



From: Karina Arroyo, CSSA Liaison

To: ASI Board of Directors

Subject: March Board Report

Spring 2022 Office Hours:

Tuesday: 8:00 – 12:00 PM

Wednesday: 1:00-5:00 PM

Thursday: 1:00-5:00/5:45 PM (LC)

Contact Info:

Email- asicssarep@csus.edu

Phone- 916-278-3924

California State Student Association (CSSA)

CSSA met virtually on March 12 from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. You can find my plenary report [here](#), which will have a summary of each committee meeting that is relevant to the board. As we get closer to the end of the school year, the committees are wrapping up their work and preparing the transition material for next year's executive board members. Most notably, the Finance Committee presented a budget review, the Internal Affairs Committee was finalizing their amendments to the Constitution, Systemwide Affairs Committee provided an update on the 2021-22 CSSA Policy Agenda Implementations, and the Board of Directors voted for this year's award recipients.

California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS)

CHESS was held virtually March 13 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM followed by advocacy week where participants had the opportunity to advocate for issues that impact higher education. CHESS began with a welcome address from President Robert S. Nelson from Sacramento State followed by three general sessions that focused on CSSA's Policy Agenda, CSU Budget request, lobbying recommendations along with a lobbying toolkit in preparation for advocacy week and an opportunity to meet with participants from each campus. Sacramento State had representation from over 15 students including ASI Board of Directors: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of University Affairs, Director of Education, and Director of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Advocacy Week

Sacramento State was scheduled to meet with Assemblymember's Ken Cooley, Jim Cooper, Kevin McCarty, Kevin Kiley, and Senator Richard Pan. Most of these meetings ranged from 15 minutes to 30 minutes. For this reason, Sacramento State representatives prioritized three to four issues on the list of talking points provided by CSSA. Unfortunately due to a lack of response, we were unable to schedule a meeting with Assemblymember Jim Cooper.

The following is a list of talking points addressed at each meeting:

- **Office of Assemblymember Ken Cooley**
 - The meeting with Assemblymember Ken Cooley's Office was scheduled for March 15 with Legislative Assistant Nestor Lopez. The talking points included: CSU Budget Request, AB 1746 Cal Grant Reform Act, SB 641 Cal Fresh for College Students Act and AB 288 Scholarship Displacement. Lastly, students took a moment to commend Assemblymember Cooley's legislative priority to help foster children secure benefits.
- **Office of Assemblymember McCarty**
 - This meeting also took place on March 15 at 2:15PM with Legislative Director Ismael Contreras. The issues covered included: CSU Budget Request, AB 1746 Cal Grant Reform Act, and SB 641 Cal Fresh for College Students Act.
- **Office of Assemblymember Kiley**
 - Our meeting with Assemblymember Kiley was held on March 18 at 12:30PM with Legislative director Kerida Moates. Talking points included: CSU Budget Request, AB 1746 Cal Grant Reform Act, and SB 641 Cal Fresh for College Students Act.
- **Office of Senator Richard Pan**
 - The meeting with Senator Pan's Office took place on March 17 at 3PM with the Education Policy Staffer, Emma Burrows. We went over AB 1746 Cal Grant Reform Act, SB 641 Cal Fresh for College Students Act, and AB 288 Scholarship Displacement.

Lobby Corps

At our first March meeting, members participating in a discussion regarding AB 1746 Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Reform Act otherwise known as Cal Grant Equity Framework introduced by Assembly Members Medina and McCarty and Senator Leyva. This framework would streamline the eight current Cal Grant programs into two programs: Cal Grant 2 for community college students and Cal Grant 4 for students at four-year universities, addresses non-tuition expenses which are greater proportion of college costs and remove barriers for students to receive aid.

Next we took action on SB 641 Cal Fresh for College Students Act which was previously AB 1930 College Hunger Working Group (2014) and AB 1655 State holidays: Juneteenth. AB 1930 would require the Department of Social Services to report the number of student in Cal Fresh and convene a working group that accommodates influx in applicants. While AB 1655

would commemorate June 19 as a state holiday to commemorate the end of slavery. Both passed unanimously.

At our second meeting on March 17, members discussed AB 1844: Rape and Sexual Assault Education Program, AB 2683: Sexual Violence and Harassment Training and Resources, and SB 886: California Environmental Quality Act Exemption for Public Universities Housing Program. AB 1844 would strengthen the investigations and reporting for sexual misconduct and AB 2683 would require annual sexual harassment trainings. Both bills aiming to support students a provide consistency across campuses. Next, SB 886 would streamline necessary housing projects by eliminating barriers like CEQA requirements.

Lastly, members voted unanimously to support AB 1746 Cal Grant Reform Act.

Strategic Priorities Update

The Office of Government Affairs is partnered with ASI board members to fulfill strategic priorities 4.2.1, 4.4.1, and 4.4.2. The first strategic priority, 4.2.1, encourages collaboration with Anchor University Committee to expand our influence in the Sacramento community. Currently, the Director of Health and Human Services sits on the Anchor University Advisory Council and the City Ambassadors internal community has made efforts to reach out to Anchor University representatives to strengthen ties with community partners.

According to Strategic Priority 4.4.1 all board members are required to attend one (1) plenary. The following is the list of board members who have attended and a list of those who still need to attend as of this month. As a reminder, there are only three (2) more opportunities to attend: **April 9-10 and May 7-8.**

Attended:	Not attended:
Vice President of University Affairs	Executive Vice President
Vice President of Academic Affairs	Vice President of Finance
Director of Arts & Letters	Director of Graduate Studies
Director of Business	Director of Health and Human Services
Director of Natural Sciences and Mathematics	
Director of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies	
Director of Undeclared Students	
Director of Education	

College Involvement and Values Impacting Communities (CIVIC)

CIVIC is a Systemwide challenge that encourages campuses to civically engage their students. The CIVIC Challenges were instituted in and Sacramento State has won in this time. This year Sacramento State is partnered with East Bay. I had a meeting with the Director of Legislative Affairs to check in regarding our progress on March 10. I have submitted all our current CIVIC points on the CSSA website and in our CIVIC log that can be found [here](#).

Thank you to the following board members who submitted a Cal Grant video: President, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of University Affairs, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Director of Arts and Letters, Director of Education.

Our total score: 1770.

Events and Calendar Items

February 23	Attended ASI Board Meeting
February 24	Attended ASI Government Staff Meeting regarding Elections
February 25	Attended Virtual Northern Region Advocacy meeting with CSSA VP Malhotra
March 2	Attended ASI Board Meeting followed by ASI Board Members Meet & Greet
March 3	Attended Lobby Corp Meeting
March 10	Met with CSU East bay Director of Legislative Affairs
March 10	Met with Samantha to Review March Plenary
March 12	Attended March's CSSA Plenary
March 13	Attended CHESS Conference
March 16	ASI Working Board meeting
March 17	Led meeting with Senator Pan's Office & attended Lobby Corp

Thank you so much for all your continued support. If you have any questions about anything in this report, please feel free to reach out to me.

Best regards,

Karina Arroyo | **CSSA Liaison**

She/Her/Hers

Associated Students, Inc.