# **Report from ASCSU to CSUB**

# **Senate Meeting (3/13/2025 – 3/14/2025)**

# **Guests**

## Al Liddicoat, Interim Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, and Peter Lim, Civil Rights Programming and Services

### An update was provided on staffing within the Human Resources and Civil Rights Office, including efforts to ensure compliance and support across campuses. CSU Hired new civil rights directors.

### Five campuses per semester will undergo a DHR/Title IX review to assess adherence to policies and best practices.

### Question regarding the recent change to the CSU non-discrimination policy and whether additional policy updates are needed. In particular, it was noted that the Dear Colleague Letter and subsequent federal guidance required immediate compliance with the 2020 Title IX regulations, effectively rolling back 2024 updates.

## Dilcie Perez, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs & Chief Student Affairs Office, and Nathan Evans, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs & Chief Academic Officer

### Chancellor Garcia has reaffirmed CSU’s commitment to its mission, students, and employees amid increasing political and financial challenges. The CSU successfully joined the California Attorney General’s Office in securing an injunction against the elimination of Teacher Quality Partnership Grants, preventing the loss of critical funding.

### Advocacy efforts are ongoing regarding the proposed 7.95% state budget cut. Legislative discussions indicate some support for CSU’s position.

### The new policy on applied and professional doctoral programs has been finalized, and revisions to Professional and Continuing Education (PaCE) are underway. Strategic enrollment planning continues, focusing on re-engaging students who left without a degree and expanding dual enrollment opportunities.

### On AI initiatives, CSU has launched an AI Workforce Board and the AI Commons Hub to ensure equitable access to AI tools and research opportunities across campuses. A grant program to support faculty in integrating AI into coursework will be announced soon, followed by initiatives to explore AI applications in university operations.

### Concerns were raised about federal investigations targeting CSU campuses, including Sacramento State, and broader scrutiny of DEI programs and academic freedom. The Chancellor’s Office emphasized its commitment to CSU’s mission while carefully navigating legal and political challenges.

## Charles Toombs, CFA President, Liaison Report

### The CFA and faculty advocates continue to push back against financial and policy challenges impacting the CSU. The Austerity Working Group (Sonoma State) is leading discussions on financial sustainability, and union-wide town halls are gathering input on higher education issues.

### Engaging with management on Time, Place, and Manner policy as it relates to faculty.

### CFA is planning an event at the State Capitol on April 17th, National Day of Action.

### CFA is sponsoring/co-sponsoring legislation, including mandatory external audits of all CSU campuses every three years, add a second faculty trustee, and require justification for CSU expenditures over $10,000.

### Concerns were raised about lack of faculty compensation for research.

### Concerns were raised about faculty being targeted under current environment.

### Faculty are encouraged to lobby legislators in their home districts.

## Dilcie Perez, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs & Chief Student Affairs Officer, Update on Year of Engagement

### The Graduation Initiative (GI) 2025 process review has highlighted concerns about faculty and graduate student exclusion, data disaggregation, and an overemphasis on four- and six-year graduation rates.

### Next phase will incorporate faulty perspectives more deeply. Consultation underway.

## Tara Al-Rehani, CSSA Vice President of Systemwide Affairs, CSSA Liaison Report

### Conversation about affordable textbooks.

### Affordable housing white paper guidance document approved.

### Introduced and passed a resolution to establish a systemwide CSU undocumented student advisory council and framework for comprehensive support.

### Introduced a resolution in support of trans students rights.

# **Approved Resolutions**

## The ASCSU approved the following resolutions.

## AS-3728-25/APEP/FGA Resource Needs to Effectively Support the Articulation System Stimulating Inter-institutional Student Transfer (ASSIST) in Supporting Student Success

## AS-3720-24/APEP Endorsing the CSU Math Council Resolution Regarding the Implementation of Assembly Bill 1705 as it Pertains to STEM Major Academic Preparation

## AS-3726-25/Exec Apportionment of Academic Senate CSU Seat

## AS-3727-25/Exec Academic Senate of the CSU 2025-2026 Meetings

## AS-3733-25/FGA Federal Advocacy Priorities for the Academic Senate of the California State University

## AS-3736-25/AA Proposed Changes to Cal-GETC Standards (with First Reading Waiver)

## AS-3746-25/FA Call for a Systemwide Response to the CSU Fiscal and Budget Crisis (with First Reading Waiver)

## AS-3747-25/FGA 2025 State Legislative Advocacy Positions of the Academic Senate of the California State University (with First Reading Waiver)

## AS-3740-25/JEDI Commitment to a CSU Culture of Dignity, Belonging, and Safety (with First Reading Waiver)

# **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 May 2025 plenary.

## AS-3732-25/Exec Media Policy of the Academic Senate of the California State University

## AS-3734-25/AA The Possible Use of AI in Instruction

## AS-3735-25/AA Using Classes and Examinations from External Organizations to Satisfy California State University General Education and College Requirements

## AS-3737-25/APEP Recommendations Regarding Lower Division General Education

## AS-3738-25/APEP Call for an Analysis of Teacher Retention in California PK-12 Public Schools

## AS-3739-25/APEP Demonstration of Subject Matter Competency in Admissions to Teaching Credential Programs in the CSU

## AS-3741-25/APEP Request for Task Force Memberships to Resolve Issue Related to CSU General Education

## AS-3742-25/APEP AB 1705 and Community College STEM Student Choice in the Mathematics Entry Point

## AS-3743-25/APEP/FGA Support for Continued Funding for Teacher Credential Students Affected by Federal Changes to DEI Priorities

## AS 3744-25/JEDI Equity, Diversity, Justice, and Inclusion Strategic Action Plan of the ASCSU

## AS 3745-25/JEDI Maintaining Liberal Arts and Marginalized Perspectives in our Curriculum in Austere Times

## AS-3748-25/Floor Call for the California State Legislature not to Pass AB 1462 or any Similar Bill

# **Upcoming ASCSU Meetings**

## Next ASCSU Committee (and Plenary) meeting (5/7/25 – 5/9/25)

# **Prepared by CSUB Representatives to the ASCSU**

## Charles Lam, Professor of Mathematics

## Nyakundi Michieka, Associate Professor of Economics