

To: ASI Board of Directors
From: Kathryn Webb, CSSA Liaison
Subject: January Monthly Report

Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00-11:00 AM

Tuesday: 12:30-3:30 PM

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California State Student Association (CSSA)

As mentioned in my last CSSA plenary board report, the first CSSA plenary of the year was held on the weekend of January 23-24. It was a great start to the year, and we discussed many important issues. In addition, the February CSSA plenary was held on the weekend of February 13-14. This meeting followed up with some of the discussions that had been introduced at the January plenary, such as fighting food insecurity and Assembly Bills including ones considered by our ASI Board of Directors such as the Education Equity bill AB 245 and Election Day Holiday AB 53. Please refer to my CSSA reports that I have sent the Board to find detailed descriptions of each discussion at the CSSA meeting.

One especially important event coming up is the March CSSA Plenary. Sacramento State will be virtually hosting this plenary. Please join us on March 6th so we can show everyone our pride in our university! More information will be coming out, so be on the lookout for emails with more details.

As a reminder, strategic priority 4.1.1 as passed by the ASI Board of Directors states that all directors should attend at least one CSSA Plenary. As of February 2021, we have had 4 directors who have attended. This leaves us with 10 directors who still need to attend. So far, the Education Director, Vice President of Finance, ASI President, and Undeclared Director have attended. There are still opportunities to attend in March, April, and May. Since Sacramento State will be hosting the March plenary, I encourage you all to attend to support this effort!

I also want to thank all of the ASI board members and Sacramento State students who have been participating in the CIVIC Challenges. It is absolutely wonderful to see everyone involved with these challenges that benefit our students on campus and throughout the state. The CIVIC competition is not over, so keep up the good work!

Lobby Corps

We had our first meeting of the spring semester on February 4, 2021. In this meeting we had a quick overview presentation on what Lobby Corps and CSSA do for any new students who attended the meetings. In addition, we had a discussion regarding the ASI Resolution in Support of AB 53 (Low): Election Day Holiday. This resolution advocates that the General Election day become a state holiday. There was much discussion on this topic, with different benefits and constraints brought up by committee members. A stance will be taken this week at our next meeting on February 18 at 4:30 PM. If you are interested in this resolution, please attend so that you can hear the student voice and bring up your own perspectives in order to help foster a deep conversation.

OGA Activities

On December 10, 2020 OGA staff, ASI board directors, and Lobby Corps members were able to sit down and discuss higher education issues facing Sacramento State students with a few different assembly members and state senators. These visits included Assemblymember McCarty, Assemblymember Irwin, Assemblymember Speaker Rendon, as well as Senator Pan among other representatives. We discussed the many different areas that impact Sacramento State students, including mental health issues, requests for basic needs funding to help address food and housing insecurity, and access to technology resources for students to succeed in online learning. These meetings went well but advocating for these issues is far from over. There will be more opportunities in the future to help advocate for students, which ties into our preparations for CHESS.

CHESS, or the California Higher Education Student Summit will be held on March 7th. The OGA office has been working with SEO to create graphics to promote this event. Please spread the word about this event to your constituents by using the wonderful Instagram story and post graphics created by SEO. Registration and attendance are free, but students must sign up with our application. The week following March 7 will be dedicated to advocacy, and we will be meeting with our local legislators. I highly encourage everyone to attend, as the more people who attend, the stronger our collective voice will be. If you have any questions, please contact me or our Civic Engagement Coordinator Lexie Tesch at asiogarep@csus.edu.

Last but not least, I want to welcome Vanessa Orcoza to the Office of Governmental Affairs. Vanessa was hired to the Legislative Affairs Coordinator position. We are excited to have her on board!

Event and Calendar Items

- 12/09- ASI Board Meeting
- 12/10- Sac State Lobby Day
- 1/19- Met with ASI President to Discuss Strategic Priorities
- 1/20- Mid Year Retreat
- 1/20- ASI Special Working Board
- 1/23- CSSA Plenary
- 1/24- CSSA Plenary

- 1/28- Legislative Affairs Coordinator Interviews
- 1/29- Legislative Affairs Coordinator Interviews
- 2/03- ASI Board Meeting
- 2/04- Lobby Corps Meeting
- 2/05- Meeting with ASI Pres and ASI HHS to discuss priority 3.6.1
- 2/08- Met with new Legislative Affairs Coordinator
- 2/10 ASI Working Board
- 2/10 Meeting with Strategic Priority 3.6.1
- 2/11 Met with CSU East Bay to discuss CIVIC Challenges
- 2/13-2/14 CSSA Plenary

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask. I am also available during my office hours if you would like to schedule a meeting via Zoom.

In Service,
Kathryn Webb
CSSA Liaison