

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

The November CSSA Plenary meeting was held virtually over Zoom on Saturday November 16, from 8:00 am – 5:00pm. The attendees were our ASI President Nataly Andrade-Dominguez, Executive Vice President Gabriel Conejo Gallegos and myself as CSSA Liaison. It was a one-day event and consisted of six committees, campus connections, SOVA CSU Strategic Planning and the Board of Directors meeting.

Finance Committee

The consent agenda was approved with minutes. Brandon Martinez, Assistant Director of Operations, presented reports on SIRF Funding Updates, and Tyler Coari, Chair of the Finance Committee, also gave a report. CSSA's new business included investment plans, a signature authority policy overview, and the September 2024 Financial Statement. The committee then adjourned.

Legislative Affairs Committee

The consent agenda was approved with minutes from the October meeting. Adrian Sanchez and the Director of Government Relations and Advocacy both provided reports. The CSU Budget Request and State Economic Outlook were the new topics of discussion. Ryan Storm from the Chancellor's office gave this presentation. He presented certain budget priorities, including the fact that all 23 campuses are facing serious budget issues, the state wants to cut the budget, and the CSU wants to work with the governor to avoid cutting funding and resort compact funds. There is currently a 7.95% budget cut threat, which would have an impact on students by increasing class sizes, reducing student services, and reducing staffing. There was no legislative discussion at this meeting. The committee then adjourned.

Systemwide Affairs Committee

The consent agenda was approved with minutes. Reports were given by Genesis Jara the Assistant Director of Systemwide Affairs and by Tara Al Rehani VP of Systemwide Affairs. Ellen Cesaretti-Monroy, Senior Consultant for the California Assembly Committee on Higher Education, presented the new business: Title IX/DHR implementation. She emphasized that the new presidential administration will most likely implement new Title IX policies. It was discussed how students might better understand Title IX and what it represents/means. There was also a reporting procedure for system wide committees, in which assistant director Jaar outlined the new reporting process for Systemwide Committee members.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors approved their consent agenda along with their minutes. There were four liaison reports and six reports from staff and officers. During the Public Comments sections many students expressed their concerns for the Time, Place and Manner proposed policy. On new business there was a discussion on the Graduation Initiative 2025 Symposium by Dr. Jennifer Bazile AVC of Student Success and Inclusive Excellence. Where it was discussed on how to make classroom more equitable for students. As well as elections on CSSA governing member to the Student Trustee Committee. The meeting was then adjourned.

This includes the November Virtual Plenary meeting notes. The next one is in person at San Francisco State in January after Winter Break.

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 with the appropriate response as soon as possible. Thank you.

