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California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary

April CSSA Plenary

The April meeting was held virtually on April 11, 2026. The attendees were our ASI President Aranjot Kaur and Executive Vice Presidents Richard Angulo and myself as CSSA Liaison. It was a one-day event that consisted of five 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 Katie Karroum and Assistant Director of Systemwide Affairs Genesis Jara-Gutierrez.

Under new business there was also discussion of a resolution opposing the recent increase in compensation for CSU presidents. Member Thyra Beckly from San Francisco State presented the resolution, which argues that salary increases and bonuses for CSU presidents are unjustified during a time when students face rising tuition, housing insecurity, and underfunded campus services. It highlights that student workers and lecturers remain underpaid while executive compensation continues to grow, demonstrating a misalignment of priorities. The resolution calls for reversing the raises, redirecting funds to student support and worker pay, and increasing transparency in CSU budgeting decisions.

Lastly, member Abby McLachlan from San Diego State presented a resolution regarding the CSU alternative consultation process. The resolution argues that CSSA is concerned about CSU policies that allow campuses to raise certain student fees without a full student vote, reducing transparency and student input. It emphasizes that mandatory fees have significantly increased over time and that relying on these fees instead of state funding is unsustainable and undermines shared governance. The resolution calls for stricter limits on when alternative consultation can replace student referendums, clearer standards for transparency, and stronger student involvement in fee-related decisions. The meeting was adjourned.

Legislative Affairs Committee

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

The committee approved:

- **AB 2392 (Fong): Public Postsecondary Education: Artificial Intelligence Products Training**
 - This bill would require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and requests the University of California, to provide training to students, faculty, and staff prior to the deployment of an institutionally provided artificial intelligence (AI) tool. The training must include, at a minimum, instruction on how to use the AI product, an overview of relevant institutional policies governing its use, and disclosure of the AI product’s privacy policies, including how user data may be handled.
- **AB 2422 (Caloza): Student Financial Aid: Delayed Financial Aid Award Extensions**
 - Would requires, beginning in the 2027–28 academic year, that California Community Colleges, CSU, and state-aided private and independent institutions, and requests the UC, provide protections for students whose financial aid awards are delayed due to factors outside their control. Specifically, institutions must extend enrollment and payment deadlines (to prevent students from being dropped from classes or missing fee deadlines) and prohibit punitive actions, such as late fees, registration holds, or enrollment restrictions. The bill defines qualifying delays broadly to include issues like FAFSA or California Dream Act processing delays, late disbursement of Cal Grants, Pell Grants, or loans, institutional errors, and system backlogs. It applies only when delays are not the student’s fault and is designed to prevent students from facing academic or financial penalties while waiting for aid, effectively shifting the risk of administrative delays away from students and onto institutions.
- **AB 2766 (Ahrens): Public Postsecondary Education: Student Housing Foster Youth and Homeless Youth**
 - Expands and standardizes housing and enrollment protections for foster youth and students experiencing homelessness across California’s public higher education systems, with a primary focus on closing gaps at California Community Colleges. The bill requires CCCs to provide priority access to student housing, aligning them with existing CSU and UC policies, and mandates that CCC and CSU campuses (and requests UC) proactively identify eligible students in housing applications and clearly publicize priority housing benefits to improve access and transparency. It also requires institutions to defer housing application fees and deposits until after financial aid is disbursed, addressing a key financial barrier that can prevent enrollment. Additionally, the bill aligns priority course registration eligibility with participation in the Next Up foster youth support program, extending access beyond the current age limit of 25 to prevent course access disruptions. Overall, the bill targets structural barriers (housing insecurity, lack of awareness, upfront costs, and enrollment limitations) that disproportionately impact these students and contribute to significantly lower completion rates.

All of these legislative bills were approved by the committee and moved to be discussed at the Board of Director’s meeting. 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, Executive Director Nino provided information regarding the elections process in preparation for the April 26,2026 Board meeting. Vice president Gafurov led a discussion on the student representation and involvement fee where member was able to ask question can concerns on the fee the meeting was the adjourned.

This concludes the April plenary meeting notes. The following plenary will take place in person at San Marcos on May 2-3, 2026.

If there are any questions regarding any of the items in which I discussed in my report please reach out to the CSSA Liaison, Caroline Tah-Espens at asicssarep@csus.edu and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you.