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February 2023 ASCSU Chair's Report

Welcome from the land of the Chumash and happy Black History Month.

I'm serving on the Assessment Committee for the CSU Chancellor Search, and spent this past week on the bus tour going to open listening sessions at the CSU Chancellor's Office in Long Beach, CSU Bakersfield, and San Francisco State. If you didn't have an opportunity to give input on the qualities for the next Chancellor, you can complete the survey as well as find additional information on the [search website](#). If you have specific feedback on qualities you would like to see in the next Chancellor, please also let me know. 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.

I'm also serving on the Search Committee for the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success who will also be the Chancellor's Ex-Officio Representative to the ASCSU. We have completed the first round of interviews and will be choosing finalists on February 10, 2023.

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.)

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).

ICAS approved the Cal-GETC proposal at our February meeting. We will be forming a special committee of ICAS to develop the Cal-GETC standards. 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.

As the executive officers of ICAS, the system senate chairs gave a presentation on Cal-GETC at the AB 928 Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation

Committee on January 26, 2023. 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. The next meeting of the AB 928 Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee is April 25, 2023.

I served on the Wang Family Excellence Awards Selection Committee in November and January. [Awardees were announced](#) at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting in January.

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 was approved at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting in January), and the System Budget Advisory Committee.

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

Sincerely,

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