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## California State Student Association (CSSA) & CSUnity

The California State Student Association (CSSA) has been holding their monthly plenary meetings virtually over the summer, and will continue to do so for the near future. You can find all of my CSSA plenary reports <a href="here">here</a>, and they will be updated monthly. The September CSSA plenary was held September 11, and primarily concerned the CSSA policy agenda. You can find detailed notes on this plenary meeting at the link listed above. The ASI President, Samantha Elizalde, and I worked on 5 different policy agenda item ideas and were able to submit them to CSSA before the September 1 deadline. The topics included addressing access to internet and technology as a basic need, accessibility of education, expanding sustainability efforts, supporting transfer students, and supporting basic needs. Everyone is able to attend the CSSA plenary virtually, and all information on CSSA meetings can be found <a href="here">here</a>. The next CSSA plenary will be October 9-10. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss an issue in the CSU you believe CSSA can address, do not hesitate to contact me using the information provided at the beginning of this report.

## **Lobby Corps**

During the month of August, I assisted in conducting a series of interviews to find a student to fill the Legislative Affairs Coordinator position. After careful consideration, we decided to hire Sidra Nawaz for the position. Please join us in welcoming Sidra Nawaz to the Office of Governmental Affairs!

Our first Lobby Corps meeting was September 9<sup>th</sup>. All meetings for the 2021-2022 academic year will happen every other Thursday from 4:30-5:30 in the Capitol Room on the third floor of the University Union. During the fall semester we will help committee members learn about the legislative process, as well as train members to participate in lobbying visits as we prepare for the 2022-2023 legislative cycle that begins in the spring. If you would like to get more involved with state politics, learn how to be an advocate, and are overall interested in



anything to do with legislation please join our Lobby Corps! You can contact the new Legislative Affairs Coordinator at <a href="mailto:asi-ogpc@csus.edu">asi-ogpc@csus.edu</a> for more information and can fill out a committee interest form <a href="mailto:here">here</a>. Our next Lobby Corps meeting will be held September 23. See you there!

## **Office of Governmental Affairs**

The Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA) held a team meeting on September 13 so that we could get to know each other better after a year of working virtually.

There is a statewide competition called the College Involvement and Values Impacting Communities (CIVIC) Challenge, which aims to increase civic engagement among the CSU student population. OGA has already started working on completing as many CIVIC Challenges as we can. This year, there are standing challenges that we can complete as many times as we want and subsequently submit for points. You can find more information on CIVIC <a href="here">here</a>. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to participate in CIVIC Challenges, as this challenge is all about garnering student engagement with the CSU, state legislature, and federal government.

OGA has also been participating in the statewide Ballot Bowl, which is a competition solely focused on increasing voter registration among students. As of right now, Sacramento State is in fourth place among the CSUs. If you have not yet registered, or do not know what your voter registration status is you can go <a href="here">here</a> to check! Remember to vote in the gubernatorial recall election being held on September 14, 2021! If you have filled out your ballot and do not know where to drop it off, Sacramento State has a ballot drop off location at Modoc Hall.

## **Events and Calendar Items**

July 9-11	Attended July CSSA Plenary
July 28	Attended ASI Special Working Board Meeting
August 2	Met with ASI President to Review CSSA Agendas
August 7	Attended August CSSA Plenary
August 8-9	Attended CSUnity
August 13-15	Attended ASI Board Retreat
August 16	Helped conduct Legislative Affairs Coordinator Interviews
August 18	Helped conduct Legislative Affairs Coordinator Interviews
August 24	Met with ASI President to work on and submit CSSA Policy Agenda Items
August 26	Attended ASI Part Time Staff Orientation
August 30	Tabled with ASI
September 8	ASI Working Board Meeting
September 9	Lobby Corps
September 11	Attended CSSA Plenary
September 13	Attended OGA Staff Meeting & Training



If you have any questions or concerns about anything in this report, feel free to send me an email and I will help you to the best of my ability.

Best regards,
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