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October California State Student Association (CSSA) Plenary

The October CSSA Plenary was held for one day, Saturday October 9. Our main discussions concerned the CSSA policy agenda, written public comment system, how the student trustee process is going, and what CSSA plenaries may look like in spring 2022. The meeting was relatively short, so this below you can find a synopsis of the plenary, and all of my CSSA reports can be found [here](#). This plenary was more of an informative session, and therefore this report will be brief. Please review this report and if you have any questions feel free to contact me with the information provided above.

Cal State DC Presentation

All CSSA governing members and the public were able to listen in on a great presentation on the Cal State DC program. This program is run out of California State University Fullerton, but all CSU students are welcome to apply! This program offers students the opportunity to get involved with politics in DC, whether that is in Congress, the judiciary, or even off the Hill in DC's museums and nonprofits. In addition to an internship, you are also able

to study in DC for college credit. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a better understanding of politics on the federal level. If you would like to learn more, you can visit their website [here](#).

Finance Committee

The finance committee reviewed the October 2021 Financial statement. The reports on SIRF fees are currently being collected and will be finalized by next month, where the board will hear an update on how much SIRF funding CSSA will receive.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors discussed the CSSA Policy Agenda and took a vote on the document, passing it unanimously with minimal amendments. You can find the whole policy agenda here. Please review it as this document will guide the advocacy efforts of CSSA for the next year, and covers important topics such as basic needs, campus safety, and sustainability efforts.

The chair of CSSA, Guan Liu, also went over how students and the public can utilize the new written public comment system. This comment system can be found [here](#) at the bottom of the page. If you cannot make the CSSA plenary, but would like to voice your opinion on any of the discussions, you are encouraged to utilize this tool.

The last discussion of the plenary concerned the prospects of traveling in spring 2022. The organization has had to consider many different factors, including vaccination rates, county guidelines, and the comfort level of individual CSSA members when determining what plenaries will look like next spring. The board of directors had an in depth discussion, bringing up concerns about safety, highlighting how online meetings are more sustainable, and ideas on how to create true connections within CSSA if we remain virtual. As of right now, CSSA is considering holding every other plenary in person. For example, the January, March, and May plenaries would be in person, currently scheduled to be held in Long Beach, Sacramento, and it is still unknown about May. Of course, the executives will now take into consideration all the

points members brought up, and will continue to track the pandemic. If it is deemed unsafe to gather, CSSA will remain completely online.

Should you have any questions about anything in this plenary report, or anything related to CSSA, feel free to reach out and ask me.

Best regards,

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