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November 2023 ASCSU Chair's Report

Welcome from the land of the Chumash, Tongva, Piscataway, Nacotchtank, and Manahoac. I am sorry I unable to join you for this November plenary. I am in Washington, D.C., doing federal advocacy on behalf of the ASCSU as well as attending a leadership institute. I have left you in the very capable hands of Vice Chair Boyd and the rest of the Executive Committee.

A new chancellor has joined us since our September plenary. Chancellor Mildred Garcia began her time as 11th chancellor of the CSU on October 1. You can [read about her here](#). She will be meeting with the ASCSU on Thursday, November 2.

I am serving on the recruitment committee for the Vice Chancellor for External Relations and Communications. We had our first organizational meeting on Monday, October 30. I am also serving on the recruitment committee for the Associate Vice Chancellor for Civil Rights Programming and Services which should have its first meeting soon, and the Civil Rights Oversight Committee which should also have its first meeting soon. (The CSU has renamed its Title IX/Discrimination/Harassment/Retaliation areas as "Civil Rights".)

Representing faculty, I spoke on a leadership panel entitled “Doing the Work” at last week’s Graduation Initiative 2025 Symposium. Recordings from the symposium will be [posted soon here](#).

I continue to serve as liaison to the California Faculty Association and most recently updated the CFA Board of Directors at their meeting on October 21.

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).

On Sunday, November 5, I will be presenting to the CSSA Plenary our normal ASCSU update as well as our continuing conversation on AB 928 implementation.

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,



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