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November 2022 ASCSU Chair's Report

Welcome from the land of the Chumash.

Much of my time in the past few months has been consumed by Cal-GETC/AB 928. I have visited multiple campus senates, met with the Council of Campus Senate Chairs (all 23 campus senate chairs), had multiple phone conversations with Executive Vice Chancellor Alva, met with CSU Interim Chancellor Jolene Koester, and had numerous other communications and meetings including with the UC and CCC system senate chairs.

I anticipate that the ASCSU will take action this week at our plenary on whether to accept Cal-GETC. As directed by [AS-3565-22/APEP "Feedback on the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates \(ICAS\) Cal-GETC Proposal"](#) from our September Plenary, I collected feedback from CSU campus senates on Cal-GETC and distributed the results to the ASCSU last week. I'd like to clarify a few points and misunderstandings that have come up during conversations around Cal-GETC. Cal-GETC is not a change in CSU GE, and it won't automatically trigger a change in CSU GE. Cal-GETC is what a community college student would complete at a community college to make sure they had completed all their lower-division general education requirements prior to transferring to any CSU or any UC campus. The currently approved Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) for the CSU (which is what Cal-GETC builds on) does not include either "Languages Other Than English" or

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“Lifelong Learning and Self Development”. I anticipate sharing the results of the ASCSU’s deliberations on Cal-GETC with ICAS at its November 30, 2022, meeting.

I attended the first meeting of the [AB 928 Implementation Committee](#) on October 13 and will be attending the next meeting on December 7. The meetings are subject to Bagley-Keene and thus anyone can attend and make public comment. Opportunities to attend via Zoom are available regardless of the modality of the meeting.

I met with Patrick Lenz, the CSU Senior Strategist for Advocacy and Governmental Relations to discuss the CSU’s state and federal advocacy efforts. I will be meeting with Shefli Mistry next week for an advocacy update as well as to discuss the CSU Advocacy Training Conference.

On October 26, I attended the CSU/CCC meeting regarding [CSU duplication concerns about the proposed bachelor’s degree at Feather River College](#). I will be invited to future meetings about community college bachelor’s degrees and AB 927.

At their upcoming plenary, the CCC Academic Senate will be considering Cal-GETC as well as a GE pattern for their Associate’s Degrees and the CC Bachelor’s Degrees. The three patterns are [described in this chart](#).

The Executive Committee is considering revisions to the [Tenets of Shared Governance \(Revised Draft\)](#) and draft adoption resolution. For returning senators, you will recall that we decided to defer consideration of a revised tenets documents to the 2022-2023 ASCSU instead of approving it in waiver at our May 2022 meeting. Executive Committee Liaisons have shared these drafts with standing committees, and we welcome feedback and ongoing discussion. We intend to bring this forward in first reading at our January plenary.

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 have also reached out to re-establish contact with the Academic Affairs/Provosts Council and will be attending my

first meeting later 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 Wang Family Excellence Award Selection Committee, 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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