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March 2023 ASCSU Chair's Report

Welcome from the land of the Chumash and Tongva. Happy Women's History Month, and I hope everyone had or is looking forward to a restful and restorative Spring Break.

We are holding our first hybrid plenary this week and are planning for hybrid for the rest of the year. 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. If you plan to use ASCSU travel funds to attend in person, please make sure to attend all of the plenary in person. 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.

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. If you are in person, either don't connect to audio at all on Zoom or have your speakers and microphone muted; you will use the physical mics in the room. 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

CSU Campuses
Bakersfield
Channel Islands
Chico
Dominguez Hills
East Bay

Fresno
Fullerton
Humboldt
Long Beach
Los Angeles
Maritime Academy

Monterey Bay
Northridge
Pomona
Sacramento
San Bernardino
San Diego

San Francisco
San José
San Luis Obispo
San Marcos
Sonoma
Stanislaus

reports/additional information/highlights of the written report will be limited to two minutes. Vice Chair Norman will be timing the reports. Questions from senators on the reports will not be limited (unless the senate body decides to create a limit).

I'm serving on the Assessment Committee for the CSU Chancellor Search. The leadership profile is finished, and we have been reviewing prospects for the position. If you'd like to nominate a potential candidate for the position, you can do so on the [Chancellor's Search website](#).

I'm also serving on the Trustee's Sustainable Financial Model for the CSU workgroup. The chair of the Sustainable Financial Model Workgroup, Trustee Lopez, will be meeting with the Executive Committee and Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee of the ASCSU at our March 15, 2023, meeting.

I participated in CSU Advocacy Day at the Capitol in Sacramento on March 8, 2023, with Interim Chancellor Koester, CSU Board of Trustees Chair Fong, and various campus presidents and trustees.

At our February meeting, ICAS (the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates) approved Cal-GETC, the singular lower division general education pattern for transfer into both the CSU and UC thus fulfilling our obligation as required by AB 928. ICAS has formed a special committee to develop the standards for Cal-GETC and will be having our first meeting in April. ICAS met with members of the legislature (including Assemblymember Marc Berman, author of AB 928) and the governor's office at the end of February to discuss our priorities of academic freedom and transfer including our progress on developing and implementing Cal-GETC as part of AB-928.

I have been invited to attend CFA's Lobby Day at the end of April and plan to participate. Legislative Specialists Isakson and Schutte and FGA Chair Rein have also been invited.

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, and the System Budget Advisory Committee.

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

Sincerely,

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