
To: ASI Board of Directors
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Subject: November Board Report

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October Plenary: Fresno State

The last CSSA plenary that took place was in October at Fresno State. As always, it went well, and you can find the details of this plenary in my latest plenary report that was emailed to you on 10/23.

Here are the main takeaways:

- CSSA is officially opposed to the 4th Year Quantitative Reasoning Requirement proposed by the Chancellor's Office and has an official opposition letter that can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SNmhXfGcnF7NWhs1BkDx5n82C2Q6wwVR/view>
- Both the Chancellor's Office and the Campaign for College Opportunity sent over one staff person to explain their sides on the proposal. The Campaign for College Opportunity was opposed, and the Chancellor's Office was, of course, in support of the 4th Year QR proposal.
- The **Bill Idea form** is up for any CSU student to fill out if they have an idea they want to pitch to CSSA in an attempt to get it sponsored by CSSA and introduced by a member of the State Legislature as a bill. If you or any other students you know have any bill ideas, I encourage you to do a bit of research, flesh out the idea, and then fill out the form!
Here is the form, due on 12/1:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG6DqYHSFOnsgCWmJPtJl5FITAYirlwQfCIGa_AWj87uLJhw/viewform

November Plenary: CSU Northridge

The next CSSA plenary will be at CSU Northridge from November 16th-17th. As always, Christian and I will be leaving on the Friday prior, which is in this case November 15th, and for that reason, **I wanted to note that I will not be having my normal Friday office hours on 11/15 as a result.** In general, in effort to stay below 20 hours per week as a working student, **my office hours will be varying that week**, so if you wish to meet with me, please send me an Outlook calendar invite in advance so that I can be sure to be present in the office for such.

Lobby Corps

Our last Lobby Corps meeting was on 10/31, and we had Mary Washington, Government Relations staff from CSSA, come and speak to us about CSSA, the legislative process, and advocacy. She works in the Sacramento CSSA office with Hannah Bragstad and their student assistant.

I also informed Lobby Corps of both the ASI Board and CSSA's official opposition to the 4th Year Quantitative Reasoning Proposal, which Lobby Corps had unanimously opposed last meeting. We will have another guest speaker at our November 14th meeting—Melissa Bardo from Senator Pan's office.

OGA Activities

Both Ethan and I met with Asm. Kevin McCarty, chair of Asm. Budget Sub. 2 on Education Finance, regarding both our ASI and CSSA's official opposition to the proposed 4th Year of Quantitative Reasoning admissions change. It went pretty well, and while Asm. McCarty is very in-the-middle on this issue, and we likely didn't persuade him to our side, he was still impressed with our arguments and saw firsthand the student perspective on this issue.

While he does not get to vote on this matter since he is not a CSU Trustee, he is a very loud voice in higher education policy, which is why he was invited to the special hearing on the proposal in Asm. Higher Education on 10/21 (he is not a member of this committee which is why he had to be invited). We saw it fit to not only talk to our local representative about this student concern, but also to make sure that someone with a reputation for advocating strongly for CSU students fully understands our concerns about the Chancellor's Office's proposal.

Ethan and I have also written an official opposition letter, since our ASI Board is officially opposed, and will be disseminating it among legislative offices (possibly with the help of Noah M. and Christian) sometime during the week of 11/4-11/8. If you can help any time before 5 PM during that week, please let us know!

I also wanted to note that on 11/7 from 4-5 PM, City Ambassadors, which Savannah chairs, will be having Councilmember Jeff Harris come and speak. Since he is our local representative on the local government level, I encourage those of you who have time to come and see him

speak, and to ask him questions if you have! It will be in the Capital Room on the 3rd floor of the University Union.

Events and Calendar Items Attended

- 10/18-10/19 CSSA October Plenary at Fresno State
- 10/21 Attended Asm. Higher Education Committee Hearing on the 4th Year Quantitative Reasoning Proposal and gave public comment
- 10/23 Formal Board of Directors Meeting
- 10/29 Met with Asm. McCarty and staff regarding opposition to 4th Year Quantitative Reasoning Proposal
- 10/30 Working Board of Directors Meeting
- 10/31 Lobby Corps Meeting

In Service,

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