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December 2022 ASCSU Chair's Report

Welcome from the land of the Chumash.

The Executive Committee is planning for a hybrid plenary in January. If you have an interest in attending in person, please make your travel arrangements as soon as possible (for all plenaries you intend to attend in person). Contact the senate staff if you would like help with travel arrangements. Although we are planning for a hybrid plenary, we may have to switch back to remote depending on the state of the world in January. If you plan to use ASCSU travel funds to attend in person, please make sure to attend all of the plenary in person. The Executive Committee will be doing at least one practice session in December. I intend to still have our Wednesday Executive Committee and Extended Executive Committee meetings fully remote via Zoom, but other standing committees may choose their modalities. Meeting rooms at the Chancellor's Office have been reserved for all our meetings. We will still survey the senate to see what the overall interest and comfort there is in meeting in person and if there is a desire to require any additional health measure (masks, distancing, etc.)

For the plenary, all senators will still be on Zoom regardless of their modality. We will continue to use Zoom for the speakers' list, voting, screen sharing, chat, etc. Plenaries will also be scheduled until 5PM on Friday (instead of 3PM). Written reports (standing

committees, GEAC, Legislative Specialists, Faculty Trustee, ERFSA, etc.) should be submitted no later than Monday before the plenary, and we will link them in the agenda. Verbal reports/additional information/highlights of the written report will be limited to two minutes. Questions from senators on the reports will not be limited (unless the senate body decides to create a limit).

I reported to ICAS this week on [AS-3569-22/APEP \(Rev\) "On the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates \(ICAS\) Cal-GETC Proposal: Action"](#) and highlighted the request that "ICAS adopt and incorporate into Cal-GETC clear approval mechanisms for modifications of the singular GE transfer pathway that will provide for significant input from the Academic Senates of all three segments of California public higher education". The CSU and CCCs have recommended for approval of Cal-GETC, the UC will take final action in December, and ICAS will formally move on adoption at our February meeting. Then ICAS will work on the formal institutionalization and communication so that there is a clear path for future revisions and that control stays with intersegmental elected faculty leadership.

I attended the first meeting of the [AB 928 Implementation Committee](#) on October 13 and will be attending the next meeting on December 7. The meetings are subject to Bagley-Keene and thus anyone can attend and make public comment. Opportunities to attend via Zoom are available regardless of the modality of the meeting.

Next week, I will also be attending the CFA Reception for Legislators and the CSU Advocacy Training Conference.

The Executive Committee is considering revisions to the [Tenets of Shared Governance \(Revised Draft\)](#) and [draft adoption resolution](#). For returning senators, you will recall that we decided to defer consideration of a revised tenets documents to the 2022-2023 ASCSU instead of approving it in waiver at our May 2022 meeting. Executive Committee Liaisons have shared these drafts with standing committees, and we welcome feedback

and ongoing discussion. We intend to bring this forward in first reading at our January plenary.

As ASCSU Chair, I have been attending meetings as a liaison and regularly reporting to the California Faculty Association (CFA) Board of Directors, the CSU Board of Trustees, the California State Students' Association (CSSA) Board of Directors, the CSU Alumni Council, and the Council of Campus Senate Chairs. I re-established contact with the Academic Affairs/Provosts Council and attended my first meeting in November. In addition to regular liaison reports, I am also serving on the Chancellor's Sustainable Financial Model Workgroup, the CSU Steering Committee on Academic Preparation and Quantitative Reasoning, the Wang Family Excellence Award Selection Committee, the Honorary Degrees - Subcommittee of the Trustees' Committee on Educational Policy, and the System Budget Advisory Committee.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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