

ASCSU Plenary Report

January 20-21, 2022

Key activities:

Committee of the whole – we discussed continued COVID-19 concerns

- Unevenness of opening/going remote across system
- Who is involved in decision-making process
- Data-driven vs data-informed – and a reminder that data is a holistic term, not a numeric one! Qualitative data and context a must
- Powerful stories of the struggles across the system
- More support for students at different stages in their academic career: some WANT/NEED more online options, others would benefit from more F2F support
- Also more support for faculty: workload issues and mental health issues

Reports of note:

- Faculty Trustee Sibelius report: Commissioned a Faculty Salary Study comparable to other systems in nation, in context of COLA
- Chancellor Castro: discussion of Governor's budget and the 5-year compact; CBA
 - Was asked about faculty flexibility over mode of instruction within COVID-19 context and the overall COVID-19 decision-making process
 - Transparency requested in presidential reviews
- Executive Budget Director Kitchell spoke about the 22/23 Governor's budget and the 5-year compact (thru 26/27). Reminded us that the 5% increase in statewide funding is not an overall 5% increase in CSU funding, as tuition levels remain constant [increases come from increases in FTEs]
 - Still room to advocate for more funding, both 1-time and recurring
- CFA President Toombs: CFA and CO have a tentative agreement! Voting in progress now – **IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO VOTE ON THE AGREEMENT!!! VOTING CLOSSES FEB 2nd at NOON**
- CSSA Representative Moreno Ruelas spoke about ongoing student experiences due to COVID and omicron, the role of ASIs (or lack thereof) in the decision-making process, the unevenness across campus experiences, and the need for ongoing transparent and effective communication
- Legislative update: Beginning to feel the effects of AB 927 and AB 928. Issues with consultation process with CCs over their new BAs - what happens if consultation fails?

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Resolutions:

Action Items (2nd Readings)

- [AS-3499-21/FA](#): Academic Freedom and Faculty Oversight of Curricula and Pedagogy During Times of Emergencies – approved
- [AS-3510-21/EX](#): Apportionment of Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) Seats – approved unanimously
- [AS-3511-21/AA](#): Role of Shared Governance in Decisions on Instructional Modality – approved
- [AS-3513-21/FGA](#): Updated Legislative Advocacy Guidelines for the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) – approved unanimously
- [AS-3514-21/FA](#): Faculty Rights to Due Process in Letters of Reprimand Within the CSU – approved unanimously
- [AS-3515-21/APEP](#): Establishing Core Competencies for CSU General Education (GE) Areas A1 (Oral Communication), A2 (Written Communication), A3 (Critical Thinking), and B4 (Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning) – approved unanimously
- [AS-3516-21/AA](#): Studying Online Education and the Impact of Campus Initiatives – approved unanimously
- [AS-3517-21/FA](#): Faculty Rights to Due Process in Disciplinary Action Procedures Within the CSU – approved unanimously
- [AS-3518-21/EX](#): Increasing the Membership of the Ad Hoc Committee to Advance Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (AEDI) Within the ASCSU – approved unanimously
- [AS-3519-21/FA](#): Support of Faculty Supervision of Student Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities in the CSU – approved
- [AS-3520-21/FA](#): Recognition and Support of Faculty Participation in Shared Governance – approved

First Reading Waiver Requests

- [AS-3521-22/FGA](#): Call for Long-Term, Adequate, and Sustainable Funding for the California State University (CSU) – approved
- [AS-3522-22/AA](#): Commendation for Assistant Vice Chancellor & Senior Strategist Dr. James T. Minor – approved by acclamation
- [AS-3523-22/FA/FGA](#): Recommendation on the Pending Tentative Agreement Between the California State University (CSU) and the California Faculty Association (CFA) – 1st reading waiver approved by acclamation; approved after much consternation!
- [AS-3524-22/EX](#): Commendation for Assistant Vice Chancellor Sheila Thomas, Ed.D. – approved by acclamation

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First Reading Items (see the [January 2022 Summary page](#))

- AS-3525-22/FGA: Request for the Review of the Fiscal Impact of any Proposed California Community College Baccalaureate Programs
- AS-3526-22/AA: Involving California State University (CSU) Faculty in the Approval Process for California Community College Four-year Baccalaureate Programs
- AS-3527-22/EX: Endorsement of the California State Student Association (CSSA) Resolution Calling for the CSU to Include Caste in Anti-Discriminatory Policy
- AS-3528-22/AA: CSU 2030 Challenges: Faculty Perspectives

For more information, or to provide feedback on the First Reading items **by March 1st**, please contact to [Heidi Riggio](#) and/or [Kris Bezdecny](#).