

To: ASI Board of Directors

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CSSA July Plenary Meeting- Held via Zoom

This first CSSA meeting was mainly an introduction of CSSA staff, electing the committee positions, as well as training new CSSA members on their roles within this organization.

On the first day, 7/18, The Executive Officers and staff of the California Student State Association introduced themselves. After this introduction, there was a swearing in ceremony of the Board of Directors, administered by the CSSA president, Zahraa Khuraibet. The Executive Officers were then sworn in. Originally, this was supposed to be administered by the CSU Chancellor, but due to technical difficulties, he was unable to join us.

We then sat through some introductory presentations, presented by the CSSA President, Zahraa Khuraibet and the CSSA Chair, Diana Vicente. In this presentation, the responsibilities of CSSA members and resources we have access to were explained. It is important to note that there was emphasis on our role as the official voice of over half a million CSU students, and that our role in CSSA is to represent the student body's voice so that we may advocate for and in turn improve the lives of CSU students.

The presentation also covered the different committees within CSSA, such as the Systemwide Committee, and Legislative Affairs Committee. They broke down how these committees are formed, and the role they will play. There has been a change to the CSSA Constitution since last year. The Social Justice and Equity Committee, as well as the Sustainability Committee, will no longer be meeting. Instead, they are holding elections for the currently vacant Special Officers seats to represent these committees in the Systemwide Affairs Committee. The VP of Legislative Affairs position is still vacant and will be filled in August. The Civic Engagement Officer position is also vacant for the South, Central, and North regions of the CSU system. I will keep you updated as these positions are filled.

One last thing they covered in the introductory presentation are some of the documents available for everyone to reference. These include the CSSA Constitution, Policy Agenda, and Strategic Plan. Here one can find what the CSSA wants to achieve within the next year, and how the CSSA plans on working towards these goals. The documents are on the CSSA website. I am

happy to help you find these documents and answer any questions you have should you be interested.

This plenary meeting also covered the CIVIC Engagement Challenge. This challenge is a competition between all 23 CSU campuses to see who can get the most civic engagement out of their student body. This includes voter registration, but the goal of the CIVIC challenge is to go far beyond this. Different challenges will be given out each month, and the more challenges a campus completes, the more points the campus earns. For the remainder of July, our challenge is to connect with our CIVIC team. Sacramento State will be teaming up with California State East Bay. Other goals are to meet with our campus government relations staff, and to introduce CSSA committee and board members to CSSA staff. I am certain Sacramento State will do amazing in this competition!

The second day of the CSSA Plenary meeting, 7/19, started off elections for various committees, including Finance Committee, Internal Affairs Committee, Student Trustee Committee, and Audit Committee. Our ASI President, Noah Marty, was elected to a spot on the Audit Committee. Marty was then later elected to Vice Chair of the Audit Committee.

After these elections, different committees were held. In the Systemwide Affairs Committee, a new Vice Chair was elected. Her name is Bre Holbert, and she is from Chico State. A large portion of this committee was centered around the discussion of AB 1460, a bill brought up by Assemblymember Weber. This bill proposes an Ethnic Studies Requirement in the CSU system. If passed, it will become a law in California. Everyone supports the statement that the CSU system needs to include an ethnic studies requirement, the debate is over how to implement this requirement. The other item brought up is a resolution from the CSU Chancellor's Office. This would implement a requirement for ethnic studies, as well as studies of other historically oppressed groups. Instead of becoming a California law, these requirements would be decided upon by a campus by campus basis.

The CSSA took a support position of AB 1460 last year. The Board of Trustees will have a meeting to discuss and vote on these two items on July 21st and July 22nd. If you would like more information on these items, please reach out to me and I will be happy to assist.

The secondary day ended with a Board of Directors meeting. Here, the Resolution in Support of International Students was discussed. This resolution covers the CSSA's and CSU's support of their international students, in response to the mandates of ICE earlier this year. This resolution has not passed yet, as there are some adjustments to the language of the proposition that are being made. This resolution has been postponed to the August CSSA plenary meeting. I will keep you updated on the status of this resolution.

One last thing covered in the meeting was how campuses will host the CSSA plenary meetings in a virtual world. The CSSA still wants to give campuses the chance to show off their school, so all the campuses will have a chance to virtually host the CSSA meetings. There have been no assignments just yet, but Sacramento State can apply to host during a specific month. To virtually host, there are some requirements our campus needs to follow. These include inviting

the campus president to say a few words, as well as the ASI president making an appearance. We will also formulate fun icebreakers, activities, and creative Zoom backgrounds. During the meeting breaks, we can have a campus representative talk about Sacramento State's history, and interesting facts about the campus. It is an innovative response to the difficult barrier of physical distance.

Should you have any questions about anything in this report, anything related to the July Plenary, or the CSU Board of Trustees meeting, please feel free to reach out and ask me. I will do my best to answer any questions.