

To: ASI Board of Directors
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California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary

September CSSA Plenary

The September meeting was held virtually. The attendees were our ASI President Sergio Maciel Montoya and myself as CSSA Liaison. It was a one-day event that consisted of six committee meeting, campus connection 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, there was a discussion on campus safety. One of the main concerns discussed was the use of Flock cameras. On some campuses, these cameras are not located directly on campus; however, the city has installed them near campus, which has caused some students to feel unsafe. On other campuses, Flock cameras are being installed directly on campus, which students have raised as a privacy concern. Students also expressed concerns about student dollars being used to fund this technology, particularly given the significant student opposition to its implementation.

There were also mentions of the CSU CyberFusion Center Policy Approach, which is being incorporated into this year's plans. However, concerns were raised about the ambiguity of the policy and how it may further contribute to existing concerns. Lastly, there was an informational item regarding student conduct and potential changes to the CSU conduct process, including how complaints and allegations involving violence will be handled. 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, there was an informational item in which Vice President Garfias presented a shared calendar to support campus collaboration and boost civic engagement. He also provided information about a federal one-pager as a form of federal advocacy to promote and communicate student needs.

Following this, the committee discussed preparing the campus Lobby Corps team for CHESS and other advocacy visits. The committee also went over civic engagement efforts for the Ballot Bowl. Lastly, there was a

discussion about organizing campus voter registration initiatives and determining the most effective allocation of the \$3,000 CSU reimbursement. The meeting was then adjourned.

Board of Directors

The consent agenda was approved, and reports were presented by both the executive officers and staff.

Under Unfinished Business, Chair Sanders introduced the initial draft of the 2026–2028 Policy Agenda, which outlines five major priorities focused on improving the overall student experience across the CSU. These priorities include advancing affordability and financial aid, strengthening housing and basic-needs support, promoting academic success and career readiness, ensuring student wellness and campus safety, and increasing student engagement in CSU decision-making.

Key areas of focus include maintaining affordable tuition and fees, expanding financial aid and basic-needs resources, improving academic advising and career opportunities, increasing access to mental health and wellness services, and addressing campus safety and surveillance through greater transparency and accountability. The agenda also emphasizes shared governance, with the goal of ensuring that students have a meaningful role in decisions that affect their education, including emerging issues such as AI governance. Overall, the policy agenda focuses on reducing barriers to student success and strengthening the student voice in CSU policies and practices.

Under New Business, there was an informational item in which CalKIDS presented information about available resources and benefits for students. The board also discussed potential ideas and recommendations for the Finance Committee to consider when developing priorities for the CSU budget.

This concludes the September Plenary meeting. The next plenary meeting will take place in person in October at Chico 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 and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you.