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## May 2024 ASCSU Chair's Report

Welcome from the land of the Chumash and Tongva.

This will be my last report to you as Chair of the ASCSU. This is the best and hardest job I have ever had, and I have very bittersweet feelings about it being very-nearly over. I am deeply grateful to you for unanimously choosing me both years I served as chair. I look forward to supporting and transitioning the new chair and building on the work we've done the past two years especially in state and federal advocacy and continuing to improve communications.

One of my goals during my time as ASCSU Chair was to finish visiting all 23 CSUs. I'm happy to say I've completed that goal with visits to Cal Poly SLO and CSU Channel Islands. During my visit to CSU Channel Islands, I visited the [Santa Rosa Island Research Station \(SRIRS\)](#) in the Channel Islands National Park which facilitates research, education, and outreach across disciplines. As with many things in the CSU, this is a hidden gem we should really stop hiding.

Since our March plenary, I also completed our fifth federal advocacy trip to DC this academic year. As you know, this is the first year we have done federal advocacy or taken positions on federal legislation. On the most recent trip, I was part of the CSU Chancellor's delegation, but also complete six visits just on behalf of the ASCSU.

**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

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). At the May 7, 2024 meeting, ICAS approved the updated standards for Cal-GETC as recommended by ICAS's special committee on Cal-GETC. The only change to the recommendations from the special committee was to change the document's version numbering from 2.0 to 1.2. The document is going through final formatting and typographic checks and will be posted soon. The Cal-GETC course pattern hasn't been evaluated since May 2022, so ICAS has begun conversations about changes to the pattern during AY 2024-2025 and annual review of the pattern moving forward. ICAS will be chaired in 2024-2025 by the UC. The incoming UC Academic Senate chair is a professor and surgeon at the only UC that does not have undergraduate students.

I am serving on the Civil Rights Oversight Committee. (The CSU has renamed its Title IX, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation areas to "Civil Rights".) The inaugural AVC for Civil Rights Programming and Service Haley Schwartzkopf joined our plenary with Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Leora Freedman to discuss developments and progress in the CSU in these areas. They will join again at this May plenary with Sarah Fried-Gintis, Senior Systemwide Director, Academic and Staff Human Resources to give an update on this work in general and specifically on Other Conduct of Concern (OCC).

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." A report will be forthcoming from the committee (likely over the summer) with recommendations on how to move forward in this work.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth A. Steffel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Beth A. Steffel

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