

ASCSU September Plenary Report

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Update on the Faculty Trustee: The CSU Board of Trustees has been without a Faculty Trustee since July 1, 2026. Previous to this, the Governor did not seat a new Faculty Trustee for the 2025-2027 period, instead using AB 2324, inspired by the last standoff in The Great Recession to keep the previous Faculty Trustee in their seat for an additional one-year period (which expired June 30).

This means there is currently no faculty voice on the Board of Trustees.

The body considered its options to determine what our next steps might be in seeing a Faculty Trustee seated. At this time, the ASCSU has voted not to push to expedite a process for seating someone this academic year, and has begun the process for nominating potential candidates for Faculty Trustee for the 2027-2029 period.

AB 2236: This bill would have required the CSU to adopt a common course numbering convention with the community college system for lower division courses. This would have allowed articulation of community college courses to the CSU even if there were significant gaps in course content between the two courses. The policy explicitly stipulates that articulation agreements “shall require no more than 70 percent content alignment in order to establish equivalency.” Based on advocacy work from several groups, this has been suspended for this year – and we are keeping an eye on whether it returns next year. This would have a detrimental impact on transfer, particularly for courses that act as prerequisites. Transfer friction is being used as a potential wedge on this issue.

Lecturer to tenure-track conversion: There might be a second year of conversions at CSULB after converting 21 lecturers to tenure-track positions last year. More to follow as the general consensus at ASCSU is that we support expanding this conversion process to the remaining campuses, but we still have logistical questions as this (might) scale up (such as questions about service credit).

The BRN: Or San Francisco Bay Region Network, continues to be something to watch. This is a consortium of CSU San Francisco, Sonoma State, and CSU East Bay campuses with shared administrative functions: IT, HRM, procurement, accounts payable, travel, and other administrative processes.

At this time, we’ve been told this will “only” be a consolidation of administrative units off-campus. There are currently no plans for academic consolidation due to accreditation challenges. However, this will likely have a far more direct impact on us in the near future: we already share some ad hoc

administrative tasks with other SoCal campuses, and Dilcie Perez¹ stated during the Plenary that there were plans to develop a regional consortium pilot in the LA region. When asked if she could provide more details about what this might look like, she responded “no.” She further clarified that a charge for such a regional pilot hadn’t yet been determined, and that conversations were taking place with campus presidents. She also couldn’t state whether the pilot would look like the BRN or have a different structure entirely.

Other items of interest:

- Our rollcall included identifying each Senator’s favorite insect. Cal State LA was represented by the lightning bug.
- Workforce Development continues to be prioritized by the Trump Administration. The Governor’s Office and Chancellor’s Office seem to be aligned on this issue.
- AI continues to be a major discussion point, both within the classroom and its usage for other administrative processes. There is not consensus around AI at this time. Please see the Reorientation of Faculty Engagement with Generative AI resolution below as an avenue to provide feedback on AI in higher education that I can use to represent the campus on this and future discussions surrounding this issue.
- Dave Grant, Interim Vice Chancellor for Human Resources and Peter Lim, Executive Advisor, Civil Rights Programming & Services, are working to streamline the Title IX policies for the system. This is still very much a work in progress. The stated goal is to make the policies easier to navigate and reduce their role as barriers to reporting.
- Chancellor Garcia was directly asked, “do you think faculty are paid enough?” Her response: “I don’t think they are,” but they never are in higher education. As a state institution, it’s difficult but “we need to deal with it.”

First reading items: Please provide me with feedback by October 28th!

- AS-3810-26/JEDI Stability and Transparency within the CSU Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Student Achievement Program
- AS-3811-26/JEDI Disaggregated Mixed-Race Demographic Breakdown

¹ Vice Chancellor for Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Success and Chief Student Affairs Officer

- AS-3812-26/Floor Commendation Of Dr. Elizabeth Boyd, Ascsu Chair, 2024-2026 (Approved by acclimation)
- AS-3813-26/AA Reorientation of Faculty Engagement With Generative AI
- AS-3814-26/APEP In-Person Proctored Testing Requirements For Transfer Credit In Mathematics
- AS-3815-26/APEP Support For A Systemwide Strategy For Development Of Bachelor Of Education Programs