



To: ASI Board of Directors

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Subject: April CSSA Report

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April California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary

The April CSSA Plenary was held virtually April 10, 2022 from 9:00AM to 1:30PM and April 11, 2022 from 9:30AM to 12:00PM.

The following includes summaries of each committee in the order they were presented. Please review the report, and feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Internal Affairs Committee

Plenary officially began with the Internal Affairs Committee where they discussed amending the Scholarship Policy. CSU Fullerton representative Josh Mitchell spoke during public comment to bring up concerns about the cost of attending Plenary for next year's members. According to the Meeting Policy amendments, host campuses can charge up to \$150 per member to attend Plenary. Specifically, the Constitution regarding Meeting Fee's states, "There shall be a meeting fee for each CSSA plenary meeting, which is set by the host campus and is not exceed \$150 per person that is expected to attend. This fee is intended to cover the cost of venue and catering." To read more, please check out the [redlined document](#) shared. Chair Liu clarified that the price can vary and be up to \$150 given that many campuses require additional funds to accommodate for all the members.

Following this discussion, the committee addressed new business, which included three action items. The first was the Awards and Recognition Policy. Language was added regarding

who repayment of a scholarship if they do not complete the term. Specifically, should an Officer assume office after the start of the term as prescribed in the Constitution, their award scholarship shall be determined by the number of days they stay in office. For example, if they only hold their position between 29 - 56 days, they will have to return 50% of the scholarship awarded to them. This action item was approved by unanimous consent. The second item was addressing the Meeting Policy. The public comment was addressing the charge mentioned in this section of the Constitution. This charge comes after many of the campuses have already allocated their budget for next year and brought up a concern that at least CSU Fullerton's campus will not always have the opportunity to attend. A motion was made to change the language regarding the Plenary fee to "fee set by host campus shall not exceed \$140 per person." This fee would not apply to virtual meetings as stated by the Constitution. This action item was approved with amendments. Lastly, the Student Trustee Nominating Policy was approved as this only contained minor grammar changes and the removal of language that describes whether a meeting format is in person or virtual. This allows for the meetings to adapt to any unforeseen situation.

Joint Committee of Internal Affairs and Finance

The Internal Affairs and Finance Committee had one action item on their agenda to approve the Scholarship Policy revisions. Most notably, \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded for each Special Officer to be distributed per semester. In addition, Special Officers will be assigned by region as to not limit the work they are able to accomplish. This item was approved with proposed changes.

Finance Committee

Third up was the meeting of the Finance Committee. They heard presentations for two information items: April 2022 Finance Statement and the 2022 – 2023 Budget Draft Overview. This month's Finance Statement stated that of the grand total of \$853,000.00 so far 43% has been used. Specifically, 37% of spent funds have been used for CSSA University Affairs, 6% spend from CSSA advocacy and governmental relations, and 56% was used for CSSA Internal programs and 17% to Communication and Public Relations.

Subsequently, staff went over the 2022-2023 Budget which stated that the draft budget allocated for next year was \$1,659,768.00. These funds are collected through Student Involvement & Representation Fee (SIRF), a \$2 fee assessed twice a year to all CSU students in order to fund CSSA. The budget showed funds spent this year compared to the proposed allocations for next year. It's important to note that some items this year amount to \$0 given the COVID restrictions but next year will have a larger budget. For example, next year the Board Orientation will amount to \$18,910.00, plenary meetings will be \$68,700.00, and \$64,650.00 for

the California Higher Education Summit (CHESS). Systemwide travel will account for 12% of next year's budget and also note a \$17,000 increase in operations or staff employment. Lastly, this year the budget is not allocating funds for Reserves, or savings, as staff recommends using all the money to support student needs.

Legislative Affairs Committee

Legislative Affairs discussed four items for consideration and five action items. The first discussion was [on AB 2881 Public Postsecondary Education: Students with Dependent Children](#) addresses the concern of enrollment delay impeding graduation rates for student parents. Specifically, it would require all CSU, UC, and CCC to include internet website that include information on all on and off campus student parent services and resources. Next, was [AB 2810 Student Nutrition: Cal Fresh Student Eligibility: Federal App for Student Aid Data](#). This bill was authored by Assembly member Arambula which states that federal administrative guidance encourage the use of FAFSA data to inform students of their eligibility for Cal Fresh. Third was [AB 2437 California Pay Our Intern Program](#) (CPOIP) which would allocate \$5 million from General Funds to the CPOIP to fund internships at offices of the Legislature, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or any state agency or department. The last discussion items was [AB 1968 Public Post-Secondary Education: Uniform Info Guidance for Sexual Assault Survivors](#) would require CSU and UC systems to develop training and steps following a sexual assault incident.

Following this brief discussion, the committee took action to:

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| Oppose | AB 2456 Cal Grant Program Student Eligibility
Would redefine full time to mean 30 semester units and affect Cal Grant eligibility |
| Support | AB 2815 Vote by Mail Ballot Drop-off Locations |
| Support | AB 2683 Sexual Violence and Harassment |
| Support | AB 1844 Rape and Sexual Assault Education Program |
| Support | SB 886 California Environmental Quality Act: Exempt Public Universities Housing Projects |

Board of Directors

Sunday morning the Board of Directors heard an information item regarding the Constitution Approved Amendments as discussed on Saturday. The board took one vote to

approve all the positions discussed at Legislative Affairs. These included: motion to oppose AB 2456, support AB 2815, support AB 2683, support AB 1844, and support SB 886. With no objection or use of OnBoard, the motion passed.

Systemwide Affairs Committee

The Systemwide Affairs Committee convened and Chair Ruelas informed the committee that they are gathering input on higher education and academic programs. Specifically, AB 928 Transfer Pathway Program, and Basic Needs Resources. If you have any feedback please feel free to email me at asicsarep@csus.edu. At this meeting, the committee heard a presentation from Vice Chancellor Evelyn Nazario on Title IX and the Chancellor Search. The office of Mary Lee Wagner will handling the investigation into CSU Fresno in relation to VP Frank Llamas. This investigation will last between 90-120 days. The Title IX assessments will cover all 23 CSU campuses and revise practices and policies, audit random investigations, interview students, CSSA, Title 9 coordinators, to name a few. First, they will create a workgroup that will consist of faculty, staff, students, and community members and this process aims to take about 12 months. If you are interested in learning more about the taskforce please click this [link](#).

In regards to the Search for the Chancellor. The hired search firms will conduct a nationwide search, convene listening sessions, and compose position descriptions based on input from all stakeholders. In the meantime, [Interim Chancellor Koester](#) will remain in the position for as the search continues and possibly into the transition period of the new Chancellor.

This concluded the April's Plenary. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

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