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March 2024 ASCSU Chair's Report

Welcome from the land of the Chumash and Tongva.

With CSU Academic and Student Affairs, I will be co-presenting the action item on the 2021 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (AB 928) at the March 2024 CSU Board of Trustees meeting. The faculty continue to support adding the new section "40405.5 – California General Education Transfer Curriculum" (Cal-GETC) to Title 5, but oppose changes without supporting data to Title 5 section "40405.1 - General Education - Breadth Requirements".

On Saturday, March 9, 2024, I presented to the CSSA Plenary our normal ASCSU update. Deputy Vice Chancellor Nathan Evans and I also answered questions from the CSSA Board of Directors as they considered a support position on the proposed changes to CSU General Education. The CSSA Board of Directors ultimately decided to reject supporting changes to CSU GE (the final vote was 18-3).

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 the 2021 Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (AB 928). In December 2023, ICAS approved the recommended changes to the Cal-GETC Standards and the <u>Cal-GETC Standards 1.1 document can be viewed here</u>. ICAS hosted our annual Legislative

CSU Campuses Bakersfield Channel Islands Chico Dominguez Hills East Bay Fresno Fullerton Humboldt Long Beach Los Angeles Maritime Academy

Monterey Bay Northridge Pomona Sacramento San Bernardino San Diego San Francisco San José San Luis Obispo San Marcos Sonoma Stanislaus Day in Sacramento in early March. We met with twelve legislators, staff, and governor's office representatives to discuss policy, priorities, and higher education in general.

I am serving on the Civil Rights Oversight Committee which has met three times so far. (The CSU has renamed its Title IX, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation areas to "Civil Rights".) I also served on the recruitment committee for the Associate Vice Chancellor for Civil Rights Programming and Services. The inaugural AVC for Civil Rights Programming and Service Haley Schwartzkopf will join our plenary with Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Leora Freedman to discuss the new role as well as developments and progress in the CSU in these areas.

The CSU Generative AI Committee (which the ASCSU has been urging to start since 2019) has met several times and will "develop guidelines and policy recommendations for the CSU on generative AI with a focus on teaching, learning, & scholarship; applications for enhanced productivity; information technology, security, and privacy; procurement and AI-enabled features in enterprise systems; and implications for copyright and intellectual property."

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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