

To: ASI Board of Directors
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California State Student Association (CSSA)- Sacramento State

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Sacramento State when we virtually hosted the CSSA Plenary on March 6th! Between the games, discussion, speakers, and board members in attendance, I believe we were able to show off our school spirit even in a virtual world. I would like to shoutout Nathaniel Yamamoto from Student Engagement and Outreach for creating our virtual backgrounds, as well as Nadia Navarro Brown, Rob Wassmer, Nathan Diedrich, and Kristina Victor Flores for coming to speak on programs offered at Sacramento State.

Please refer to my last report to see a detailed explanation of each legislative bill that CSSA discussed, as well as resolutions considered by the Systemwide Affairs Committee and CSSA Board of Directors. You can find this report, along with all my previous CSSA reports [here](#). If you would like to discuss anything brought up at CSSA feel free to contact me at the email listed above.

As of right now, there have been eight directors who have attended a CSSA Plenary. These include the ASI Graduate Director, ASI Executive Vice President, ASI Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies Director, ASI Business Director, ASI Undeclared Director, Vice President of Finance, ASI Director of Education, and the ASI President. In order for strategic priority 4.1.1 to be fulfilled, six more directors must attend at least one CSSA Plenary. There are two meetings left, and they will be held in April and May.

In addition to the March Plenary, I was a part of an advocacy meeting between the UC Student Association, CSSA, and the office of Representative Garamendi. In this meeting, we advocated for increased Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) as well as doubling the Pell Grant. The COVID-19 Pandemic has highlighted the economic strains students face, and both HEERF and the Pell Grant are avenues to help relieve this anxiety.

Lobby Corps and OGA

The ASI Lobby Corps has been discussing current legislation in the California Legislature. On March 3, 2021 Lobby Corps took a Support if Amended stance on AB 53, Election Day Holiday. The committee supports the overall goal of this bill but wanted to make sure that the CSU was explicitly stated in the bill to ensure that the state holiday would apply to our students as well. Other than this, we have discussed a few bills that are currently in the California legislature and will impact college students. These include:

- AB 367 introduced by Assemblymember Garcia, which advocates for free menstrual products on campus.
- AB 396 introduced by Assemblymember Gabriel, which seeks to ensure CSU campuses are registering programs that make students eligible for Cal Fresh.
- 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.

If you are interested in any of these topics, I encourage you to attend future Lobby Corps meetings. Our next one is March 18, 2021. You can find the Lobby Corps schedule [here](#).

The staff in the Office of Governmental Affairs had two meetings at the end of February, and I was able to attend both. We discussed our projects for spring and got to know each other a bit more. In addition, our Legislative Affairs Coordinator set up meetings with various state legislators as part of the CHESS Advocacy week. I was able to attend meetings with Assemblymember McCarty, Assemblymember Cooper, and Senator Pan. We discussed the importance of a fully funded CSU system and advocated for Cal Grant reform. We also discussed bills that would be beneficial to our students such as AB 940, which would expand mental health services, and AB 397 which would expand Cal Fresh eligibility. The meetings went very well and there was potential to work with all of the offices we met with in the future on these issues. Thank you to everyone who attended these meetings to advocate for our fellow students!

Events and Calendar Items

2/15- Met with Leg Affairs Coordinator to discuss Lobby Corps
2/17- Attended ASI Special Working Board and ASI Board of Directors Meeting
2/18- Attended OGA Meeting
2/18- Attended Lobby Corps Meeting
2/23- Attended ASI Government Staff Meeting
2/24- ASI Working Board Meeting
2/25- Met with Chair of CSSA Diana Vicente to discuss the March CSSA Plenary
2/26- Attended Advocacy visit with UC Davis, CSSA, and Rep. Garamendi
3/4- Attended Lobby Corps
3/6- Attended the March CSSA Plenary
3/9- Met with ASI VPUA to discuss the trigger warning resolution

3/10- Attended ASI Working Board Meeting

3/12- Attended CHESS Advocacy Meetings with Senator Pan, Asm. Cooper, and Asm McCarty

3/15- Met with Legislative Affairs Coordinator to discuss Lobby Corps

If you have any questions about anything in this report, please feel free to contact me at asicssarep@csus.edu.

Best Regards,
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