

To: ASI Board of Directors
From: Miguel Guerrero, CSSA Liaison
Subject: May 2023 CSSA Plenary

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May California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary

The May CSSA Plenary meeting was held on Saturday, May 6th, from 9:30am – 4:15pm, and Sunday, May 7th, from 9:30am – 11:30am, and took place at CSU Bakersfield. The meeting consisted of a year-end review of the actions of both the organization and the many student leaders from across the CSU system. A final bill position has been pushed and a review of systemwide actions and policies was held. Elections for the CSSA Vice President of Finance were held, the CIVIC challenge top three winners were announced, and a year-end dinner and celebration was held after Saturday's final meeting. I have had the incredible privilege of attending this month's plenary meeting with our incoming ASI President-elect, Nataly Andrade-Dominguez, while teaching her on the inner-workings of the CSSA organizational structure, helping to establishing connections with the incoming executive officers of the CSSA, and debriefing her on priorities for the organization and the CSU system for the next academic year. While everyone gets situated for summer vacation and preparing for the upcoming academic year, Sacramento State will stay committed to ensuring that not only our voice is heard stronger than ever next year, but that we set, not just an example, but the standard for how we advocate for our students, while also demonstrating exemplary leadership and diplomacy in the systemwide and statewide levels of bureaucracy. The next CSSA Plenary meeting will be held on **Friday, July 6th to Sunday, July 9th, and will be held at CSU Long Beach.**

Bills and Legislative Action

The Legislative Affairs Committee discussed and recommended stances of either support, oppose, or Co-Sponsor on a total of 1 bill to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors then took action and voted on these items. These are as follows:

- [AB 1540](#) (Fong) – Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition: Exemption (*Support*)

Systemwide Action

The Systemwide Affairs Committee had a central discussion regarding the Cozen O' Connor Systemwide Title IX Assessment results and the current status of implementation. Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, Leora Freedman, lead a discussion regarding how the Cozen O' Connor Institutional Response Group is encouraging change through implementation of recommendations of policy changes and "cultural shifts" regarding Title IX and Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation (DHR), and how this change is gradually making its way in the upcoming years to come. She explains that Cozen O' Connor is: 1. Supporting and uplifting Title IX work, 2. Encourages more trainings towards faculty and administration, and 3. Student Affairs professionals need to assist with this work and the "cultural shift." Several student leaders, not satisfied with the immediate responsiveness of Chancellor's Office, have critically engaged with the Vice Chancellor, while simultaneously providing further input and constructive criticisms regarding the handling of cases of faculty and administration in other campuses, some of which have moved forward with retreat rights or facing minor consequences. For more information and context relating to the discussion that was held, see this [link](#).

Financial Action

The Finance Committee held a review session for the year of 2022/2023 by reviewing both April's financial statement and presenting information regarding the fiscal year end schedule. More information will be provided once the budget for 2023/2024 and a breakdown has been finalized and will be presented at July's CSSA Plenary meeting.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met at the end of the Plenary and took the following actions:

- Voted on the Bills that were recommended by the Legislative Affairs Committee. (*See Results above*)
- Announced the top three winners of the CIVIC Challenge competition. These are as follows:
 - 1st Place – **Sacramento and East Bay**
 - 2nd Place – **Monterey, San Luis Obispo, and Bakersfield**
 - 3rd Place – **San Francisco and San Jose**
- Held elections for the Vice President of Finance executive position for the CSSA. The newly elected individual for the position for the 2023/2024 academic year is **Jose Jimenez Cruz** from Cal Poly Pomona.
- Approved further revisions of various internal policies that were recommended by the Internal Affairs Committee.
- Approved the dates of the CSSA meetings for the 2024/2025 Plenary calendar.
- Engaged in a discussion led by the Assistant Vice Chancellor, Ryan Storm, on various themes of the Sustainable Financial Model Working Group and brought up three different types of models of revenue generation through tuition increases:
 - Universal – everyone's tuition increases at the same rate per year
 - Cohort – an incoming cohort's tuition increases through each generation, but stays the same throughout attendance
 - Hybrid – a mix of the two models explained above
- Storm explains that due to the changes in enrollment numbers and an expected less financial assistance given to the CSU from the state, Storm explains that there is an **expected tuition increase throughout the CSU and should take effect around August 2024**, 11 months after the Board of Trustees votes to implement the increase around September of this year. More information and context can be found [here](#).
- Provided informational updates regarding the 2023/2024 Plenary Calendar schedule along with plenary meeting locations for the upcoming year. These are as follows:
 - July 2023: **Long Beach**
 - August 2023: **Dominguez Hills**
 - November 2023: **Maritime Academy**
 - January 2024: **San Luis Obispo**
 - March 2024: **Sacramento**
 - May 2024: **San Diego**
- (September 2023, October 2023, February 2024 and April 2024 Plenary meetings will be held virtually over Zoom)

Thank you 2022/2023 ASI Board of Directors for allowing me the privilege to serve alongside you and assist you in any and every way possible. If there are any questions regarding any of the items in which I discussed in my report, please reach out to me at asiessarep@csus.edu and I will get back to you with the appropriate response as soon as possible. Thank you.