from the Interim Assistant Director of Systemwide Affairs and the Chair, Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins. The only action item was from unfinished business and it was the Approval of the Student Trustee Nominating Policy. Some of the notable changes were having a virtual and/or accessible open forum at least one week prior to the date of interviews to answer questions some may have. A big change is a NEW policy which is titled the **Confidentiality & Accountability Section** which provides exactly that to the process of Student Trustees and those who choose. There was much discussion in regards to the lack of involvement from the voting process and deliberations as each CSU won't have a say in the decisions when Student Trustee must be chosen. With only one Nay, the new Student Trustee policy was adopted and recommended to the Board of Directors.

### **Systemwide Affairs Committee**

Consent agenda was approved with minutes. Reports were presented from the Interim Assistant Director of Systemwide Affairs and the Vice President of Systemwide Affairs. There were three new discussion items starting off with the Black Student Success Inventory Highlights presented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor Dilcie Perez. A key highlight mentioned was the brand-new *Black Honors College* establishing in our home campus of Sacramento State starting this Fall 2024. The next discussion item was the Graduation Initiative 2025 presented by the previous presenter, Deputy Vice Chancellor Perez and Associate Vice Chancellor Jennifer Baszile with an update on GI2025. The last discussion item was presented by ASI President of CSU East Bay Nolan Calara with an introduction to the committee about the declining enrollment impact on campus budgets and student successes. Seven campuses: Channel Islands, Chico, East Bay, Humboldt, Maritime, Sonoma, and San Francisco are missing the state enrollment targets by 10% or more which a new plan that has been introduced by system leaders is *any campus missing its enrollment target by 10% or more will permanently lose up to 5% of its state enrollment funding*<sup>1</sup>. Members of the Board of Directors shared pros and cons with this new plan; San Diego State sees a good side to this as their enrollment data has been increasing which means they are able to receive more funding since the plan works in both ways if enrollment is increasing or decreasing. More information will be released once the system leaders behind the plan have a set plan for this funding concept for the CSU's. Committee was then adjourned for the last time by the VP of Systemwide Affairs.

### **Board of Directors**

The CSSA Board of Directors approved their consent agenda with their minutes that were from the committees. Reports from liaisons, staff, and officers were given; these were the last reports for this academic year in which all gave thanks and good luck to those who are not returning to CSSA in the following year. The only new business was the CIVIC Competition Results. Sacramento State & East Bay came in **4<sup>th</sup> place**.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Pomona & San Bernardino = 3095**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Long Beach & Fullerton = 2535**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Channel Islands & Northridge = 1490**

These are the campuses that did not submit ANY points...better luck next time!

*Humboldt, Maritime, Fresno, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Dominguez Hills, and San Diego!*

This is the end of my May 2024 Plenary Notes. I will be out of the office for the summer and will return for the July 2024 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting of the 2024-25 academic school year!

If there are any questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out to our Associate Director, Harbir Atwal, at [h.atwal@csus.edu](mailto:h.atwal@csus.edu) and she will get back to you at the earliest convenience. Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2023/01/college-enrollment-decline-csu-funding-penalty/>