

To: ASI Board of Directors

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CSSA November Plenary- Held via Zoom

This November, CSSA created a new layout for their plenary meetings. Instead of holding the meetings all in one day, CSSA hosted them over the week. Below are brief overviews of the plenary meetings. If you have any questions, please let me know. We had a nice surprise on Saturday morning, because the CSSA President Zahraa Khuraibet wore all Sacramento State gear to recognize our efforts in Ballot Bowl and for having CSSA come speak to Lobby Corps. It was also wonderful that more ASI Board members joined us at the plenary!

November 9- Student Trustee

The Student Trustee search for 2021-2023 is still going on. Applications close February 1, 2021. This is a wonderful opportunity for Sac State students, as they will work closely with CSSA and various Associated Student organizations. In addition, they will be the student voice on the Board of Trustees, which is the highest level for CSU education decisions. Please let your constituents know about this opportunity.

Promotional material can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1epzEhAoUxSCPdmc3gkdB22NgF_wj6Gq.

November 10- Internal Affairs

This committee is reviewing the CSSA constitution. This month's discussion was on the qualifications necessary to become a governing member or special officer of CSSA. Currently there is an inequity of the GPA requirement to serve on ASI between campuses, which will prohibit some CSU students from participating in CSSA. In addition, CSSA is considering expanding the ability to hold a special officer position to all students, not just those in CSSA. This would allow for greater participation from the student body as a whole.

November 12- Finance Committee

The CSSA Finance Committee discussed the impact of SIRF. With 21 campuses reporting as of November 14, there has been a \$20,000 decrease in SIRF fees. There was an increase in admin opt-out, which is where an administrator will opt-out of the student fee on behalf of the student. There was also an increase in self opt-out, where the student decides to drop out of the fee. CSSA will be hiring a student marketing firm to collect data to better understand why admin opt-out rates are so much higher than self-opt out.

November 14- Legislative Affairs Committee

Now that the election is over, this committee will be focusing on the upcoming legislative session starting in January. This committee stated that the main advocacy for the next year will surround the CSU budget. The CSU will be presenting their budget request to the Board of Trustees this week, where they will be voting on it.

The legislative affairs committee also had a discussion on how the relative campuses did in the Ballot Bowl. I am happy to announce Sacramento State came in third place with 1767

students registered. Our ASI President, Noah Marty, took part in a discussion on creative approaches to registering students to vote, especially in our virtual world. Between the 23 campuses, there were 21,000 students registered to vote. Congratulations to everyone, and shoutout for all the hard work from Sacramento students and staff in voter registration!

Systemwide Affairs Committee

There was a lot of discussion that took place in this committee. First, we discussed the “Resolution on Systemwide and Federal Advocacy Stamping out Food Insecurity During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond”, which called for student’s to be able to access any CSU food pantry during COVID-19 and over the summer months. If you have any comments on this, please let me know. You can view the rough draft of it here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hSDC-EKjBHIHo2QGzMODTXP3cluZA4AO/edit>

Next, was the “CSSA Resolution Regarding Alternate Grading Options in Light of COVID-19”, which calls for all CSU campuses to offer a credit/no credit grading option for the 2020-2021 school year. This resolution was passed in the Systemwide Affairs committee after a long discussion, but it has not officially been adopted by CSSA. The official vote will be taken in January. However, CSSA did provide another route to advocate for this grading criteria through their COVID-19 Policy Agenda, which will be discussed below.

Board of Directors

In the final meeting of the day, we sat through a presentation on the proposed CSU budget for the next year, which will be voted on at the Board of Trustees this week and adopted by Governor Gavin Newsom in January. There was a \$15 million line item request for student basic needs, which will be extremely important moving forward. Overall, the CSU will be

requesting a \$556 million budget from the state. As mentioned before, budget advocacy will be one of CSSA's top priorities.

An opportunity for student engagement was presented. There are a few systemwide committees of CSSA that still need members, including the Services to Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee and the Summer Arts Advisory Committee. These are open to all students, so if you would like to get involved, just let me or Noah know, and we can connect you.

As mentioned earlier, the Board of Directors adopted the CSSA COVID-19 Policy Agenda. You can find it here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZlvBaT_fl0czAsylHPsemC5Rc0wDgbqV.

I would like to point out that this provides the opportunity for CSSA to help advocate for the credit/no credit grading option for the fall 2020 semester. The policy agenda also points out other advocacy priorities such as increased access to basic needs and addressing student financial needs during the pandemic.

Should you have any questions about anything in this report, the November Plenary, or the CSU Board of Trustees meeting, please reach out. I will do my best to answer any questions.

In Service,

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