

Fred Wood, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs (Time Certain: Thursday 1:00 p.m.)

EVC Wood talked with us about repopulation plans, the CO is trying to work on plans for repopulation with each campus. They plan to have vaccination centers on every campus (12 have them so far), with students being vaccinated beginning in early May. He is hoping that the majority of classes will be in person this Fall. Online opportunities within the CSU will continue depending on student and faculty preferences and technological tools. GI 2025 is a continuing priority, especially closing equity, access, and achievement gaps, the system is examining new modeling tools that allow greater prediction of future patterns and outcomes in the CSU in terms of graduation rates. The Ethnic Studies requirement implementation is also a priority, including making sure the core competencies are reflected in the curriculum. The BOT is having a one-day meeting on Tuesday 3/23, focusing on fairly routine annual reports. The BOT is proposing a biennial symposium on African American history and achievements, and an equity, diversity, and inclusion symposium is planned for 2022.

Joseph I. Castro – CSU Chancellor (Time Certain: Thursday 2:00 p.m.)

Chancellor Castro said good news from Sacramento regarding the budget (\$299 million cut from last year's budget is restored on a reoccurring basis, in addition to \$145 million to this year's budget). The Chancellor is going to ask for a \$1.2 billion commitment for deferred maintenance in the CSU. He is meeting with campus Presidents regularly regarding repopulation concerns, especially vaccination centers on campus. Castro expresses commitment to eliminating achievement and equity gaps, increasing funding for the CSU, and supporting faculty on each campus.

Alondra Esquivel Garcia – CSSA Liaison Report (Time Approximate: Friday 10:00 a.m.)

The CSSA passed resolutions asking the CSU to divest from fossil fuels; asking that *caste* be included in anti-discrimination policies in the CSU; and expanding food pantry access to CSU students to all CSU campuses. They empaneled a Task Force to examine University Police Departments. They are also seeking to affect policy change by encouraging flexible policies for students with dependents (similar to the classroom flexibility afforded to student athletes). They support various current legislative bills including those helping with student basic needs (affordable student housing, expanding Cal Fresh access, free menstrual products on campuses).

Charles Toombs - CFA Liaison Report (Time Approximate: Friday 10:30 a.m.)

Bargaining continues, focusing on workload, academic freedom, fairness in evaluation of faculty (including increasing focus on how biased student evaluations are), increasing security for Lecturers by creating 5-year contracts, greater opportunities for Lecturers to move to the tenure-track, improving the counselor-student ratio by hiring more full-time counselors, greater flexibility

for Library faculty, and a new article in the Contract on “cultural taxation” to protect faculty from historically marginalized groups.

Other information

The CSU will not be using the SAT or ACT for Fall 2022 admissions criteria. The CSU still focuses on high school GPA, which can be very problematic and too heavily influenced by performance in a few key courses.

ASCSU Resolutions

Endorsement and Adoption of General Education B4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning Course Guidelines and Principles, AS-3457-21/APEP (Rev), PASSED

Call for a Moratorium on Facial Recognition Technology in the CSU, AS-3469-21/FA (Rev), PASSED

In Memoriam: Deborah Hennessey, CSU Director, 1981 – 2003, Academic Senate AS-3472-21/EX, PASSED

Faculty Emeritus/emerita Status, Revocation and Appeal, AS-3456-21/FA, PASSED

2021 Legislative Advocacy Positions of the Academic Senate of the CSU (ASCSU), AS-3476-21/FGA, PASSED

An Executive Summary and a link to the final versions of these resolutions can be found at https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/faculty-staff/academic-senate/resolutionsummaries/January_2021_Resolution_Summary.pdf