



To: ASI Board of Directors
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Subject: Advisor Reports

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California State Student Association (CSSA) October Plenary

The October CSSA Plenary was held in person at CSU Eastbay on October 18-19, 2025. The attendees were our ASI President Aranjoy Kaur and Executive Vice Presidents Richard Angulo and myself as CSSA Liaison. It was a one-day event that consisted of four committees and the Board of Directors meeting

Systemwide Affairs Committee

The consent agenda, including the previous minutes, was approved. Reports were presented by Vice President of Systemwide Affairs Katie Karroum and Assistant Director of Systemwide Affairs Genesis Jara-Gutierrez.

The committee focused primarily on the next steps regarding the CSU Artificial Intelligence (AI) Initiative. Members discussed key takeaways and current perspectives following the September presentation on the initiative. Several CSU campuses shared how AI implementation is impacting their institutions and whether they are conducting their own internal surveys—separate from the systemwide CSU AI survey—to better understand student support for the initiative.

It was noted that the CSU system invested approximately \$13 million to make ChatGPT available at no cost to all CSU students. Concerns were raised across campuses regarding the cost of this investment and the extent to which students are actively using the platform. The contracts are about to expire soon, leaving many with concern on who is going to take on this cost.

Legislative Affairs Committee

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

The committee reviewed an informational item concerning the CSSA Campus Advocacy Walkthrough, a preparatory guide for the upcoming California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS). The presentation outlined steps for effective campus advocacy and identified legislators that campuses are encouraged to engage with to discuss both campus-specific and CSSA-wide priorities.

Emphasis was placed on the importance of campuses proactively building relationships with their respective legislators. An update was also provided on Civic Points, highlighting the current standings across campuses.

Board of Directors

The consent agenda was approved, and reports were presented by both executive officers and staff. The Board approved the 2027–2028 CSSA meeting schedule as well as the 2025 CSSA Policy Agenda. The policy agenda focuses on addressing the total cost of attendance, enhancing student wellness, and fostering academic success across the CSU system. Key priorities include maintaining the affordability of higher education through expanded financial aid, improving access to mental health and wellness services, and strengthening diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, and belonging (DEIAB) initiatives. Additionally, the CSU seeks to empower students as active partners in decision-making by promoting collaboration, accountability, and engagement with the Cal State Student Association (CSSA).

The Board also reviewed the final revisions to the CSSA Constitution concerning ordinary committee representation for potential approval, ensuring equitable representation across committees. There was discussion regarding the legislation, as several members expressed concern that its language could be interpreted in multiple ways. The meeting was then adjourned. This concluded the October plenary meeting notes. The following plenary will take virtually November 9, 2025

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.

City Ambassadors has Noel Mora guest speak on October 30, 2025 meeting where he shared his journey coming being a Sacramento State Student to a Community Partnerships Coordinator

City Ambassadors planned a special election “Roll to the Polls” event in collaboration with Peak Adventures offered free rides for up to 9 people per session from the Welcome Center to our closest polling place. There were four sessions offered between 10:00am -4:00pm.

On Thursday they will be having Mai Vang to guest speech on City Ambassadors from 4:00pm-5:00pm. She will be sharing her journey from being a City Council member to now running for Congress.

Lobby Corps

Lobby Corps has their last meeting of the fall semester on October 28, 2025. Where we gave an overview of our past legislation from Spring 2025.

On October 14, 2025 Lobby Corps hosted Anh Phoong, where she shared her journey of being a Sacramento State Student to an injury attorney.

Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA)

My duties in the OGA office have been daily tasks 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

- October 1 -Working Board
- October 2- City Ambassadors
- October 8- Board Meeting
- October 14- Lobby Corps, Anh Phoong
- October 15- Working Board

- October 18-19-CSSA Eastbay
- October 22- OGA meeting with Peak Adventures
- October 22-Board Meeting
- October 27-Delivery to Anh Phoong
- October 28-Lobby Corps
- October 29-Working Board
- October 30-City Ambassadors
- **November 4-Special Elections “Rolling to the Polls”**
- **November 5-BOD presentation**
- **November 6-Mai Yang- City Ambassadors**
- **November 8-CSSA Plenary (virtual)**

If there are any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to the CSSA Liaison, Caroline Tah-Espens at asicssarep@csus.edu and I will get back to you with the appropriate response as soon as possible. Thank you.