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September 2022 ASCSU Chair's Report

Welcome from the land of the Chumash. I hope the beginning of your academic year is going well and you are settling into your classes. I am sorry that there was no option to meet in person again for this plenary. However, our decision to continue in a remote format was quite timely since a few days after our announcement of modality, the CSU Chancellor's Office closed through September 12, 2022, due to a COVID-19 cluster in the building. The Executive Committee will continue to monitor conditions as well as the will of the ASCSU as we consider modalities for future plenaries.

As what seems to have become the norm, this year is already full and momentous. Although we will engage with many issues, the ones that are weighing most heavily on my mind are the implementation of AB 928 (including Cal-GETC), the systemwide Title IX and DHR audit, and the selection of a new, regularly-appointed Chancellor for the CSU. To begin to address those issues, you will see on our plenary agenda that on Friday morning, Gina Maisto Smith, Chair, and Leslie Gomez, Vice Chair, of the Institutional Response Group at Cozen O'Conner; Sue McCarthy, Systemwide Title IX Senior Director; and Laura Anson, Senior Director for EO/DHR/Whistleblower compliance will be visiting to give a presentation and answer questions. I previously shared the schedule of campus visits for the systemwide/Title IX audit, but it is available [here](#), too. On Thursday morning, Interim Chancellor Jolene Koester will be visiting with the Chair and Vice Chair of the CSU Board of Trustees (Chair Wenda Fong and Vice Chair Jack B. Clark). I also expect a resolution will be forthcoming in first reading from one of our committees re: Cal-GETC.

On August 24, the ASCSU and Chancellor's Office held our joint leadership retreat to discuss issues of mutual concern. Our agenda and topics can be viewed [here](#).

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As ASCSU Chair, I have been attending regular liaison meetings through the summer and into the beginning of the academic year. I have reported regularly to the California Faculty Association (CFA) Board of Directors, the CSU Board of Trustees, the California State Students' Association (CSSA), and the CSU Alumni Council including serving on a panel at their two-day meeting in August. This weekend, I will be attending the CSSA Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday, conducting a session at the CSSA CSUnity Conference on Sunday, and attending additional sessions on Monday. Then I will be attending the CSU Board of Trustees meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday including presenting a report to the CSU Board of Trustees on behalf of the ASCSU.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you for the honor of serving as your ASCSU Chair.

Sincerely,

Beth A. Steffel
Chair, Academic Senate of the California State University