

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

My last plenary was on May 1st and 2nd, and you can find my report on the meeting [here](#). Even though I came into this role in a virtual world, it was a wonderful experience to serve in CSSA. I have been attending the CSSA Plenaries since July 2020, and we had a very busy schedule. Below please find everything CSSA has been able to achieve:

1. Resolutions
 - *Resolution in Support of International Students*
 - *Resolution in Stamping out Food Insecurity during COVID-19 and Beyond*
 - *Resolution in Support of Alternative Grading Options*
 - *Resolution in Support of SWANA Students*
 - *Resolution in Support of Adding Caste to the CSU Anti-Discriminatory policy*
 - *Resolution in Support of Divesting the CSU from Fossil Fuels*
2. CSSA Statement of Solidarity with Filipinx Students in Supporting Activism Towards Basic Right of Life and Freedom of Speech
3. Amendment to CSSA Policy Agenda
 - Policy on University Policing- advocates to completely disarm campus police within the next three years and totally abolish campus police within 10 years. This policy also advocates reallocating the funding of campus police to mental health services.
4. Legislation Stances. CSSA took a total of 17 support stances on state and federal legislation.

- AB 53- Election Day Holiday
 - AB 245- Educational Equity: Student Records: Name and Gender Changes
 - AB 940- College Mental Health Services Program
 - AB 288- California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act
 - AB 396- CalFresh Educational Programs
 - AB 367- Menstrual Product Act
 - AB 1456- Cal Grant Reform Act
 - AB 14- Communications: Broadband Services: California Advanced Services Fund
 - SB 4- California Advanced Services Fund
 - AB 543- Public Postsecondary Education: Student Orientation: CalFresh
 - AB 99- Statewide Longitudinal Data System: California Cradle to Career Data System
 - AB 34- Broadband for All Act of 2022
 - H.R. 1919- EATS Act of 2021
 - AB 928- Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021: Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee
 - AB 1377- Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2021
 - SB 22- Education finance: school facilities: Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022
 - SB 737- Education finance: school facilities: Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022
5. CSSA also played a large role in advocating for Doubling the Pell Grant and including undocumented students on HEERF relief funding.

I was also able to be involved with CSSA in different ways, such as helping to plan how Sacramento State could virtually host the CSSA Plenary in March. Our campus also came first in the CSU wide CIVIC Challenge, which is an amazing accomplishment, especially in a virtual world! I would also like to note the amazing virtual advocacy week that was a part of CNESS. We were able to meet with a few different legislators, so shoutout to Vanessa for scheduling all of those meetings! Throughout all of these different outreach efforts, whether to the student population or our elected officials, we were able to strengthen the student voice and advocate on behalf of students. It was amazing to work alongside everyone in CSSA, and I hope I can attend some in-person meetings next year!

Lobby Corps

I was lucky enough to work with two great Lobby Corps chairs this year, Ethan Gould and Vanessa Orozco. In the fall we focused on training the Lobby Corps members to be the best

advocates they could be when meeting with legislators. We were lucky to have a few guest speakers, including CSSA Chair Diana Vicente and President Zahraa Khuraibet, Student Trustees Maryana Khames and Krystal Raynes, CSSA Legislative Policy Analyst Hannah Bragstaad, Mike Shariff, and Nathan Diedrich.

In Spring 2021 we hit the ground running with taking stances on legislation. Below please find all of the legislation we took support stances on:

1. AB 53 by Assemblymember Low- Election Day Holiday.
2. AB 367 by Assemblymember Garcia- Menstrual Product Act
3. AB 396 by Assemblymember Gabriel- CalFresh Educational Programs
4. AB 1290 by Assemblymember Lee- Student Aid Commission
5. AB 1377 by Assemblymember McCarty- Student Housing Revolving Loan Act
6. AB 1456 by Assemblymember Medina and McCarty- Cal Grant Reform Act
7. AB 1002 by Assemblymember Choi- Course Credit for Prior Military Education, Training, and Service

The committee also voted to track SB 17 and the Governor's Budget Proposal: Dual Admission for Community College Transfer Students due to the need to gather more information on these topics. A decision on AB 403 was postponed to the first Lobby Corps meeting of fall 2021.

Thank you so much to our Lobby Corps committee members for attending all throughout the year, and joining us in our advocacy meetings! It has been amazing to work with this committee and the Lobby Corps chair, you could tell everyone who was there was passionate about helping our fellow students. I can't wait to see what we do next year!

Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA) Team

Civic Engagement/Voting Efforts

Last year, staff in the Office of Governmental Affairs worked diligently to increase student turnout in the 2020 General Election. For example, our campus participated in the Ballot Bowl, a statewide voter engagement competition. Sacramento State came in third place by registering 1,767 students. This is an absolutely amazing accomplishment, so big shoutout to Lexie and Lisa for putting in so much work for this civic engagement outreach!! They were also able to host many wonderful virtual events to promote civic engagement. I was able to participate in the National Voter Education Week and attend the Vote Early Party, which was a super fun event!

ASI Board of Directors Strategic Priorities

I was on strategic priorities 3.4.2, 3.6.1, and 4.1.1

1. 3.4.2- *Update existing advocacy toolkit.* Noah, Alejandro, and I sat down with different individuals at each level of advocacy and recorded our conversations about how students can strengthen their advocacy efforts. We were also able to receive a few pre-recorded videos from different individuals as well. Finally, Noah was able to put together a written

advocacy toolkit that Alejandro and I added to and reviewed. All of this material can be found on the ASI website [here](#). Check it out!

2. *3.6.1- Pursue the possibility of instituting cultural humility/antiracism modules, both on the CSUS campus as well as across the CSU system.* At the beginning of the year, I was able to submit an advocacy form to CSSA on this topic. The advocacy form did not progress past this stage. However, if the ASI Board next year picks up this priority I would definitely resubmit to CSSA. I was on this priority alongside Alejandro, Samantha, and Joseph. Unfortunately, I was not available for every meeting, but I can report that this group was able to work closely with Inclusive Excellence and Vector Solutions to get a better understanding of what we would need and how to best create an effective cultural humility module.
3. *4.1.1 Increase involvement with CSSA and Board of Trustee meetings.* I was on this priority with Noah and Samantha. The goal for this priority was to get 100% of ASI board members to attend at least 1 CSSA plenary, and we were able to accomplish this! We were also able to raise awareness of CSSA activities. Thank you to everyone for attending, I hope you learned something new!

Closing Remarks

As I have mentioned to many people, I have never been to Sacramento State's campus as I transferred last year, when everything was virtual. Despite this, serving as the CSSA Liaison has helped me feel a connection to campus even as our world has operated virtually! I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has worked with me and helped me this past year, from CSSA, OGA and the ASI Board. We may have never met in person, but it was an honor to work on behalf of the student population alongside you all. Good luck to everyone in their future endeavors, and I hope to see you all in person one day!

I am genuinely looking forward to being back on campus next semester and jumping right into more advocacy work alongside the OGA team, ASI Board, and CSSA members. If we can accomplish as much as we did virtually, I know we will be able to do even more in person. Have a wonderful summer everyone, and never stop your advocacy work! If there is one thing I learned this year, there is power in our collective voice and we are all capable of effecting change.

In service,
Kathryn Webb
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