
To: ASI Board of Directors
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Subject: End of the Year Board Report

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Cal State Student Association (CSSA)

My last plenary as the CSSA Liaison for Sacramento State ASI will be May 9th and 10th, 2020. **As a graduating senior, class of May 2020, I will be leaving this position and my last day of work will be May 11th, 2020.** It has been an incredible honor and pleasure to be one of the two representatives of over 31,000 Sacramento State students at the CSSA Board of Directors table. I am incredibly proud of what CSSA has achieved this academic year and am so excited for the next CSSA Board of Directors, and for the next CSSA Liaison!

I have been attending CSSA plenary meetings since July 2019, and it has been an incredible experience. In CSSA this year, we've achieved the following as a Board of Directors:

- Passed a new Policy Agenda for '19-'20 building off of the previous year's, adding civic engagement as a focus in addition: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GN3jk6u-5TEULz-1dHc24Ul4wT6RzWq/view>
- Hired on new and promoted current CSSA staff, such as recently-promoted Associate Director of Governmental Relations, Mary Washington, recently-promoted Manger of Finance and Administration, Brandon Martinez, and newly-hired Executive Director, Jeanne Tran-Martin.

* Only during scheduled Lobby Corps weeks. For a Lobby Corps meeting schedule for the year, please see <https://asi.csus.edu/event-calendar#/?i=1>

* Please note that I am currently working from home due to COVID-19 circumstances and will not be available at this office number for the remainder of the academic year. For calls, please email me for a Zoom meeting.

- Took an opposition stance to the 4th Year of Quantitative Reasoning Proposal put forth by the CSU Chancellor's Office. Since, they have postponed the implementation of such and decided to do a longer study on the impact that this additional admissions requirement could have on prospective students.
- Passed a new CSSA Constitution including a name change from University Affairs to Systemwide Affairs, and providing better guidance to CSSA Special Officer positions.
- Supported the EATS Act by Rep. Gomez.
- Supported the Degrees not Debt Act by Senator Heinrich.
- Supported the Break Pay for Veterans Act by Rep. Cisneros.
- Adopted a Budget Guiding Principles document authored by the Finance Committee, Finance staff, and VP of Finance Michelle Tran.
- Adopted a resolution regarding the 4th Year of Quantitative Reasoning.
- Sponsored an undocu-ally training bill, AB 2972 (Limon).
- Supported SB 493 (Jackson), a gender equity in education bill.
- Supported the End All Hazing Act by Rep. Fudge.
- Adopted a resolution in support of Prop 13.
- Adopted a resolution in regard to Title IX changes.
- Nominated Asm. Medina as CSSA Legislator of the Year.
- Supported AB 1460 (Weber), the CSU Ethnic Studies bill.
- Opposed AB 1864 (Santiago), the Tuition Free Promise bill.
- Supported AB 2023 (Chiu) regarding chosen names on CSU diplomas.
- Adopted a resolution highlighting student struggles in light of COVID-19 and students left out of the federal stimulus package (which myself and Noah Marty authored along with help from other CSSA Board members!).
- Adopted a resolution highlighting the importance of menstrual equity and providing free menstrual products in university restrooms.
- Adopted a resolution in support of anti-bias training in the CSU.

As you can see, it's a very long list! CSSA was an amazing experience this year regardless of unexpected staff vacancies and COVID-19 circumstances in the end. We were incredibly productive and driven, and made many things move and shake this year in the legislative and administrative realms of the CSU system. *It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as both a CSSA Board Member and the Vice-Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee for '19-'20.* I look forward to electing the next Executive Officer team for the '20-'21 term this May 2020!

Lobby Corps

Lobby Corps was a productive year too. Although we didn't take a lot of bill stances, we had incredibly fruitful discussions on various pieces of both state and federal legislation that I took to CSSA. For instance, when we discussed AB 1460 (Weber), the ethnic studies bill, as a Lobby Corps Committee, students raised concerns about this bill and we ended up taking no position on it. Per this discussion, when CSSA took up AB 1460 and decided to support it, I raised Sac State students' concerns and abstained from the vote to support this bill.

It has been an honor to serve this committee as Vice-Chair alongside our Legislative Affairs Coordinator, Ethan Gould, who has been an incredible Chair. He has been amazing to work with and has been a true advocate for the student voice all year to both administrators and students per our Lobby Corps discussions!

Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA) Team

Civic Engagement/Voting Efforts

The ASI Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA), which my position is housed in, alongside my team members Ethan Gould, Legislative Affairs Coordinator, and Savannah Mendoza, Civic Engagement Coordinator, has achieved a plethora of amazing things this year. Chiefly, **we have registered 214 students to vote** this year through tabling efforts on campus! Savannah and Ethan have been incredible to these efforts and instrumental in registering students to vote on campus. Our original goal was 300, which we probably would've achieved if COVID-19 did not happen.

Ethan has also been instrumental in helping crafting a voter guide for the 2020 elections alongside ASI Board members. He also helped create an evergreen bookmark with voter information, too, which can be found in the ASI Government Office!

Census 2020 Education

Savannah has led the efforts of the 2020 Census education and engagement alongside ASI Board members this year. An array of events were set to happen to spread the awareness of the census to Sac State students on campus pre-COVID-19, but have since been canceled per the CSU Chancellor's Office and Sacramento State's mandates. However, Savannah did help create a Count Your Loved Ones event on Valentine's Day, which handed out candy and census information, collaborating with other campus organizations, which was incredibly successful! In addition, our OGA Instagram account has been incredibly active in promoting census education thanks to her, too.

ASI Board of Directors Strategic Priorities

OGA has also helped the ASI Board of Directors fulfill some of their Strategic Priorities for the year, such as have ASI Board Members attend CSSA plenaries, create voter guides and student-friendly information for civic engagement purposes, have Board Members attend the CHESS Lobby Day, and host a Basic Needs Forum inviting legislators and officials to speak to students on their efforts toward addressing the student basic needs crisis. It has been a pleasure to be involved in these important efforts on behalf of students, for students, as an OGA team alongside the ASI Board of Directors!

Closing Remarks

*I just want to reiterate how much of an honor it has been to serve as the ASI CSSA Liaison for the '19-'20 year. Serving as a CSSA Board Member and Vice-Chair, as an advisor to the ASI Board of Directors, and as Vice-Chair to Lobby Corps has been more than I could've asked for, regardless of COVID-19 circumstances. I am incredibly proud of the work we have done this year as both a CSSA and Sac State ASI, and want to thank everyone that I've worked with this year; especially the ASI Board of Directors for always lending an ear to me at the weekly Board of Directors Meetings, and my CSSA colleagues who have supported my advocacy efforts this year. I also want to thank Ethan, Savannah, and our OGA supervisor, Lisa, for being amazing team members! **Collectively, '19-'20 was a very achieved year; especially given the circumstances.***

I am excited to see the work that future ASI and CSSA Board Members will do and am thankful for both of these organizations for allowing me to serve in this capacity. My passion will always lie in serving students, and I hope that future CSSA Liaisons will execute their powers with the same mission in mind.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alyssa Lee'.

Alyssa Lee | CSSA Liaison '19-'20

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