



## PLENARY MEETING AGENDA

JUNE 9 & 10, 2018

MAGGIE WHITE, PRESIDENT

ALANA LIM, CHAIR

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTEREY BAY

5108 FOURTH AVENUE

MARINA, CA 93933

*This schedule of meetings is established as a best approximation of how long each scheduled meeting will take to complete its business. Each meeting will be taken in sequence, except in unusual circumstances.*

### SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018

### Location

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast*/Check-In	Student Center
9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	Welcome Remarks <i>Ronnie Higgs, PhD</i> <i>Vice President of Student Affairs &amp; Enrollment Management</i>	Student Center
9:10 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Welcome	Student Center
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Overview of CSSA	Student Center
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Government Advocacy	Student Center
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.	Systemwide Advocacy	Student Center
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Photos	Student Center
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch*	Student Center
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Board Governance & Organization Ops	Student Center
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Engagement Opportunities	Student Center
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Preparing for the Board of Directors Mtg.	Student Center
3:00 p.m.	Monterey Bay Aquarium Visit*	Student Center
6:30 p.m.	Dinner* <i>Hosted by Bonnie Irwin, PhD</i> <i>Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs</i>	<a href="#">Alumni &amp; Visitor Center</a>



## SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018

## Location

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast*	Student Center
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Board of Directors	Student Center
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Preparing for July & the 2018/2019 Year	Student Center
12:00 p.m.	Lunch*	Student Center

\* Complimentary for meeting registrants

Notice: Agenda item requests for the July Plenary  
are due to the Chair by Monday, July 23, 2018 by 5:00 PM.  
If you have any questions, please contact Joe Nino at [jnino@calstatestudents.org](mailto:jnino@calstatestudents.org).



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
ALANA LIM, CHAIR**

Sunday, June 10, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Student Center  
California State University, Monterey Bay  
Seaside, CA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. **ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. **ACTION ITEM: APPROVAL OF THE APRIL MINUTES**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT  
Public comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affecting CSSA and/or the California State University.
- VI. LIAISON REPORTS
  - A. CSU Academic Senate (CSUAS) Liaison: Catherine Nelson, Chair
  - B. Auxiliary Organizations Association Liaison
  - C. CSU Chancellor's Office Liaison: Ray Murillo, Director of Student Programs
  - D. CSU Student Trustees: Emily Hinton
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. **ACTION ITEM: 2018/2019 CSSA MEETINGS CALENDAR**  
The board will consider taking action on the 2018/2019 calendar of meetings for the CSSA Board of Directors and its committees.
  - B. INFORMATION ITEM: 2018/2019 MEETING HOSTING BIDDING  
Executive Director Shorette will share the process for campuses to bid to host CSSA meetings at the July meeting.
  - C. INFORMATION ITEM: 2018/2019 SPECIAL OFFICER ELECTIONS  
Chair Lim will share important dates and information regarding the 2018/2019 Special Officers.
  - D. INFORMATION ITEM: SYSTEMWIDE COMMITTEES UPDATE  
AD of Student Engagement Tsubaki will provide an update of the recommendations made for CSU systemwide committees.



- E. INFORMATION ITEM: CSSA COMMITTEE SELECTION  
Chair Lim will share the membership selection process for the 2018/2019 CSSA committees.
- F. INFORMATION ITEM: 2018/2019 POLICY AGENDA  
President-Elect Kagianas & Executive Director Shorette will share information regarding the development of the 2018/2019 CSSA Policy Agenda
- G. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF THE 2017/2018 CSSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Executive Director Shorette will lead the recognition of the 2017/2018 CSSA Executive Committee.

VIII. CSSA REPORTS

- A. Dr. Rob Shorette, Executive Director
- B. Alana Lim, Chair
- C. Aaron Castaneda, Vice President of Finance
- D. Michael Pratt, Vice President of University Affairs
- E. Dulce Ramirez, Social Justice & Equity Speaker

IX. CLOSING COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

September 2018 - Chico

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**\*Agenda Items Due (5 PM)**

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Board of Trustees

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CSSA Plenary

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**Board of Trustees**

**CSSA Plenary**

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# 2018/2019 CSSA Plenary Meeting Hosting Authorization Form

The purpose of this form is to ensure that CSSA board members, as representatives of their respective campus, have discussed their desire to host a CSSA plenary with the appropriate staff member(s) at their campus. **The completed 2018/2019 CSSA Plenary Meeting Hosting Authorization Form must be submitted to [info@calstatestudents.org](mailto:info@calstatestudents.org) electronically prior to the July plenary hosted in Long Beach where bidding will occur. For any questions about the expectations of a hosting campus, please refer to CSSA's [Meeting Policy](#).**

By signing this document, the parties below agree that they have discussed the potential of hosting a CSSA plenary meeting and have agreed on the possible weekend(s) that the campus staff can accommodate.

By signing this document, the CSSA board member agrees that they will not bid to host a meeting outside of the dates agreed to by their campus staff.

**CSU Campus:** \_\_\_\_\_

### PRIMARY VOTING DESIGNEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name*

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*Signature*

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*Position/Title*

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*Date*

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*Phone Number*

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*Email Address*

### ASSOCIATED STUDENTS (INC) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (or designee):

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Position/Title*

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*Date*



## **2018/2019 Cal State Student Association (CSSA) Special Officer Elections Packet**

### **ABOUT THE CAL STATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (CSSA)**

The Cal State Student Association, also known as CSSA, is a nonprofit student organization founded by student body presidents in 1959. Recognized by the California State University (CSU) as the official voice of CSU students, CSSA has long advocated for access to an affordable and high-quality CSU education. It is by CSSA's work that student voices are included when it comes to decisions made by the CSU Chancellor, CSU Trustees, and the state legislature. CSSA works to ensure that students are at the forefront of higher education policy in California.

### **ABOUT SPECIAL OFFICERS**

CSSA currently has seven special officers, each providing support to the organization in unique ways, many listed in the [Cal State Student Association Constitution](#). Officers are elected for a one-year term from August 2018 thru June 2019.

The special officers include the following seven positions:

- Academic Senate Liaison
- Alumni Council Liaison
- 3 Civic Engagement Officers (Northern, Central, and Southern)
- Social Justice and Equity Officer
- Sustainability Officer

### **DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL OFFICER APPLICATION FILING**

All application materials must be emailed to [info@calstatestudents.org](mailto:info@calstatestudents.org) by **Monday, July 23 at 5:00pm**. No applications received after the deadline will be accepted.





## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Individuals seeking candidacy for a 2018/2019 CSSA special officer position must meet various minimum requirements during their candidacy and incumbency (if elected). Individuals must meet the following requirements:

**1. [CSU Office of the Chancellor Minimum Qualification for Student Office Holders](#)**

Candidates and incumbents must meet the requirements for "Major Student Government Offices" listed on pages 1 & 2.

**2. **Associated Students (Incorporated) & Campus Policies****

Each campus and Associated Students organization may have unique requirements. Please contact your campus' Associated Students for more information.

**3. **Cal State Student Association (CSSA)****

The Academic Senate Liaison and the Alumni Council Liaison must currently or previously served as the voting or alternate voting members for their campus.

## **REQUIRED TRAINING & ATTENDANCE**

In addition to all 2018/2019 CSSA regular and special meetings, special officers are required to attend the following orientations, trainings, meetings, and conferences:

- August 2018: CSSA Special Officer & Vice Chair Orientation (TBD)
- Monthly: CSSA Plenary Meetings
- Additional position-specific meetings & conferences
  - Academic Senate Liaison & Alumni Council Liaison see FAQs for tentative dates



## **SUBMITTING YOUR CANDIDATE FILING FORM**

Please carefully review the following steps of the election process. CSU students interested in applying to serve as a 2018/2019 CSSA special officer must utilize the following process:

### **1. Review the position information**

Individuals seeking candidacy as a CSSA special officer should review the [CSSA Constitution](#) in addition to speaking to [current officers](#), past officers, and [CSSA staff](#). These positions can be time intensive and require various levels of time commitments, therefore, it is important that individuals are well-informed about the commitment they are making to serving. For Academic Senate Liaison and Alumni Council Liaison, ensure you can make the meetings indicated in this packet.

### **2. Ensure you have met and intend to meet the minimum requirements**

To be eligible to apply, you must meet all requirements listed in the "ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS" section of this document.

### **3. Complete 'PART 1: SPECIAL OFFICER CANDIDATE FILING FORM'**

### **4. Complete 'PART 2: CANDIDATE STATEMENT'**

- a. Candidate statements are limited to 250 words. Additional words will be removed from the distributed copies.
- b. Candidate Statements, without redaction, will be provided to the public and the CSSA Board of Directors as part of the August 2018 agenda packet.

### **5. Complete the 'CANDIDATE INFORMATION' portion of 'PART 3: AS/ASI AUTHORIZATION FORM'**

- a. The 'CANDIDATE INFORMATION' portion should be completed prior to meeting with your campus' Associated Students executive director and president.

### **6. Meet with your campus' Associated Students president and executive director**

- a. The contact information for the president and executive director should be available on your campus' [Associated Students website](#).
- b. Schedule a meeting well in advance to ensure you are able to meet and obtain signatures prior to the filing deadline.
- c. The AS/ASI executive director and president will complete their respective portions.

### **7. Submit your 2018/2019 CSSA Special Officer Filing Packet by the deadline**

- a. A complete 2018/2019 CSSA Special Officer Filing Packet includes the following:
  - i. Completed and signed 'Part 1: SPECIAL OFFICER CANDIDATE FILING FORM'
  - ii. Completed 'Part 2: CANDIDATE STATEMENT'
  - iii. Completed and signed 'Part 3: AS/ASI AUTHORIZATION FORM'
- b. **All documents must be emailed to to [info@calstatestudents.org](mailto:info@calstatestudents.org) by Monday, July 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**
  - i. No late or incomplete packets will be accepted.



## **ELECTIONS RULES & POLICIES**

The elections process is conducted in accordance with the [CSSA Elections Policy](#) and pursuant to [CA Education Code, §89305.1\(e\), the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000](#).

The 2018/2019 CSSA chair will preside over the election of the 2018/2019 CSSA special officers.

Only eligible candidates may be considered for election, therefore, write-in candidates, floor nominations, and trickle-down candidates are may not be considered.

The election of officers will occur in the following order:

1. Academic Senate Liaison
2. Alumni Council Liaison
3. Civic Engagement Officers - Northern
4. Civic Engagement Officers - Central
5. Civic Engagement Officers - Southern
6. Social Justice and Equity Officer
7. Sustainability Officer

If there are no eligible candidates for a position at the time of the election, a special election will take place at the next regularly scheduled CSSA meeting in September.

If there is only one eligible candidate for a position at the time of election, they will be declared the winner.

If there is more than one eligible candidate for a position at the time of election, the chair will lead the Board of Directors in the following process:

1. Candidate Speeches and Questions - All candidates will be allowed to provide brief remarks to the board. Time limits for speeches and questions are determined by the chair and will be uniformly applied to all candidates for all positions.
2. Board Deliberation - Voting members may participate in the deliberation of the candidates for the position.
  - a. Candidates may choose to leave the room during deliberation
  - b. If a voting member is also a candidate, they may also cast a vote for the position which they are running.
3. Voting - Each voting member of the Board of Directors (up to 23) may vote for their candidate of choice. If no candidate receives a simple majority of votes cast, a runoff vote will take place among the the two candidates with the largest number of votes.
  - a. Voting Member as Candidate - If a voting member is also a candidate for a position, they are able to cast a vote.
  - b. Ties - If there is a tie, the chair must cast a vote to break the tie.
  - c. Chair as Candidate - If the CSSA chair is a candidate for a position, they temporarily vacate the chair position and the next in succession will chair the election.



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Who should consider running to serve as a CSSA special officer?**

Students who meet the minimum requirements and are passionate about advocating for CSU students are highly encouraged to learn more and run for a CSSA special officer position. Special officers are required to attend and finance all costs associated with holding the position including travel, lodging, food, meeting registration for all required trainings, orientations, meetings, and conferences required of the position. Therefore, it is important that individuals interested in serving as a special officer ensure they have the financial resources to serve.

### **Who pays for me to get to the CSSA elections meeting in August?**

Candidates are responsible for their own travel and accommodations to attend the CSSA elections meeting in August 2018. Candidates may request funding from their campus' Associated Students organization, but AS/ASI are not required to support costs associated with CSSA candidates.

### **Am I eligible to serve as a special officer if I am a voting or alternate voting member of the CSSA Board of Directors?**

Yes. Members of the CSSA Board of Directors are also eligible to serve as a special officer.

### **What are some of the responsibilities of special officers?**

Special officers have both general and position-specific responsibilities. These responsibilities are generally listed in the [CSSA Constitution](#).

### **Do special officers get paid?**

No. Special officers do not get paid.

### **Can I be a graduate student and special officer?**

Yes, as long as a graduate student meets all the requirements, they are eligible to apply for and serve as a CSSA special officer.

### **Will I be excused from classes, projects, or other academic-related responsibilities if they conflict with special officer responsibilities?**

No, your academics are a priority and central to service as a CSSA special officer. If elected, special officers should work to create a schedule that will allow them to minimize the impact on their academics. Any academic accommodation must be made between the student and their faculty. It is not an expectation that any faculty member would make accommodations for CSSA responsibilities.

### **Who pays for travel and other special officer costs?**

Special officers are required to attend and finance all costs associated with holding the position including travel, lodging, food, meeting registration for all required trainings, orientations, meetings, and conferences required of the position. For the Academic Senate Liaison and Alumni Council Liaison, required travel for ASCSU meetings and CSU Alumni Council meetings will be covered by CSSA.

### **Can I submit a hardcopy of my application?**

No, hardcopy candidate filing forms will not be accepted. Completed 2018/2019 CSSA Special Officer Candidate Filing Packets must be sent via email to [info@calstatestudents.org](mailto:info@calstatestudents.org) by Monday, July 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.



**What if I have more questions?**

If you have any questions, please email Brandon Tsubaki, CSSA assistant director for student engagement at [btsubaki@calstatestudents.org](mailto:btsubaki@calstatestudents.org).

**Academic Senate Liaison Tentative Meeting Dates**

<b><u>2018</u></b>		<b><u>Location</u></b>
September 6-7	Plenary	CSU Office of the Chancellor
November 8-9	Plenary	CSU Office of the Chancellor
<b><u>2019</u></b>		<b><u>Location</u></b>
January 17-18	Plenary	CSU Office of the Chancellor
March 14-15	Plenary	CSU Office of the Chancellor
April 18-19	Plenary	Sacramento
May 16-17	Plenary	CSU Office of the Chancellor
September 19-20	Plenary	CSU Office of the Chancellor
November 14-15	Plenary	CSU Office of the Chancellor

**Alumni Council Liaison Tentative Meeting Dates**

<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
August 17-18	CSU Chico
<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
February TBD	CSU Fullerton



## 2018/2019 CSSA SPECIAL OFFICER CANDIDATE FILING PACKET PART 1: CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3 of the 2018/2019 CSSA SPECIAL OFFICER CANDIDATE FILING PACKET must be emailed to [info@calstatestudents.org](mailto:info@calstatestudents.org) by Monday, July 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

### CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name*

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*Last Name*

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*Phone Number*

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*E-mail Address*

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*Campus*

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*University ID Number*

Current Class Standing (check one):     Undergraduate     Graduate

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*Major(s)*

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*Minor(s)*

Which position are you seeking candidacy for?  
*(Check only one)*

- Academic Senate Liaison
- Alumni Council Liaison
- Social Justice and Equity Officer
- Sustainability Officer
- Civic Engagement Officer - Northern
- Civic Engagement Officer - Central
- Civic Engagement Officer - Southern

I have thoroughly read, understand, and agree to all the information in this document (2018/2019 Cal State Student Association (CSSA) Special Officer Elections Packet), the [Cal State Student Association Constitution](#), [CSSA Elections Policy](#), my campus' AS/ASI governing documents, and all other relevant policies and rules. I understand that if the information contained in this document is untrue or inaccurate, my candidacy may be denied or, if elected, I may be removed from my position. I understand that failure to complete and submit all portions of the 2018/2019 Cal State Student Association (CSSA) Special Officer Elections Packet by later Monday, July 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m will make me ineligible for candidacy. Additionally, I understand that the contents of this application may be shared publicly for the purpose of the election process.

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*Candidate Signature*

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*Today's Date*



## 2018/2019 CSSA SPECIAL OFFICER CANDIDATE FILING PACKET PART 2: CANDIDATE STATEMENT

*Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3 of the 2018/2019 CSSA SPECIAL OFFICER CANDIDATE FILING PACKET must be emailed to [info@calstatestudents.org](mailto:info@calstatestudents.org) by Monday, July 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.*

### CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name*

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*Last Name*

Which position are you seeking candidacy for?

*(Check only one)*

- Academic Senate Liaison
- Alumni Council Liaison
- Social Justice and Equity Officer
- Sustainability Officer
- Civic Engagement Officer - Northern
- Civic Engagement Officer - Central
- Civic Engagement Officer - Southern

Please provide a statement regarding your goals for the position and other relevant information not to exceed 250 words. Candidates can bring additional campaign materials to the CSSA elections meeting for distribution.



**2018/2019 CSSA SPECIAL OFFICER CANDIDATE FILING PACKET  
PART 3: AS/ASI AUTHORIZATION FORM**

*Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3 of the 2018/2019 CSSA SPECIAL OFFICER CANDIDATE FILING PACKET must be emailed to info@calstatestudents.org by Monday, July 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.*

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION:**

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*First Name*

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*Last Name*

Which position are you seeking candidacy for?  
*(Check only one)*

- Academic Senate Liaison
- Alumni Council Liaison
- Social Justice and Equity Officer
- Sustainability Officer
- Civic Engagement Officer - Northern
- Civic Engagement Officer - Central
- Civic Engagement Officer - Southern

Individuals seeking candidacy for a 2018/2019 CSSA special officer must meet, in addition to other requirements, the following:

1. Meet all applicable Associated Student (Incorporated) & campus requirements for candidacy.
2. Have solidified the source of funding for all required travel.

I affirm, to the best of my knowledge, the student seeking candidacy currently meets and will meet the requirements listed above. I understand this is not an endorsement for the individual but only that I believe the student is eligible for candidacy and to hold a Cal State Student Association (CSSA) special officer position during the 2018/2019 term.

Additionally, I have spoken to the candidate and agree on who is responsible for costs associated to serving as a special officer.

**ASSOCIATED STUDENT (INCORPORATED) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (OR DESIGNEE):**

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*Full Name*

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*Signature*

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*Title*

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*Email Address*

**ASSOCIATED STUDENT (INCORPORATED) PRESIDENT**

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*Full Name*

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*Signature*

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*Title*

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*Email Address*





# Dulce Ramirez

## Speaker, Social Justice and Equity Committee

June 2018

### MEETINGS

1. **5/2/18: Call w/ California Faculty Association, Office of Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes, CSSA**
2. **5/4/18: Meeting w/ Ed Trust- West**
3. **5/5-6/18: CSSA Plenary Meeting**

### PROJECTS & PRIORITIES

#### ***CSSA & ED Trust - West Partnership: A Focus on African American/ Black Student Success in the CSU***

After months of deliberation and planning with the intention of focusing on strengthening institutional research by centering the voices of African American/ Black Student in the CSU, I am proud to announce that CSSA and Ed-Trust have partnered to highlight the efficacy of efforts underway and those implemented to reverse trends in the CSU to close achievement and opportunity gaps for African American students in the CSU. Final details are being finalized, but this collaboration shall call upon policymakers, education leaders, and specifically the CSU system to prioritize equity-based changes that Black students in the CSU deserve that are long overdue. The current rate of progress throughout the years is unjust and unacceptable. This will pave the way to accelerate the much-needed discussion and possible recommendations by students for state and local education leaders, higher-education nonprofits, CSSA, and CSU system. This collaboration will look at the educational experiences and outcomes of black men in the CSU. This partnership is the attempt to serve as a rallying point for accountability, awareness, engagement, and action to ensure that we deepen our work to understand the impacts of years of racial inequity and historical atrocities to address and work towards the elimination of toxic and hostile campus climates for Black students that are impacted by the pervasive and hurtful perceptions that not only impact their well-being but their very lives.

This could not have been possible without the initial discussions held with Louis Adamsel, CSUSM 2017-2018 ASI President in early January, and the commitment of ASI President Justin Blakely and Marquel Reid at CSUDH, 2017-2018; Latrel Powell and Michael Wiafe, SDSU and Oladotun Hospidales at SJSU. It is because of them that this is possible and I am honored to have been able to support this vision. I am confident that there is no other organization that CSSA could have partnered with than Ed-Trust-West for this collaboration, and I am thankful that they embarked it with us. Lastly, I want to thank Dr. Rob Shorette whose expertise, advice, and support for this project, at its early stages, granted a platform and ensured conversations with Ed-Trust-West.

#### ***Sexual Assault Legislation: AB 1896 (Cervantes)***

Throughout my term, I embarked on ensuring the successful introduction of AB 1896, through initial research, analyzing previous legislation and best practices, to working through amendments, which could not have been possible without the support of Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes who was willing to introduce this legislation.

AB 1896 (Cervantes) was recently heard at the Assembly Judiciary Committee with a unanimous vote. It passed the Assembly floor and is now in the second house. I am thankful to CSSA for believing in the legislation and supporting it, and being a sponsor. I want to acknowledge the support received from CSSA staff both Jared Giarusso and Mary Dolan as part of CSSA's Government Relations team as we headed towards committee hearings. I am confident that AB 1896 will head to the Governor's Desk.

### ***Proposed Changes to CSSA Constitution:***

To ensure best practices for changes to SJEC in the Cal State Student Association Constitution. The state of this association will be a reflection of what we prioritize, what we deem important and valuable. If we truly value diversity, equity, and justice we must demonstrate that we value the lives of the students we serve through equity and intersectional lens. This means prioritizing social justice and equity across all spectrums of this association, for it touches every committee, and campus. Social Justice and equity should not only be incumbent upon the members who belong to the committee, but every single AS/ASI president, CSU campus, and CSSA. A draft SJEC bylaws & constitution amendments will be presented at the June CSSA plenary meeting. I look forward to discussing this at this June Plenary meeting along with recommendations and report of my term.

### ***Legislation to Note Regarding Police Brutality:***

In some shape or form, the following pieces of legislation address intersectional issues that impact our students wellness, safety, and communities and may potentially reduce police brutality and militarization.

**AB 931** (Assemblymember Shirley Weber (D-San Diego), Assembly member Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento)  
*Sponsors: ACLU of California Center for Advocacy & Policy, Anti Police-Terror Project, Black Lives Matter, California Faculty Association, California News Publishers Association, CURYJ, PICO California, PolicyLink, Youth Justice Coalition*

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB931](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB931)

<https://www.aclusocal.org/en/deadlyforce>

**AB 3131** ( Assemblymember Todd Gloria (D-San Diego) ) : **Police Militarization**

*Sponsors: ACLU of California Center for Advocacy & Policy and Indivisible.*

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB3131](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB3131)

<https://www.aclunc.org/our-work/legislation/police-militarization-ab-3131>

**SB 1421** (Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley))

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[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180SB1421](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1421)

<http://sd09.senate.ca.gov/news/20180402-senator-skinner-introduces-sb-1421-open-law-enforcement-records>

<https://www.aclusocal.org/en/legislation/lifting-veil-secrecy-police-misconduct-use-force-sb-1421>

### ***Campus Climate***

This year CSSA has dedicated itself to different areas of the Public Policy Agenda, and over the course of several years, the CSU and other public and private institutions have had similar racial and derogatory incidents at college campuses. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo encountered a racially insensitive incident by a Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity member. Although this is an incident that occurred at SLO, cultural appropriation and racial, derogatory and dehumanizing actions have not been absent throughout the years in the CSU. To address this, there has been

several actions by other organizations and students varying from petitions, solidarity statements, and letters. These issues directly fall under promoting safe and inclusive environments for students. These experiences will impact our current, prospective, and future students and their ability to survive, be safe, and thrive in the CSU. These uncomfortable campus climates can take a toll on students' mental health. There is a need to assess our university policies and an intent to expand the scope of such policies addressing non-discrimination and anti-harassment policies, especially since campuses have responsibilities under Title VI and EO 1097.

As an update, the university has handed the cases including the previous Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, and another case that occurred earlier this year by Sigma Nu fraternity over to the CA Attorney General to ensure a "thorough, fair and neutral process" and investigate whether Cal Poly's fraternities and sororities have violated the CSU's non discrimination policy for student activities. Cal Poly Slo will report the results once the investigation concludes.

You can find all the relevant items to this issue as well as the items that the Drylongso Collective sent my way. As we continue to have ongoing discussion and seek ways to address this at CSSA and our own respective campuses regarding the state of our institutions, especially at predominantly white campuses, must we remember that our student's value and worth demand accountability.

Students on Local Radio:

<http://www.920kvec.com/davecongaltan/posts/air-date-april-27-2018-seg3-cal-poly-minority-students-and-a-local-attorney-react-to-the-recent-la-times-article-about-the-university.php>

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President's response to second Blackface incident

<https://vimeo.com/268041054/48640f88e3>

Forum: Our Collective Journey Begins: "Real" and "Raw," An Intimate Dialogue to Get Us on Track

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xx\\_kFtoX2cU&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xx_kFtoX2cU&feature=youtu.be)

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Student Demands:

<https://www.scribd.com/document/376279953/Cal-Poly-Students-Demands-the-Drylongso-Collective>

## BRIEF RECOMMENDATIONS

### ***Effective Resources for Sexual Assault and Violence Survivors:***

Ensure effective and inclusive response systems and awareness of comprehensive and coordinated services to survivors that is both timely and accessible. Expand the scope of what "resources" are currently offered at each CSU. Generate innovative and inclusive student & survivor-centered resources and expand knowledge on CA state laws and penal codes that protect survivors. Working towards encouraging AS/ASI's to provide a section on their website regarding CA State Laws and Penal Codes as well as the CSU system.

### ***Transition:***

As my position is approximating its end date, this June 30th, I am finalizing a handout for the incoming SJEC Chair to use as guidelines and recommendations that I will also present to you all. I entered this position with a lot of questions and uncertainties, but I look forward to providing the incoming officer sufficient resources, a clear and

modified database, analysis of campus issues and perspectives on CSU statewide campus climate, and modules to use as best they wish. I am also hopeful that the new board will consider elevating this position as an executive position, for this position should be part of every conversation held at the chancellor's office, the legislature, and other public higher education entities. Although, SJEC falls under the University Affairs Committee, I ask that you reassess the pros and cons of such, for it is condescending and counterintuitive to place the Social Justice and Equity Committee under University Affairs when the entire aspect of university affairs contradicts with what should be SJEC's ability to hold the operations of the Board of Trustees and CSU Chancellor's Office accountable through social justice and equity lens. It also important to note that Social Justice and equity permeates operations at the State Legislature, and other public higher education entities. One of the many issues I found during my term was the dismissal of issues that underrepresented and historically marginalized communities encounter and the lack of action and dialogue. CSSA cannot have high expectations without adequate support for the new SJEC officer. Especially because this year demonstrated how we are in dire need to start reassessing how CSSA has been doing the work over the course of the years as its CSSA makeup begins to change and exemplify a more diverse reflection of its student body. May we be careful of confusing and considering justice, equity, and diversity synonymous.

### ***CSU Budget Analysis:***

To better understand the components of the budget when the CSU allocates fund to our 23 CSU campuses, it would be helpful to analyze their budget, for it is not feasible to navigate and does not precisely have accessible language. It would be helpful to bring someone from the CSU chancellor's office to discuss how they construct their budget, what components and assumptions they make when allocating funds, and if each campus is treated equally when making allocations. If so, based on what factors, and how are the allocations distributed across all boards. A budget dissemination to our student leaders would be helpful to increase transparency and clarity.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Thank you for believing in my leadership and for the opportunity to be your Social Justice and Equity Officer. My term as one of the officers in CSSA was indeed full of complexities, doubts, trying times, joyful moments, successes, but nonetheless my faith in student advocacy never faded and I am grateful to have been able to share these experiences with you all. This year, although my lived experiences are daunting already, I understood what the weight of institutional and systemic racism meant in higher education; how it permeates every single aspect of student life and how its necessary to have student leadership that's committed to ALL students - not just selective. It's not enough to have one or two students at the table who constantly advocate for students through social justice lens, but it is necessary to show-up, every single time. I dealt with inherited systems, and as a student-at-large elected to this position, I felt like I was navigating systems alone, and being new to these spaces it was daunting and I found myself partaking in new conversations and needed dialogues. At the end of the day, my passion to serve students allowed me to do so without fear. I was able to influence state policy and create new pathways and intervention tools for CSSA. I pride myself in being able to bring deliverables to you all, and the students in the CSU.

I wholeheartedly thank the amazing SJEC members, who faced a lot of the impacts of not prioritizing social justice and equity, and whom were often times on the frontlines of holding folks accountable. I am thankful to Maggie White for the various check-ins as we both attempted to figure out best practices of communication and the support she always granted me and my never-ending visions and ideas. To Alana, I am thankful for the support, and the way you gracefully handled a very contentious year. I am thankful to our staff for working hard, often times under scarce and limited situations. To all of those I've mentioned, and to those who I may not have mentioned, I know your work often goes unnoticed and happens behind doors, but it is all in hopes that future

CSU students and CSSA leaders encounter a system better than we inherited and navigate. It has been the great honor of my life, to have been part of the CSSA's legacy and use CSSA as a pathway to ensure that historically marginalized, black and brown students in the CSU have a seat and say at the table, and that we are constantly creating a more accessible, inclusive, equitable, and supportive system for all students. May we use our awareness to stand up for ourselves and others. May we analyze the true extent of our awakenings. May we show up, not just superficially. May we challenge our privileges, and continue to ensure that we advocate for students unapologetically and lead with vision and purpose. Black, brown, indigenous, and marginalized students who have experienced oppression, are entering many conversations from a place of anger, betrayal, and hurt - rightfully so - by the recurring violence we face by our institutions. When we speak of social justice then by definition we will be having controversial conversations, or else it would have been resolved already. To the new board, I am hopeful and may you lead with passion and conviction.

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Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the items on my report. Thank you.

**Note:** If you are considering running for the CSSA SJEC officer position this 2018-2019 academic year, feel free to reach out to me!

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