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California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary

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. A Civic Engagement planning guide was shared with the committee in order to foster collaboration on advocacy within the various campuses. 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, elections were held for Engagement Officers within the respective regions. The officers elected were Beatrix Teaney from Chico State for the Northern region, Sheen Gupata from Northridge for the Central region, and Amira Shalabi from San Bernardino State for the Southern region. Additionally, an election for Student Trustee presiding officer was elected, in which Scarlett Walker from San Diego won.

President Gadurov reviewed the Policy Agenda Form, reminding the committee that the form was due on September 1, 2026. All CSU students are eligible and encouraged to complete the form. The meeting was then adjourned.

CSUinty

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.