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September 2023 ASCSU Chair's Report

Welcome from the land of the Chumash and Tongva, and welcome to the first ASCSU meetings for this academic year. I hope you were able to take some time this summer for rest and restoration. I anticipate this will be another full academic year.

The ASCSU leadership started the year with our annual ASCSU/Chancellor's Office Leadership Summit. Our discussion topics were CSU General Education, Community College Baccalaureates (AB 927), Restoring Trust in the CSU (Title IX and DHR, creating "a culture of compliance and a culture of care"), Improving Structures and Processes in the CSU and Eliminating Administrative Barriers, Enrollment Management and Budget, and the Evolving Role of Online Education. One of our goals for the summit was to develop measurable, actionable steps that the Chancellor's Office and the ASCSU can work on together this year. You can [see the notes on this year's summit as well as the notes from the 2022 summit here](#).

As you have likely heard, the CSU announced the next Chancellor for the CSU in July. Chancellor-Select Mildred García will take office October 1. You can [read the CSU's press release on the selection here](#).

As ASCSU Chair, I am chairing the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) this year (the CSU, CCC, and UC take turns chairing the committee; this year is the CSU's year). ICAS is the creator and editor of the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) as required by AB 928. ICAS agreed to form another Cal-GETC Special Committee to review in depth the areas of the Cal-GETC standards that we did not review in the spring as well as make any other necessary changes to the standards document. The [Cal-GETC Standards Version 1.0 can be viewed here](#). We also will be working on defining what duplication is in regard to the community college baccalaureates (AB 927 which indefinitely extended the community college

baccalaureates pilot program specifically prohibits duplication with anything already offered in the CSU or UC).

We continue to have hybrid plenaries. 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. Meeting rooms at the Chancellor's Office will be 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 reports/additional information/highlights of the written report will be limited to two minutes. Vice Chair Boyd will be timing the reports. Questions from senators on the reports will not be limited (unless the senate body decides to create a limit).

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. In addition to regular liaison reports, I am also serving on the Chancellor's Financial Aid Workgroup, 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,

Beth A. Steffel

Chair, Academic Senate of the California State University