

To: ASI Board of Directors
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Subject: July 2025 CSSA Plenary Notes

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September California State Student Association: Board of Directors

The September CCCA Plenary was held virtually on Saturday September 13, 2025. The attendees were our ASI President Aranjoy Kaur and Executive Vice Presidents Richard Angulo and myself as CSSA Liaison. It was a one-day event that consisted of six committees and the Board of Directors meeting

Legislative Affairs Committee

The consent agenda, including the approval of the minutes from the August meeting, was approved. This meeting served as an introduction to the roles and responsibilities associated with Legislative Affairs. Additionally, an update was provided on several legislative bills that the CSSA voted on during the previous academic year.

Co-Sponsored Legislation:

- **SB 98 (Senator Pérez) – Immigration Enforcement Notification in Schools**
Requires schools to notify all staff, students, and families when immigration enforcement is present on campus. The bill aims to promote school safety and transparency.
Status: At the Governor's Desk
- **SB 271 (Senator Reyes) – Child Support for Student Parents**
Expands the definition of “basic needs” to include childcare and ensures that parenting students receive appropriate financial and resource support, including Cal Grant supplemental awards.
Status: At the Governor's Desk

Supported Legislation:

- **AB 313 (Assemblymember Ortega) – Student Financial Aid Deadline Extensions**
Authorizes the California Student Aid Commission to extend financial aid application deadlines, including in cases of FAFSA delays, without requiring formal student requests.
Status: Signed by Governor Newsom on July 14
- **SB 761 (Senator Ashby) – CalFresh: Student Eligibility**
Requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to update its grant delivery system to identify students eligible for CalFresh benefits. The bill allows students to opt in to share their contact information with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to facilitate outreach. It also mandates data-sharing agreements among CDSS, California Community Colleges (CCC), California State University (CSU), University of California (UC), and county governments to support targeted CalFresh outreach beginning in the 2027–28 academic year.
Status: At the Governor's Desk

An update was also provided regarding the Civic Points initiative. This year, Sacramento State will partner with CSU East Bay to compete against the other 22 CSU campuses. The meeting was then adjourned.

Systemwide Affairs Committee

The consent agenda, including the approval of the minutes, was unanimously approved. Reports were presented by Katie Karroum, Vice President of Systemwide Affairs, and Genesis Jara-Gutierrez, Assistant Director of Systemwide Affairs.

During new business, a presentation was given by Ed Clark, CSU Chief Information Officer, and Leslie Kennedy, CSU Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Technology Services, regarding the recent CSU AI Initiative. Attendees were invited to provide questions and comments following the presentation.

The presenters emphasized that the proposed AI system will be a secure, closed platform—distinct from publicly available AI applications. This system is designed with enhanced protections to better safeguard student data and privacy.

They also acknowledged that some students may still have concerns or reservations about the initiative. To address this, the Chancellor's Office has established three committees focused on AI integration. Students are encouraged to participate, as two of these committees are still open for membership.

The meeting concluded with a presentation from Vice President Karroum and Assistant Director Jara-Gutierrez, outlining steps that committee members can take to effectively pursue and accomplish their goals within the committee structure.

Students Trustee Committee

The consent agenda, including the minutes from the May committee meeting, was approved. Under new business, elections were held for the position of Vice Chair of the Student Trustee Committee, with London DeGuzman serving as the current Chair. Following the elections, the committee reviewed the Student Trustee search timeline for the 2026–2028 term. The meeting was then adjourned.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors approved the consent agenda and meeting minutes. The agenda included four liaison reports and six reports from staff and officers. During the discussion, emphasis was placed on prioritizing efforts to prevent potential budget cuts that could negatively impact the CSU system in the coming year.

Under new business, it was announced that the March 2026 Plenary and CHESS Conference has been rescheduled to March 21–23, 2026. Deputy Vice Chancellor Evans delivered a presentation on the development of the Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan for the CSU system. The SEM Plan supports enrollment planning and management from early outreach through degree completion, with the goal of promoting the value of a CSU degree.

Finally, the CSA Policy Agenda priorities were discussed. The meeting was then adjourned.

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.