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May 2023 ASCSU Chair's Report

Welcome from the land of the Chumash and Tongva. I hope everyone is or is looking forward to a restful and restorative summer. This is our last meeting for this academic year. This year has been an extraordinarily difficult one in the CSU, but I have been proud to serve as your elected leader during even the most difficult moments.

We are holding our second hybrid plenary this week and are planning for hybrid for the future. 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). We will be approving our 2023-2024 meeting dates at this plenary. 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

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Bakersfield
Channel Islands
Chico
Dominguez Hills
East Bay

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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 served on the Assessment Committee for the CSU Chancellor Search. The new Chancellor is expected to be announced at the July CSU Board of Trustees Meeting.

This year I served on the Trustee's Sustainable Financial Model for the CSU workgroup. The final report of the workgroup will be presented at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting next week.

The Title IX/DHR Assessment conducted by Cozen O'Connor this year will be presented to the CSU Board of Trustees next week. On Thursday, the ASCSU will also be meeting with Gina Maisto-Smith and Leslie Smith from Cozen O'Connor to discuss the progress of the assessment. I facilitated an extra meeting of the Council of Campus Senate Chairs this week for them to also meet with Gina Maisto-Smith and Leslie Smith from Cozen O'Connor and Leora Freedman, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources.

In Spring 2023, ICAS established a special committee to develop the "academic requirements" portion of the requirements of AB 928. ICAS will have a version 1.0 of the "Standards, Policies, & Procedures for Cal-GETC" document by May 31, 2023. This document will be reviewed and potentially revised each year by ICAS just as the ["Standards, Policies, & Procedures for IGETC"](#) document has been.

GEAC Chair Csomay and I met with the Council of Campus General Education Directors this week to discuss AB 928 and answer questions.

The California State Students Association (CSSA) honored me with their 2023 “Faculty Excellence of the Year” Award. This is the first time they’ve given the award to an ASCSU Chair.

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 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,

Beth A. Steffel

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