

**ASCSU Chair's Report**  
**March 2018**  
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It has been my privilege to represent the Academic Senate of the California State University between our last interim meeting and the present. I offer the following listing of my activities followed by summary and commentary on key issues that arose during that time.

I note that the time between this report and the one prior is fairly short, which accounts for the relative brevity of this update.

Meetings and Activities

**February**

- Stakeholder Advocacy meeting in Sacramento
- Academic Council in Los Angeles
- General Education Task Force in East Bay
- CSU Advocacy Day in Sacramento
- California State Student Association meeting in Sacramento

**Upcoming**

- Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach
- Alumni Council meeting at CSU Maritime
- Alumni Reception in Washington, D. C.
- CSU Hill Day in Washington, D. C.
- Campus Senate Chair's Council in Long Beach

Key Issues

**Shared Governance**

The Executive Committee is poised to meet tomorrow morning with senior administrators in the Chancellor's Office to discuss shared governance issues in accordance with the Senate's motion in November. As occurred in January and at our February interim meeting, each member of the

Executive Committee will share her/his perceptions of the meeting with the Extended Executive Committee. At the plenary during the Chair's Report, all of us will answer any additional questions senators have which weren't addressed during liaison time. As before, I am keeping my written comments about these meetings brief so as not to eclipse the views of my Executive Committee colleagues, whose assessments should receive equal consideration. I will simply say that the meetings have been authentic, that is to say, they are by no means "window dressing," and they continue to engage important issues and understandings about definitional and process matters in a candid and productive manner.

Also dominating the attention of the Executive Committee on shared governance matters has been the letter discussed in my last report from the California Conference of the American Association of University Professors (CA-AAUP), as well as a subsequent letter from the national organization. Earlier this month I sent to you that letter, as well as the Executive Committee's response on behalf of the Senate; a few days later AAUP acknowledged it, wishing us well on a successful conclusion to our meetings. I believe Chancellor White intends to respond to the letter from AAUP, and of course I will forward it once received.

### **Sustainable Financial Model Work Group**

I have been keeping you updated on my service on a "work group" commissioned by the Chancellor to review progress toward twenty-one recommendations made by a 2016 Task Force concerning the financial sustainability of the CSU. This work group was also charged with considering "other related recommendations that support the financial strength of the university." I mentioned before that I had seen an initial draft report of the group's discussions which focused solely on the first part of the charge, but was silent on the second part. Since I hadn't received feedback on my suggestion to include additional information, I wasn't sure if the Board of Trustees report would include that discussion. Having reviewed the upcoming Board agenda, I'm gratified to note that it does.

### **Advocacy**

Senator Krabacher and I represented ASCSU at a third CSU Stakeholder's meeting on budget advocacy held in the CSU Advocacy and State Relations (ASR) offices in Sacramento. Participants were ASCSU, CSSA, CFA, the Alumni Association, and ASR. This meeting took place two days prior to the CSU Advocacy Day, where campus delegations, members of the Board of Trustees, CSSA, ASCSU, CFA, and the Alumni Association lobbied at the Capitol. I was included on the Chancellor's delegation, which also included CSSA President Maggie White, CFA President Jen Eagan, and CSUEU Legislative Committee member Vicky McLeod. This delegation met with Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, incoming Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, Assembly Budget Committee Chair Phil Ting, and Anthony Portantino, Chair of Senate Subcommittee 1 on Education.

Additional advocacy opportunities for me and others include (but will not be limited to) hearings at the Capitol, CSU Hill Day in Washington, D. C., and advocacy days organized by ICAS and

ASCSU. I continually seek opportunities to elevate the advocacy profile of ASCSU, even when I am unable able to attend personally because of competing priorities. (I refer here, for instance, to the press conference at which Senator Krabacher represented ASCSU, about which you were informed in an email earlier this evening.)

### **General Education Task Force**

This group was formed as a result of an ASCSU resolution, which was approved and accepted by the Chancellor's Office prior to the release of Executive Order 1100 (revised). The group has been meeting regularly for more than a year. Today I distributed a report from the Task Force, with a request for input. More detail can be found in that report, and Co-Chair Jodie Ullman and I can answer any questions you may have during the plenary meeting.

### **Tenure Density Task Force**

Chancellor White has had the report of the Task Force for more than six weeks now. As I reported before, he initially indicated he would release it before the end of January, then later he said February 14 was his goal, because he was scheduled to undergo surgery on that day. I will repeat what I said in my last report: rest assured, I will distribute it when I get it!

### **ASCSU Budget**

The Executive Committee submits a budget request to the Chancellor's Office in the Spring of each year (typically, in March) for the next academic year. During this request process, the Committee considers many aspects of the ASCSU budget, including travel expenses such as lodging. At the plenary, you will receive additional information which has informed the Committee, and you are welcome to ask questions about our budget priorities for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
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