

To: ASI Board of Directors  
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### **November California State Student Association**

The November CSSA Plenary was held virtually on November 8, 2025. The attendees were our ASI President 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 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 provided feedback on the CSU Ai initiative white paper where they outline CSU students concerns about the rollout of the CSU Artificial Intelligence Initiative, emphasizing the access to AI tools like ChatGPT Edu has outpaced student awareness, training, and equitable implementation. Students call for consistent academic policies, stronger privacy and data-governance protections, environmental accountability, and clearer ethical safeguards related to mental health and misuse. The urge the CSU to adopt transparent student-centered governance to ensure the initiative advances equity, trust and responsible innovation.

### **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 an action item regarding and CSSA white paper guiding themes on the CSU AI initiative. The White Paper, states that students across the CSU system believe the rollout of the AI initiative lacks equity, consistency, adequate student input, leading to confusion, mistrust and uneven access. They express major concerns about academic integrity polices data privacy environmental impacts, mental-health risk, and unclear governance structures surrounding AI adoption. Overall, students urge the CSU to prioritize transparency, ethical safeguards, sustainability and genuine shared governance to ensure AI enhances rather than harms the educational experience.

The board discussed their desired qualities and skills of the 2026-2028 Student Trustee nominees.

The concludes the November plenary. The following will take place on January 24-25, 2026 in-person at Sonoma State.

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](mailto:asicssarep@csus.edu) and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you.