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Welcome from the land of the Chumash. Happy New Year, and I hope everyone had joyous holidays and a restful winter break.

The Executive Committee is planning for a hybrid plenary in March. 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 March. 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 conducted a hybrid practice session in December and will likely do another before our March plenary. 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.)

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Sacramento
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San Marcos
Sonoma
Stanislaus

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 in December 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". All three segments have now affirmed Cal-GETC, and ICAS will likely take action on Cal-GETC at our February 1 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. The system senate chairs are currently working on a Cal-GETC statement. You can see the most [recent draft here](#). Please let me know if you have any feedback on the current draft.

The system senate chairs will be giving a presentation on Cal-GETC at the AB 928 Implementation Committee on January 26. 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. Although the AB 928 committee doesn't have purview over Cal-GETC, quite a bit of public comment at the AB 928 Implementation Committee has been regarding Cal-GETC. One continuing point of confusion or misunderstanding regarding IGETC (and now Cal-GETC) is Area E Lifelong Learning and Self Development (LLSD). Cal-GETC builds on IGETC which never included

Area E Lifelong Learning and Self-Development. Additionally, CSU IGETC had to reduce units to comply with AB 928 (37 to 34 units). Area E Lifelong Learning and Self Development was never a part of IGETC, and Cal-GETC had to have less units than CSU IGETC to comply with AB 928.

I'm serving on the Assessment Committee for the CSU Chancellor Search, and attended my first meeting of the committee on January 18, 2023. If you have specific feedback on qualities you would like to see in the next Chancellor, please let me know. Several open forums are scheduled around the state with both in-person and remote attendance options. Please participate as your schedule permits. Also, meetings will be held with various constituencies and stakeholders. Both the Extended Executive Committee and the Council of Campus Senate Chairs are planned to be included in those meetings. Please let me know if there are additional groups that should be added. Finally, there is a survey you can complete to provide input, an area where you can submit a nomination for a candidate, and additional information about the search on the [search website](#).

I attended the CFA Reception for Legislators in Sacramento and the CSU Advocacy Training Conference at Cal Poly Pomona in December. The CFA Reception for Legislators was an excellent way to meet new and returning California Legislators and other elected officials. The CSU Advocacy Training Conference was extremely valuable to both meet CSU advocacy staff across the system as well as to see likely impacts to the CSU from the Legislature and Governor, especially regarding the budget. There are many new legislators, and there is an opportunity to help them understand the value of the CSU.

I served on the Wang Family Excellence Awards Selection Committee in November and January. Awardees will be announced at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting next week.

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 Honorary Degrees - Subcommittee of the Trustees' Committee on Educational Policy (which will also be announced at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting next week), and the System Budget Advisory Committee.

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

Sincerely,

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