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Academic Affairs and Advocacy

- Drafted legislation regarding student appointments to Faculty Senate committees.
- Continued recruiting and coordinating student representatives for upcoming grade appeal panels.
- Participated in the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting on September 8 and the Faculty Senate Retreat on September 10.
- During the Executive Committee discussion on shared governance, raised the need for a clear process identifying when university decisions require consultation with students and ASI.
- Received updates regarding enrollment, the Academic Affairs budget, international student support, university hiring practices, academic policies, and the WSCUC accreditation process.
- Continued communicating with Faculty Senate leadership and university administrators regarding student representation and academic priorities.

Faculty Senate Updates

- Sacramento State enrollment is currently above the Chancellor's Office target, although exceeding the target does not automatically result in additional state funding.
- Academic Affairs continues to face a budget deficit, with university leadership emphasizing enrollment growth and new revenue opportunities rather than relying only on reductions.
- The Provost shared that a task force involving Academic Affairs and IPGE is being developed to improve processes related to international travel.
- Faculty Senate committees will work this semester on academic advising, grading, attendance, syllabus, general education, assessment, and administrative appointment policies.
- The Executive Committee discussed improving consultation procedures and establishing clearer expectations for shared governance.

Meetings and Committee Work

- Attended ASI Working Board on September 9.
- Participated in the WSCUC Steering Committee.
- Met and communicated with university administrators and Faculty Senate leadership.
- Completed orientation with PRE intern and scheduled four mentor check-ins for the semester.

Events and Student Engagement

- Attended New Student and Family Convocation events.
- Participated in the President's Fall Address.
- Attended Hornet Nest Fest and the Honors Convocation.
- Attended the Fresno State away football game with ASI.

Upcoming Priorities

- Finalize student appointments to Faculty Senate committees and grade appeal panels.

- Recruit and appoint students to university committees that fall within Academic Affairs.
- Continue representing student interests in Faculty Senate and Executive Committee discussions.
- Monitor developments concerning advising, grading, attendance, general education, and other academic policies.
- Strengthen communication between ASI, students, faculty leadership, and university administrators.

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