

# ASCSU Plenary Report

March 2023

## Key themes

- AB 928 / Cal-GETC vs CSU GE: see special note below.
- AB 927 (CCs allowed to establish up to 30 bachelor's degrees annually): currently in dispute over Fire Management degree at Feather River College – approved by the CCC over CSU objections. Chancellor's office is "exploring options" for next steps. This is likely to become a bellweather for future community college bachelor degree proposals that conflict with existing CSU degrees.
- Budget update: the budget for 2023-2024 looks grim: the state is expecting a deficit, the final number won't be clear until October 2023 (well after the budget is passed) with the tax filing deadline extended – and other entities in the state are facing budget cuts while the CSU (and UC) get increases. We will still likely be \$300 million short of the CSU needs compared to the Governor's budget.
- Presidential selections: Chico and Sac State will expect to have their new Presidents announced at the May BoT meeting; the new Chancellor will likely be announced at the July BoT meeting. This puts Cal State LA behind these three ongoing searches in the current lineup. Then the 4 additional vacancies will be filled in 2023-2024 – interims for everyone!
- EO 803: the Chancellor's office has rescinded its vaccination requirements. ALL proof of vaccination are gone.
- JEDI/EDIB – Thomas A. Parham, President, CSUDH: CSU Report coming soon, similar to the Cal State LA Black Campus Climate report highlighting significant inequalities within/throughout the CSU system. This is especially the case with graduation rates. Call for campuses and ASCSU to practice more intentionality about the ways things MIGHT be, rather than giving in to the seduction of gradualism perpetuating the way things are. Called to develop new definitions of academic excellence from a perspective of CAN rather than CAN'T to affirm that students belong on campus – abolish deficit mindsets.
  - Aligns with several discussions that we can reflect the sociopolitical realities of today, or model/lead on aspirational sociopolitical realities of tomorrow.
- Cozen O'Connor: reports are just beginning to go out to campuses, Implementation Teams will be formed and there was still a promise to then release the campus reports (redacted for privacy) to each campus. Final BoT Cozen report is expected this summer.
- Mercer Faculty compensation study: the ASCSU plenary was the week before this dropped. A request was made to release their analysis models – so far, the answer has been no. A bit of historical context: the CSU and CFA agreed on "comparison institutions" and CSU compensation was compared to the compensation at these comparison institutions. CSU eventually didn't like the list. Thought that the comparison institutions were not comparable to the CSU. So, this practice ended. Coincidentally, the comparisons seemed to always show the CSU compensation was below that of the other institutions.
- Election of Faculty Trustee: Nominees Darlene Yee-Melichar and Romey Sabalius will be sent to the Governor for final selection.

- Student mental health services: CSSA is taking a VERY strong stand here – does not trust the CSU to provide enough timely, critical mental health care and sees any legislation that bans the use of outside counselors (non-CSU employees) as limiting access. The situation has reached a crisis point from the student perspective.

### Special Notes on General Education (courtesy of Betsy Boyd, Chico State)

EVC Alva noted that there has been a great deal of misunderstanding about how [AB928](#) affects [CSU GE Breadth](#). In short, it does not. The legislation only affects GE for transfer students. As required by the law, the Cal-GETC model for transfer students from the CCC to the UC and the CSU has been [approved](#) by [ICAS](#) (the executive committees of UC, CSU, and Community Colleges). ICAS is presently working out some implementation details.

CSU GE Breadth remains unchanged. That said, members of the Chancellor's Office have expressed a desire to replace CSU GE Breadth with Cal-GETC. This would have several extremely adverse effects, including eliminating Lifelong Learning from GE thereby undermining many first-year experience programs, and most concerning, as Cal-GETC belongs to ICAS, this would effectively surrender CSU faculty control of GE to ICAS.

There have been no such changes to CSU GE Breadth. They are not inevitable. Any alterations to CSU GE Breadth must happen in consultation with the ASCSU, which will likely [*ed. note: guaranteed to*] articulate its opposition to usurping our GE Breadth, when first reading AS-3615 'On Separation of CSU Breadth from Cal-GETC' is voted upon in May.

### Resolutions: Second Reading items (APPROVED):

- [AS-3587-23/APEP \(Rev\)](#) Recommending but not requiring that incoming students complete a Fourth Year of Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning in high school
- [AS-3590-23/AA \(Rev\)](#) Request for Additional Input for the CSU 2030 Challenges: Faculty Perspectives Project
- [AS-3591-23/FGA/AA \(Rev\)](#) A Call for State Gas/Oil Excess Profit Fee Funding in Support of Public Higher Education
- [AS-3592-23/FA \(Rev\)](#) Compensation for AB 928 Implementation
- [AS-3593-23/EX \(Rev\)](#) Revision of Special Rule Governing Debate on Substantive Motions at ASCSU meetings
- [AS-3594/23/APEP \(Rev\)](#) Regarding Coursework and Correspondences in Subject Matter Domains for Teaching
- [AS-3595/23/FA/FGA \(Rev\)](#) Equitable Capping of Executive Administrative Raises in the CSU Compared to Other Unit Employee Raises. This calls for limiting executive pay increases to the percentage increases given to faculty and staff.
- [AS-3597/23/FA](#) Dissemination of Report and Recommendations by the Cozen O'Connor team investigating Title IX practices on CSU campuses. Resolution urges BOT to have campus presidents share all public reports.
- [AS-3598-23/EX \(Rev\)](#) Apportionment of Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) Seats. No change for Cal State LA

- [AS-3599-23/APEP \(Rev\)](#) California State University Authority Over Changes to College Preparatory A-G Standards and Guidelines. Calls for the CSU chancellor, the UC leadership, and the ASCSU to jointly review and approve new high school courses and preparatory A-G standards and guidelines.
- [AS-3600-23/FA](#) Support and Commendation for Graduate Student and Post-Doctoral Workers
- [AS-3601-23/AA](#) Support for Maintaining Veterans' Centers on all CSU Campuses
- [AS-3602-23/APEP](#) Recommendation Regarding Advanced Placement Precalculus. Calls for a score of three or higher on the Advanced Placement exam to satisfy GE A4 requirements.
- [AS-3603-23/FGA/JEDI](#) On AB 506 and Control of the CSU Curriculum. Calls for dialogue between the Council of Ethnic Studies (CSU), the Community College Ethnic Studies faculty, and the academic senates of the CSU and CCC regarding courses that satisfy the GE Block F requirements.
- [AS-3605-23/FGA 2023](#) Legislative Advocacy Positions of the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU)
- [AS-3618-23/AA](#) Condemnation of the California Community College's Decision to Proceed with a Duplicative Baccalaureate Degree
- [AS-3604-23/EX](#) In Memoriam: Michael Ritter, Academic Senate CSU Senator 2015-16
- [AS-3607-23/EX](#) Commendation for ASCSU Senator Leo Van Cleve

### First Reading items:

- Solidarity with Immunocompromised, Disabled and Caregiver ASCSU Members
- ASCSU Awards for Outstanding Contributions to the CSU
- CSU Discipline Council Involvement in California Community College (CCC) Course Review
- Encouraging Campus Faculty Legislative Specialists
- Exploring the Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Higher Education Instruction
- ASCSU Academic Senate of the CSU 2023-2024 Meetings
- Graduate Education as Value-Added Outcome for Public Higher Education in California
- On the Process of Identifying and Resolving Issues of Duplication of CSU programs in AB 927 California Community College 4-year Baccalaureate Programs
- On the Separation of CSU GE Breadth from Cal-GETC
- Providing Timely and Quality Counseling within the CSU
- Maintaining Educational Continuity During Emergencies and Disasters
- Amending the Constitution of the Academic Senate, the California State University (ASCSU) to Add Three Designated Temporary Faculty Positions
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