
To: ASI Board of Directors
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Subject: February Board Report

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February Plenary: Cal Poly SLO

February's plenary was just this past weekend (2/15-2/16). It was very eventful, and some tough discussions occurred. Chiefly, the toughest discussions were hashed out in the Legislative Affairs Committee, in which the committee was somewhat split on supporting AB 1460 (Weber), a bill that would require the CSU to implement a 3-unit Ethnic Studies GE requirement in order to graduate from the CSU system. Things got a little heated, but in the end, we were mostly able to respectfully see all sides of the argument. The committee really wants to push this matter to a vote as soon as possible since the bill could be heard on the Senate floor any day now, and CSSA supporting this bill could potentially sway some legislators to pass the bill.

There was some discussion around potentially having a special meeting to vote on AB 1460, since it was merely a discussion item during the February plenary. I have yet to hear back from CSSA on whether or not there will be. After speaking to our Lobby Corps about this bill at our last meeting on 2/13, they have shared that they do not feel comfortable taking a stance on AB 1460, but rather, want to support the idea of implementing Ethnic Studies as a GE requirement and put pressure on the Chancellor's Office and Board of Trustees to make this happen instead. There are some concerns with the logistics of the bill, not the idea of implementing Ethnic Studies itself, which were discussed and brought up. If you are curious about this, feel free to set up a meeting with me so that we can discuss it.

With that being said, should CSSA's Legislative Affairs Committee be compelled to take a vote on supporting AB 1460 as an organization, I plan on abstaining from that vote in order to properly represent our Sacramento State students' concerns and feelings on the bill. Lobby Corps' purpose is to be the voice of students on advocacy and policy, and I will ultimately prioritize whatever decisions/sentiments our committee makes/expresses when at the table of CSSA.

March Plenary: CHESS is here!

March's CSSA plenary will be hosted at Sac State on Saturday, 3/7, followed by a reception in the evening. The CHESS conference will be on Sunday 3/8 all day on campus. Lastly, the advocacy day in which we meet with legislators at the State Capitol will be on Monday, 3/9. If you are signed to attend CHESS, and you would also like to attend the advocacy day, make sure to let your professors know in advance! CSSA staff will be handing out "FixFinancialAid" shirts to anyone attending CHESS to wear for the advocacy day at the Capitol.

In terms of CHESS Scholarship applications, the deadline has just closed on 2/14, and Ethan, Savannah and I will be reviewing them sometime this week. We should be announcing who has received a scholarship in the next two weeks or so if I'm not mistaken.

Lobby Corps

Our last Lobby Corps meeting was on Thursday, 2/13. We discussed a few state and federal bills that CSSA has also discussed, and we have decided to take a "watch" stance on nearly all of the bills discussed.

We also tabled the mock legislator visits to the next meeting on 2/27, since our member turnout was particularly low this last meeting, and discussion of the state and federal bills took up a majority of our time.

If you would like more details on the bills that were discussed, feel free to take a look at the meeting agenda and minutes from 2/13, or plan a meeting with Ethan or myself.

OGA Activities

Savannah has been tabling with Board Members constantly in an effort to support the Board's strategic priority regarding voter registration. To date, we have registered 213 people through our efforts thus far! We are well on our way to 300 by the end of the 2019-20 Academic Year!

Events and Calendar Items Attended

2/13	Lobby Corps Meeting
2/15-2/16	CSSA February Plenary at Cal Poly SLO

In Service,

Alyssa Lee | CSSA Liaison

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