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**ASCSU Chair's Report
November Plenary 2020
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I hope that everyone one is well and staying healthy. It is an honor to represent and serve the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU). It is also an honor to offer my chair's report and present my efforts engaged on behalf of the ASCSU since September 17-18, 2020. Two practices have shaped my approach to promoting common unity: effective communication and advocating how faculty success enables student success. These efforts have included, but were not limited to the following:

Meetings and Activities

September

- Virtual meeting with ASCSU Executive Committee
- Virtual meeting with ASCSU Extended Executive Committee
- Virtual meeting with California State Student Association (CSSA)
- Virtual meeting with CSU Naming Review Committee
- Virtual meeting with CSU Campus Senate Chairs meeting
- Virtual meeting with CSU Council on Ethnic Studies
- Virtual meeting with Executive Vice Chancellor Blanchard and Assistant Vice Chancellor Van Cleve
- Virtual meeting with Intersegmental Coordinating Committee
- Virtual preparation meeting with Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) Chairs
- Virtual meeting with Lisa Qing, Senior Fiscal and Policy Analyst, California Legislative Analyst's Offices and Jason Constanturos, Higher Education, Legislative Analyst's Office to discuss faculty experiences with online teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic, workload expectations, and notable changes in program offerings, and suggestions for the 2021-22 budget cycle for legislators to keep in mind.
- Virtual meeting with Stakeholders Budget Advisory Committee

October

- Chaired the virtual October 2020 ICAS meeting.

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

- Completed consultation with Ms. Reem on creating ASCSU virtual backgrounds
- Finalized consultation with Ms. Reem and Ms. Tracy and approved the ASCSU Directory 2020-2021.
- Virtual formal meetings with CSU Chancellor's Office and CSU Council on Ethnic Studies
- Virtual interim meeting with ASCSU Executive and Extended Executive Committee
- Virtual interim meeting attended with Chancellor's General Education Advisory Committee (GEAC)
- Virtual meeting with California Faculty Association (CFA) Board of Directors
- Virtual meeting CSU Alumni Council
- Virtual meetings with Executive Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs - Loren Blanchard and Chancellor's ex-officio representative to the Senate & Assistant Vice Chancellor Van Cleve
- Virtual meeting with CSU Campus Senate Chairs
- Virtual meeting attended with CSU Committee on Academic Technology and Online Education (CATOE)
- Virtual meetings with CSU Chancellor's Office and CSU Council on Ethnic Studies
- Virtual meeting with Chair of the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies
- Virtual meeting with the Ethnic Studies Task Force, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Virtual meeting with the Ethnic Studies Task Force, Sonoma State University
- Virtual meeting with the Ethnic Studies Town Hall at CSU San Marcos
- Virtual meeting with Intersegmental Coordinating Committee with Senate Chairs
- Virtual meeting with California State Student Association (CSSA) (At-Large Senator Butler-Byrd)
- Virtual meeting with Systemwide Budget Advisory Committee
- Virtual meeting with U.C. Academic Senates Chair and Vice Chair on ACT/SAT

Upcoming November Activities

- Virtual campus visits regarding AB 1460 Implementation
- Virtual November Board of Trustees meeting
- Virtual meeting with California Faculty Association (CFA) Board of Directors
- Virtual meeting CFA Board of Directors
- Virtual meeting Campus Senate Chair's
- Virtual meeting with California State Student Associate (CSSA) President Khuraibet to discuss strategies for effective messaging of ASCSU efforts to enable integrity in the implementation of the new CSU Ethnic Studies Requirement

- Virtual meeting with Elisha Smith Arrillaga, Executive Director of The Education Trust – West to continue discussions of the implications that the new CSU Quantitative Reasoning Requirement may have on underserved K-12 students
- Virtual meeting with Jeanice Warden (Principal Consultant for the Assembly Committee on Higher Education)
- Virtual meeting with the Quantitative Reasoning (QR) Steering Committee
- Preparing for virtual December ICAS meeting.

Key Issues

AB 1460 Implementation

Since our September 2020 plenary, and in accordance with AB 1460, the ASCSU Executive Committee has met for an hour on October 14, 2020 and October 21, 2020 with CSU Council on Ethnic Studies (CSUCES) and Chancellor's Office for formal consultation on the Core Competencies for the CSU Ethnic Studies Requirement. The minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting have been shared and those from the October 21, 2020 meeting are forthcoming. Please share these with your campus constituents.

As liaison from the Executive Committee to the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies, I continue to maintain regular communication with CSUCES Chair Monteiro. Central in these conversations are strategies for ensure effective communication between the ASCSU and the CSUCES, their rationale for requesting a graduation requirement rather than a G.E. requirement and advising needs of students in Ethnic Studies post-implementation. It is my sincere hope that communication will continue throughout the year and supplement the communications that occur between the Academic Affairs and the CSUCES to ensure disciplinary perspectives inform ASCSU efforts.

In a similar vein, I have maintained regular communication with Executive Vice Chancellor Blanchard and Assistant Vice Chancellor Van Cleve on similarities and differences between Executive Order implementation under the Chancellor's Office (CO) recommendation to the Board of Trustees (BoT) and AB 1460. In a similar vein, regular communication has been maintained with campuses through their campus senate chairs and/or task forces on Ethnic Studies to ensure robust faculty input on the CSU Ethnic Studies Requirement draft policy through Town Halls and meetings. These have occurred independently and in collaboration with Associate Vice Chancellor Wrynn and Assistant Vice Chancellor Van Cleve. Central in these discussions have been the importance of explaining the similarities and differences between ASCSU and CO purviews, work on core competencies, and timeline going forward. These discussions have also included the Chancellor's Office explanations of their purview and rationales behind the draft policy.

The ASCSU Executive Committee will continue to map strategies for consultation on the implementation of AB 1460 and consult with Executive Vice Chancellor Blanchard and

Assistant Vice Chancellor Van Cleve. These consultations continue to engage the way in which the ASCSU is taking an active role in faculty consultation on curricular impacts caused by the implementation of AB 1460, best practices needed to ensure successful implementation and minimize campus curricular disruption, and ensure that campuses are able to implement the requirement according to their respective aims, missions, and values.

Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (AEDI)

The ASCSU Executive Committee has appointed At-Large Senator Nola Butler-Byrd as AEDI liaison. Senator Mark Martinez (Bakersfield) and Senator Adam Swenson (Northridge) have been appointed to serve on AEDI for 2020-2021. Senators Martinez and Swenson will replace Senators Bezdecny and Waltz.

Ad Hoc Committee on Open Access

The call for ASCSU representation on the Ad Hoc Committee on Open Access is out and all interested senators are encouraged to submit a statement of interest. Chair Collins and Vice Chair Yee-Melichar will serve on the committee until appointments are made.

Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS)

On October 13, 2020, the chair of ICAS rotated from the California Community College (CCC) and President to the ASCSU, and I had the honor of convening the October meeting. This joint meeting of the Academic Senate leadership from the three segments (i.e., California Community Colleges (CCC), California State University (CSU), and University of California (U.C.)) of public higher education in the State of California engaged in conversations that included but were not limited to the following:

CSU: Intersegmental collaborations related to how to further reduce barriers to student transfer, mental health and faculty and student success during the COVID-19 Pandemic, and formerly incarcerated student success.

U.C.: Senate's Principles: Working with Incarcerated or Formerly Incarcerated Students. Central in this discussion was the potential for ICAS endorsement and transfer pathways for incarcerated students. Academic integrity concerns related to Chegg and Course Hero were also discussed.

CCC: Articulation and CCC Course Outlines and Faculty Discipline Review Groups (FDRG) Requirements for Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID). Central in these discussions was the need for greater CSU faculty participation in the process and how to enable more effective communication between the segments on transfer.

ICAS also discussed Legislative Day Planning. Central in this discussion was the importance of targeted invitations to legislators and stressing common talking points that can lead to full funding of all three systems, support for intersegmental meetings for

discussions of transfers, and resources for faculty professional development and student supports during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This concludes my report for the November 2020 plenary. Please feel free to email me questions at rkc@sfsu.edu. It is an honor to serve you all and I look forward to the great works that we accomplish together.

Respectfully submitted,
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