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To: ASI Board of Directors

Subject: May CSSA Plenary

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May CSSA Plenary

The May CSSA Plenary took place on May 1st and 2nd and was the last plenary of the 2020-2021 year. The CSSA Board of Directors elected the new CSSA executive officers. Congratulations to all of those who won! In addition, strategic priority 4.1.1 is now complete as ASI Director of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, ASI Director of Engineering and Computer Sciences, ASI VP of University Affairs, ASI Vice President of Academic Affairs, and ASI Director of Arts and Letters all attended the plenary this past weekend. Thank you to all of the directors for attending this year!

I am also happy to report that Sacramento and East Bay were the winners of the 2020-2021 CIVIC Challenge! Thank you so much to all of the ASI Directors, OGA staff, and Sacramento State students for participating in this challenge, our campus could not have won without your help! Even though we were virtual, we were able to increase civic engagement on campus and strengthen the student voice. I cannot wait to see us win again next year!

CSSA Finance Committee

This committee reviewed the CSSA Budget and discussed how SIFR decreased due to a decline in student enrollment. CSSA does have 2 years of funding in their reserves, and the organization also has two staff vacancies due to the CSU hiring freeze last year. The committee

also discussed how they do not plan on having any in-person plenaries over the summer but hope to have 25% of their plenaries in person next year.

CSSA Systemwide Affairs Committee

This meeting was relatively short, and the committee discussed what could be done differently next year and what we should prioritize. The committee brought up items such as continuing to address food insecurity and other basic needs, working closely with other CSSA committees, creating regional meetings, following up on resolutions, and finding alternative ways to advocate beyond resolutions. I recommended to the committee that we should also prioritize transfer students who made their transition in a virtual world, and therefore may not know what resources are available to them when they do go back on campus.

CSSA Legislative Affairs Committee

This committee finished the year off strong by recommending stances on multiple pieces of legislation to the CSSA Board of Directors. Please see below for a review of each bill and the committee's recommendation.

- **AB 34** Broadband for All Act of 2022. This bill would place a \$10 billion Bond measure for broadband infrastructure on the 2022 General Election ballot as a way to address the lack of technological infrastructure that have put up barriers to students in their online classes. The committee recommended to support.
- **SB 22** School Facilities: Public Preschool, K-12 and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022. This bill would place a \$15 billion bond on the 2022 General Election ballot. \$6 billion of this would go to higher education, and the CSU would receive \$2 billion. Recommend to support.
- **H.R. 1919** Enhance Access to SNAP Act of 2021. This legislation would expand SNAP, or Cal Fresh eligibility to anyone who is attending higher education. This would greatly increase student access to Cal Fresh as 300,000 new students would become eligible in California alone. Recommend to Support.
- **AB 928** Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021: Associate Degree For Transfer Intersegmental implementation Committee. This bill advocates for a

simplification of the transfer path between the UCs and the CSUs by requiring them to have a common GE requirement pathway. **Recommended for CSSA to become a co-sponsor on this bill.**

- **SB 737** College Student Opportunity and Access Program. This bill would update the Cal-SOAP process so that high school students can understand the true cost of college, their financial options, and how to apply to FAFSA. Recommended to Support.
- **AB 1377** Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2021: Community College Student Housing. This bill would establish a fund to help higher education institutions build student housing as a way to address housing insecurity that has been highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Recommended to Support.

Board of Directors

There were three different CSSA board of directors' meetings this past weekend. Please see below for a brief synopsis of each meeting.

- 5/1 Morning Board Meeting- CSSA Elections. There were 5 different positions that representatives from 23 campuses voted to elect, including the CSSA President, Chair, VP of Legislative Affairs, VP of Systemwide Affairs, and VP of Finance.
 - Isaac Alferos was elected to be the 2021-2022 CSSA President
 - Guan Liu was elected to be the 2021-2022 CSSA Chair
 - Krishan Malhotra was elected to be the 2021-2022 CSSA VP of Legislative Affairs
 - Fabiola Moreno Ruelas was elected to be the 2021-2022 CSSA VP of Systemwide Affairs
 - Anthony Ruiz was elected to be the 2021-2022 CSSA VP of Finance

I am excited to work closely with these executive officers next year, and I encourage the incoming ASI Board to get to know these student leaders, they have great insight into what is going on within the CSU and can help us in our campus advocacy.

- 5/1 Afternoon Board Meeting- At this meeting, the CSSA Board of Directors discussed various resolutions and policy amendments, and their decisions can be found below.

- **Resolution in Support of Divesting the CSU from Fossil Fuels-** The CSSA Board of Directors voted to pass this resolution. This resolution will be forwarded to the CSU Board of Trustees to advocate that they encourage all campus endowments to divest from the use of fossil fuels. It should be noted this resolution only calls for a strong recommendation to divest, not a mandate to divest from fossil fuels. If you have any questions, please let me know.
- **The CSSA Board of Directors voted to approve changes to the CSSA Constitution, budget, and meeting policy.**
- **The CSSA Board of Directors voted to strike the Student at Large Travel Policy in its entirety.** The board discussed how the document as it currently stands is somewhat of an empty promise and could incur larger financial burdens onto CSSA due to the liabilities of student travel. Moreover, there are no guidelines for how the money will be distributed and this has sometimes been a barrier to students. Therefore, they scrapped this document and will work on a new one in the future.
- **The CSSA Board of Directors voted to update their COVID-19 Policy Agenda** by including amendments encouraging all students to get vaccinated, working to ensure students have access to vaccines, and to continue supporting students' health, safety, and well-being.
- **The CSSA Board of Directors voted to include an amendment to the CSSA Policy Agenda.** This new policy was written entirely by students at large through the CSSA UPD Taskforce. Thank you to all of the students who worked on it and presented it to the board. **The policy advocates for the disarmament of campus police within the next 3 years and total abolition of campus police within the next 10 years.** Moreover, this policy advocates that the funds given to campus police should be reallocated to student services such as increasing mental health services through hiring more counselors. The policy amendment passed unanimously and will now be part of the guiding document in CSSA's advocacy.

- 5/2 CSSA Board of Directors meeting. This meeting focused on legislation discussed in the CSSA Legislative Affairs committee, and CSSA's stances can be found below. Below are also updates from CSSA liaisons.
 - Chancellor's Office Liaison- the COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement is contingent upon FDA approval and the Chancellor's Office is working on a new policy to help guide campuses in administering vaccines.
 - Student Trustees- the Board of Trustees will meet on May 17th and 19th and the new student trustee should be known by July 1st.
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The next CSSA Plenary will take place in July 2021. If you have any questions about anything in this report, please feel free to send me an email.

Best regards,
Kathryn Webb