



To: ASI Board of Directors
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Subject: Advisor Reports

Spring 2025 Office Hours:

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California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary

The Cal State Student Association (CSSA) is a student-led organization that strives to improve the lives of California State University (CSU) students by advocating for student needs and engaging students in systemwide, federal, and higher education policy making.

August CSSA Plenary

The August meeting was held virtually on August 15 at CSU Northridge. It was a one day-event that consisted of four committee meeting and Board of Directors.

Systemwide Affairs Committee

The consent agenda, including the previous meeting minutes, was approved. Reports were presented by Vice President of Systemwide Affairs, Ashley Smith and Assistant Director of Systemwide Affairs Genesis Jara-Gutierrez. Under new business, an election for Systemwide Affairs Committee was held, in which Ma'Kayla Akin from San Jose was elected.

Following the elections, there was a discussion item regarding student worker experience and barriers of employment to inform systemwide advocacy. The meeting was then adjourned.

Legislative Affairs Committee

The consent agenda was approved. Reports were presented by Vice President of Legislative Affairs Rodrigo Rojas Garfias and Director of Government and Advocacy Mary Washington.

Under new business, the legislative affairs committee held an election for Vice Chair. In which Adeline McCloud from CSU Dominguez Hill was elected.

Following the election, an open Q&A was had to discuss goals for the committee. As well as shared a CSSA Civic Engagement planning guide. The meeting was then adjourned.

Finance Committee

The consent agenda was approved. Reports were presented by Vice President of Fiance Brandon Trigo and Brandon Martinez, Assistant Director of Operations.

Under new business, an overview of the committee was provided. Following the presentation an election was held for Vice Chair elections, in which Jasmine Torres from Monterrey Bay was elected. The meeting was then adjourned

Board of Directors

The consent agenda was approved, and reports were presented by both executive officers and staff.

Under new business, there were elections held for engagement officer within the respected regions. The officers elected were Beatrix Teaney, Chico State for Northern; Rylee Jue from Monterey Bay for Central, Amira Shalabi from San Bernadino from Southern.

President Gadurov went over the policy agenda form. Reminding the committee that this form is due on September 1, 2026 and that all CSU students are eligible and able to fill out the form. The meeting was then adjourned.

CSUnity

CSUnity was a two-day event held on August 16-17, 2026, at CSU Northridge. This conference provides a platform for CSU student leaders from across all campuses to come together, fostering discussions, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing related to leadership and higher education policymaking. Over the course of two days, attendees participate in workshops facilitated by faculty, staff, administrators, and fellow students. These workshops cover a wide range of topics and provide valuable insight into different aspects of leadership and higher education. These workshops allow students to gain a deeper understanding of the policymaking processes within the CSU system.

By gaining a deeper understanding of higher education policies and issues, students were able to complete the Policy Agenda Form. The form allows students to brainstorm ideas and provide input that helps guide CSSA in determining which advocacy efforts and policy priorities they will focus on over the following two weeks.

This concludes the August plenary meeting notes the following plenary will take place virtually September 19.

Lobby Corps

Lobby Corps is ASI's advocacy branch, serving as a policy analysis and advisory committee to the ASI Board of Directors.

We are excited to welcome a new chair, Daniel Smith. Lobby Corps first meeting was held on September 8, 2026, where we had Professor Jackson give a presentation regarding Sac Semester and internships.

City Ambassadors

City Ambassadors are dedicated to advocating on behalf of students, raising awareness about issues affecting higher education, and supporting voter registration efforts at a local level.

We are excited to welcome a new chair Morgaine Wilkins-Dean. City Ambassadors held there first meeting on Thursday September 10, 2026 where they held an informational session.

Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA)

My duties in the OGA office have been daily task that continue to support and supplement the work for the ASI Board of Directors. My task includes attending CSSA plenary, creating and distributing CSSA plenary reports as well as attending Lobby Corps and City Ambassadors.

Events and Calendar Items

- August 15- CSSA Plenary
- August 16-17- CSUnity
- August 31- First day of Classes
- September 8- Lobby Corps
- September 9- Working Board
- September 10- City Ambassadors
- September 15- Voter Registration Day

Announcements

- Lobby Corps will be meeting Tuesday September 22, 2026 from 4:30pm -5:30pm
- City Ambassadors will be meeting Thursday, September 24 from 4:00pm- 5:00pm