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January California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary

The January CSSA Plenary was held virtually January 23-24. Our virtual meeting began from Saturday, January 23 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM and concluded on Sunday from 9:30AM to 12:00PM. The meeting began with an Implicit Bias training presented by Dr. Jordan from the Peer & Academic Resource Center at Sacramento State. Following this informative and interactive training, members learned about the new OnBoard management software we will be using from now on. OnBoard allows members to find agendas, RSVP to meetings, vote on matters, and find all other information related to CSSA.

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

Student Trustee Committee

The Student Trustee Committee met briefly following the OnBoard presentation. Vice President Moreno Ruelas and Associated Director Woolett delivered an update regarding the search process for an additional Student Trustee. The Committee strongly encouraged people to consider applying for the vacant position and discussed the interview process for anyone interested in joining the Committee.

Internal Affairs Committee

After a short break, the Internal Affairs committee met to revise the recall language in their Constitution. They offered revisions to [Articles](#) VII, VIII, IX, XI and this can be found on page 7 of the Internal Affairs Committee agenda.

Systemwide Affairs

The meeting began with a quick review of the agenda. Chair Ruelas announced that she is working on informing all campuses of the implementation of AB 367 that provides free menstrual products to all students in the CSU system. Next, the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management Services, April Grommo, presented information about amending Title 5, CSU Standardized Exams and Admission Requirements. The CSUS Board of Trustees will vote on whether they support cancelling standardized test requirements for CSU campuses in March. For now, this remains an information item, but the Committee will recommend to permanently discontinue standardized test scores. As a reminder, the board can support, oppose or support with an amendment when they take a position on any item. Members of the Admission Advisory Council, Chair Ruelas and Vice Chair Finley lead a discussion regarding this item and encourage everyone to listen to the CSSA Podcast to learn more about the change.

Members of the Board of Trustees, Trustee Raynes and Linares presented an update on the January 2022 Board of Trustees meeting. First, the Governor Budget proposal announced a 5% increase for resources to the CSU system, applied \$233 million one-time funding for salaries and benefits. The multi-year compact pushed to advance equity and raise graduation rates by reducing cost by 50%. This revision will be released in May. Next, STARS is assessing sustainable practices across campuses and Humboldt will change their name to include Polytechnic, similar to that of Cal Poly Pomona. Finally, the federal update included a third relief installment of \$1.6 billion to CSU campuses, currently waiting on approval for Pell grant \$400 increase in appropriations, and was unsuccessful in offering funds to support DACA recipients.

Finance Committee

Vice President Ruiz and Assistant Director Martinez presented the January 2022 financial statement that can be found on [page 3](#) of the Finance Committee agenda. It is important to note, 97% of CSSA funding derives from the Student Involvement and Representation Fee (SIRF) of \$2 per term per student. Unfortunately, there was a technical issue at the Pomona campus which reduced our funding by about \$2,000 for this academic year. Additionally, there was an expense adjustment of \$295,507 for Scholarship Endowments and Leadership Development under the CSSA Advocacy and Government programs.

Legislative Affairs

The staff and officers of this committee delivered brief reports. Starting off the Assistant Director of Government Relations, Mary Washington, provided an update on the Financial Aid Bill and requested videos from students regarding their experience with the program. Next, Government Relations Associate, Hannah Bragstad, announced the Budget Subcommittee will meet February 1st to discuss areas of the budget that will be incorporated to the full budget. To conclude the reports, VP of Legislative Affairs Malhotra, announced the Financial Aid Reform Bill will be introduced next week, AB 288 which will become a two year bill that aims to develop pathways from high school to community college and college preparation.

Chair Malhotra also announced that the Foster Youth Support Programs bill will be introduced next week. This bill requests 12 million to support state funding but a total of \$20 million in estimated costs to address problems faced by foster youth when applying to post-secondary education. The next discussion item was AB 1602 California Housing Loan Act authored by Assemblymember McCarty. This bill proposes a revolving loan that allocated 5 billion at zero interest loans for housing at or below market rent. This equates to an additional 25,000 new beds. The fact sheet can be found on [page 5](#) of the Legislative Affairs agenda.

The first action item requests the Committee consider the recommendation of sponsoring the Financial Aid Reform bill introduced by Assemblymember Medina. This bill removes barriers to Cal Grant and is a second attempt following the vetoed AB 1456. The Committee had the first opportunity to use the OnBoard voting system and the motioned passed. Lastly, the Committee voted to pass the recommendation to sponsor position on AB 1625 by Assemblymember Medina which grants student trustees of the CSSA an extra semester to participate while vacancy is filled. This concluded the first day of the plenary meeting on Saturday, January 22nd.

Board of Directors

The next morning, the Board of Directors listened to the liaison reports. Beginning with Academic Senate of the California University (ASCUSU) Chair, Rob Collins. He provided an update on AB 928 which limits the requirements for singular pathways and addressed the Ethnic Studies Resolution. Next, Office of the Chancellor representative Murillo reminded the committee on Title 5 changes and AB 367 previously discussed. He provided updates to Resolution Title 8 that includes language against discrimination and announced the office is in search for two (2) -CSSA members to participate in the search committees for a new DEI position. Most notably, Executive Director Tran-Martin officially announced that plenary's will be all virtual for the remainder of spring semester. CHESS will also be held virtually. Lastly,

Chair Liu reminded the committee of the Student Advocate of the Year, audience participants are encouraged to submit their recommendations for award recipients to any member on the Committee.

Sacramento State ASI President provided an update to announce the K95 mask distribution plan, the self-attestation deadline of February 28, and the survey release to gather information of student experience before and after COVID-19.

Next, the committee approved the 2022/2023 CSSA Calendar and the Legislative Affairs Committee Bill position recommendations of the Legislative Affairs Committee using OnBoard. Vice President Moreno-Ruelas led a discussion on thoughts regarding the repopulation of campuses for spring 2022. Lastly, members presented Governor Newsom's 2022/2023 budget proposal, the OnBoard transition, and the officer mid-year evaluations.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee Chair Alferos provided information regarding the nomination and selection process for the 2022 Student Advocate of the Year Award. The policy can be found on [page 3](#) of the agenda.

If you have any question regarding this plenary report, or any related information regarding CSSA, please feel free to reach out to me.

Best,

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