

To: ASI Board of Directors
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Subject: April Monthly Report

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California State Student Association (CSSA)

Since my last report in March, I have attended both a special Systemwide Affairs Committee meeting and the April CSSA Plenary. You can find a detailed report on both of these meetings in my April CSSA plenary report, which is located [here](#). If you would like to discuss anything from these meetings, please feel free to contact me at the email listed above.

As of April 11, there have been **9 directors who have attended** a CSSA plenary. There are still **5 directors who need to attend**. These directors include ASI VPAA, ASI VPUA, ASI A&L, ASI ECS, and ASI NSM. **Please note there is only one more chance to attend a CSSA plenary for this year on May 1 and 2nd in order to fulfill the ASI Board strategic priority 4.1.1.**

In addition, the 2020-2021 CIVIC Challenge will be over at the end of April. I want to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in the challenges throughout the year. Even if our campus does not win, everyone's participation in these challenges have helped increase the student voice at the capital and strengthen our campus and systemwide advocacy efforts. The winners of the 2020-2021 CIVIC Challenge will be announced at the May CSSA Plenary.

The election season for CSSA has also been going on from March to April. I have met with the candidates who reached out to me over the course of the past month. After reviewing all of the candidate's applications and meeting with them, the ASI President and myself discussed the different candidates. The ASI President will vote for the new CSSA executive officers on May 1st.

Lobby Corps and OGA

Lobby Corps has taken stances on various different bills. Please see below for the various assembly bills, Lobby Corp's stance, and the committee's reason for this stance.

- **AB 367** introduced by Assemblymember Garcia, which advocates for free menstrual products on campus. **Lobby Corps voted to support this bill**, as it will benefit many students and address larger issues of period poverty.
- **AB 396** introduced by Assemblymember Gabriel, which seeks to ensure CSU campuses are registering programs that make students eligible for CalFresh. **Lobby Corps voted to support this bill**, as it helps students access food, an essential basic need.
- **Governor's Budget Proposal for a Dual Admissions program**. This program would ensure that any transfer student that meets a certain criterion would be able to transfer into the CSU of their choice. **Lobby Corps voted to continue tracking**, as there is still minimal research on this initiative and both the CSU and UC are currently reviewing this program as well.
- **SB 17** introduced by State Senator Pan, which seeks to establish an Office of Racial Equity. This office would create a racial equity framework for the state that all state departments must follow in their work. It also discusses how racism is a public health crisis that has been around since the beginning of California's history. **Lobby Corps voted to continue to track this bill** as it is still in the amendment process.
- **AB 1467**, introduced by Assemblymember Cervantes. **Lobby Corps decided to table this bill** as it will potentially not move forward in the Assembly.
- **AB 1377**, introduced by Assemblymember McCarty, would establish a fund to help colleges build more student housing. **Lobby Corps voted to support this bill**.
- **AB 1456**, introduced by assembly members Medina and McCarty, which would simplify the Cal Grant system by putting awards into two categories and eliminating arbitrary barriers such as age, GPA, and time out of high school. **Lobby Corps voted to support this bill**.
- **AB 1290**, introduced by Assemblymember Lee, which would add four student representatives to the Student Aid Commission including one student from the California Community College System, CSUs, UCs, and private schools. **Lobby Corps voted to**

support this bill as students at different higher education institutions may have different financial needs, and this is a way to make sure their voice is heard.

For the Office of Governmental Affairs, I signed up to be a part of the ASI Student Staff Awards Committee, which reviewed nominations for the various ASI student staff awards. I read over the various applications and then voted for a candidate in the different award categories. Our Student Staff Awards celebration will be held on April 29th where the winners will be announced.

Events and Calendar Item

3/17- ASI Board Meeting

3/18- CSSA Special Systemwide Affairs Committee Meeting

3/18- Lobby Corps Meeting

3/19- Met with CSSA VP Leg Affairs Guan Liu

4/1- Lobby Corps

4/2- Met with ASI President to discuss Strategic Priorities

4/7- ASI Working Board Meeting

4/10- April CSSA Plenary

4/14- ASI Board Meeting

4/15- Lobby Corps

4/19- Met with Legislative Affairs Coordinator

4/20- Met with ASI President to discuss Strategic Priority 3.4.2

4/21- ASI Working Board Meeting

4/22- Public Comment at the Assembly Higher Education Committee for AB 53

4/22- Met with CSUMB Vice President of External Affairs

4/22- Met with CSSA Chair Diana Vicente

4/23- Met with ASI President

If you have any questions about anything in this report, feel free to send me an email and I would be happy to discuss.

Best regards,

Kathryn Webb