

To: ASI Board of Directors
From: Miguel Guerrero, CSSA Liaison
Subject: March 2023 CSSA Plenary

Spring 2023 Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM / 5:45 PM (Lobby Corps for certain Thurs.)

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March California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary

The March CSSA Plenary meeting was held on March 4th, from 9:30am – 5pm, in the Redwood Room of the University Union at CSU Sacramento. Instead of having another meeting on Sunday regarding the plenary, the CSSA hosted the California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) conference, which involved a collection of breakout information sessions on various topics relating to higher-education in the CSU system. The conference also prepared us for the CSSA's Advocacy Day, in which our school groups advocated for certain bills to Legislators or their staff at the Capitol. The next CSSA Plenary meeting will be held virtually over Zoom on April 1st and 2nd.

Bills and Legislative Action

The Legislative Affairs Committee discussed and recommended stances of either support or Co-Sponsor on a total of 5 bills to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors then took action and voted on these items. These are as follows:

- [AB 656](#) (McCarty) – California State University: Doctoral Programs (*Support*)
- [AB 1142](#) (Fong) – Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California (*Support*)
- [AB 1160](#) (Pacheco) – Student Loan Debts (*Co-Sponsor*)
- [SB 260](#) (Menjivar) – CalWORKs: Support Services (*Support*)
- [SB 808](#) (Dodd) – California State University: Terms of Employment: Settlements / Retreat Rights (*Support*)

The Legislative Affairs Committee also had a discussion on [SB 11](#) (Menjivar) – California State University: Mental Health Services: Contracting Out, where further action will be taken on this item at the next plenary meeting. Highlights of the discussion centered around issues on how this bill would be funded, and if funded by the CSU, concerns around tuition fee increases, and doubts around the CSU's effectiveness on implementation, which further contributed to the skepticism of the bill in the discussion.

Systemwide Action

The Systemwide Affairs Committee had a central discussion regarding the [CSU AA2009 – 02: Student Participation in Policy Development Policy](#). Input was gathered by the committee on examples of what issues are associated with student governance and participation, with some examples being proper training for staff and administrators, transparency of meetings, intimidating/discouraging environment, conflicting with students' schedules, and making sure that Associated Students remains part of the conversation at these committees.

The committee also introduced discussion regarding the [CSU EO – 1053: Policy on Student Mental Health Policy](#). This policy will be discussed in more detail at the next plenary meeting.

Financial Action

The Finance Committee has estimated an average Spring Student Involvement and Representation Fee (SIRF) decline of 6.89% from Fall, and has projected the estimated revenue for the Spring semester to be \$776,106. The chair explains that this is caused by the downward trend of overall enrollment in the CSU system, and that if this trend continues, then SIRF revenue for the 2023-2024 academic year is set to be at an estimated \$1,489,626. As of March 1st, the CSSA has \$756,791 available left in their budget. This amount is subject to change from any further expenses occurred during this month and will update at the next plenary meeting.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met at the end of the Plenary and took the following actions:

- Voted on the Bills that were recommended by the Legislative Affairs Committee. (See Results above)
- Started the process to select recipients of various CSSA awards.
- Voted on internal policies that were recommended by the Internal Affairs Committee, which include:
 - Revisions to the Attendance Policy
 - Revisions to the Awards and Recognition Policy
 - Revisions to the Regions Policy

(CSSA Policies can be found [here](#))

- Informational updates towards CSSA Policies and reports from Executive Officers, Staff and Liaisons.

If there are any questions regarding any of the items in which I discussed in my report, please reach out to me at asicssarep@csus.edu and I will get back to you with the appropriate response as soon as possible. Thank you.