



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY BAKERSFIELD

Report from ASCSU to CSUB
Senate Meeting (9/4/2025 – 9/5/2025)

I. Guests

1. Mildred García, Chancellor of the CSU (Time Certain: Friday 10AM-11AM, remote)

1. Announced appointment of Dr. Gonzalez as Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs
2. Governor Newsom signed the Budget Act of 2025 on June 27th: In this budget:
 - 2.1. Our advocacy helped avoid the \$375 million cut (or 7.95%)
 - 2.2. The Final budget reduces CSU's base budget
 - 2.3. CSU's multi-year compact funding has also been deferred.
 - 2.4. The CSU will also receive \$50.8 million in targeted one-time funds. Including \$5 million.
 - 2.5. Sonoma State will receive \$45 million in one-time dollars.
3. International students facing intense questioning on return to the U.S
4. Termination of grant funding across the CSU (HSIs) has been taking place
5. ICE enforcement – Chancellor acknowledged the fear grappling the CSU community
6. Announced the CSU's artificial intelligence Initiative, which will provide every student, faculty, and staff member with equal access to local AI tools
7. The CO's office is working to develop the CSU system-wide strategic plan which was last developed in 2008.

2. Dilcie Perez, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs & Chief Student Affairs Officer, and Robert Caron, Specialist Leader, Deloitte Consulting, Update on Year of Engagement

1. Provided an update on the year of engagement survey. The slides are available at <[CSU SSF_ASCSU Sept Plenary_20250904 v4.pptx](#)>
2. Graduation Initiative 2025 is concluding this year

3. Margarita Avila – CFA President (2025-2026)

1. Adamant that the Chancellor has accepted a 0% loan
2. AI: CFA was not consulted on the AI initiative (\$17 million initiative). CFA filed an unfair practice charge. Faculty needed to be consulted, humans need to be at the center of education, lack of transparency.
3. ICE on campuses, as well as free speech. CFA putting pressure on the Chancellor and presidents for not putting up a front and take a position to protect the campus community. CFA wants CSU to guarantee student privacy and declare CSU campuses sanctuary spaces
4. Immigration:
 - 4.1. CFA has been cosponsors for legislation protecting students and ICE. Specifically SB97, SB307 and SB805
 - 4.2. CFA has also opposed bills e.g. those that don't agree with that is being taught at schools or those impacting DEI. Examples of bills that CFA are opposing include e.g. AB 715

5. Bargaining has been frustrating. Management has refused to agree on ground rules i.e. they're attempting to limit the number of folks that can bargain on the CFA team. They have 1 – 2 members per campus and the team is much larger than it were.
4. **Dilcie Perez, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs & Chief Student Affairs Officer, and Nathan Evans, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs & Chief Academic Officer**
 1. Enrollment updates: California enrollment in the CSU increased by 7700 compared to Fall 2024.
 2. Decline in international school enrollment by 2,000 students systemwide. Due to delays in obtaining student visas etc.
 3. Strategic Enrollment Planning project has been underway. Plan to help recruit traditional and non-traditional students e.g. adult learners
 4. Dilcie Perez working with Don Theodora to co-lead the strategic response team – to what is happening in the country with regards to DEI or undocumented students completing their programs immigration
5. **Adrian Harrell, Alumni Council President, Jodi Braverman, Executive Director, CSU Alumni Council, and Lori Brockett, Associate Vice President for Alumni Engagement and University Events (CSUSM), CSU Alumni Council Liaison Report (Time Approximate)**
 1. Purpose of the alumni council (i) advocacy, (ii) develop and support alumnis and (iii) provide input to alumni councils and policy
 2. Put together a report. As a result of that report, campuses were then able to apply for some one-time funding to support projects focused on increasing alumni-student connections. And we were able to fund 26 projects which created 127 cross-campus collaborations. 40% of these projects were first-time partnerships between the Alumni Office and other departments
 3. Alumni council can assist with getting guest speakers to events
6. **Katie Karroum, CSSA Vice President of Systemwide Affairs, CSSA Liaison Report**
 1. Engaged in a CSU Basic Needs panel – discussed successes and gaps in food and housing security
 2. Equalized access to AI and potential to prepare students to an AI driven workforce. Some concerns shared to the legislators. Privacy, student protection, environmental sustainability; recommendations to the COs office – integration of AI in a fair manner and consistent student input in all stages of AI policy development.

II. Resolutions

The ASCSU approved the following resolutions.

1. AS-3761-25 Protecting Federal Hispanic Serving Institution Programs
2. AS-3762-25 Valuing International Students

III. First Reading Waivers

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IV. First Readings

The following resolutions were presented for feedback from Senators and communication to campuses. The sponsoring committee(s) will revise these resolutions and introduce them for action at the September 2025 plenary.

1. AS-3760-25 Supporting the California State University (CSU) System Office Review Standards for General Education (GE) Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) Submissions

V. Upcoming ASCSU Meetings

1. Next ASCSU Committee meeting in October and Plenary meeting November 2025

VI. Prepared by CSUB Representatives to the ASCSU

1. Charles Lam, Professor of Mathematics and ASCSU Legislative Specialist
2. Nyakundi Michieka, Associate Professor of Economics and Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee of the ASCSU