



CAL STATE STUDENT  
— ASSOCIATION —

## **February Plenary mini Recap/Updates**

## **For Review: What is CSSA?**

The Cal State Student Association (CSSA) is a student-led organization that strives to improve the lives of California State University (CSU) students by advocating for student needs and engaging students in systemwide, state, and federal higher education policymaking.

The California State Student Association, also known as the Cal State Student Association, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit student organization founded by CSU student body presidents in 1959. CSSA is led by, funded by, and represents the over 482,000 students of the CSU.

## **For Review: What is CSSA?**

All California State University (CSU) students are represented by the Cal State Student Association (CSSA) on issues related to higher education policy making and on issues that affect students at a systemwide level.

CSSA's governing members are representatives from the 23 campus Associated Students (Inc.) organizations. CSSA relies on campus ASI's to appoint their campus representatives.

# What are **Plenaries**?

CSSA plenaries are meetings of the board of directors and committees. Plenary meetings are open to the public in accordance with Gloria Romero Open Meetings Act of 2000.

Meetings take place monthly (with the exception December and June) at a location decided by the governing board each July. **This year CSSA meets hybrid, one month virtually, the next in person.**

# **Feburary Plenary Recap**

# **Executive Committee**

## **STUDENT ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

President Malhotra presented information regarding the 2022/2023 Student advocate award + nomination process

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION:**

President Malhotra presented information regarding the 2022/2023 fiscal year performance evaluation timeline for the Executive Director.

(basically executive board of CSSA is currently undergoing an evaluation process of each of their members, presidents fill out survey and/or feedback for their evaluations).

# Internal affairs Committee

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** The committee considered amendments to the Attendance Policy to the Board, update on language used and purpose as guideline/code of conduct made instead

## **RESOLUTION AND DISSENTING OPINION POLICY:**

The committee considered recommending the dissolution of the Resolution and Dissenting Opinion policy to the Board. Since CSSA only meets around 8-10 times a year timespan to create single resolution can take up a lot of time and no resolution has been made in last three years.

# **Internal affairs Committee**

## **INFORMATION: ELECTIONS POLICY:**

Chair Gupta provided information on the Elections Policy + Elections are commencing for executive board of CSSA 2023-2024.



# Legislative affairs Committee

## AB 35 - SB 25:

### **ASSEMBLY BILL 35 AND SENATE BILL 25: PERSONAL INCOME TAX LAW: EXCLUSION: STUDENT LOAN DEBT**

AB 35 (Ting) and SB 25 (Skinner) are introduced to prevent student loan borrowers in California from being taxed on amounts canceled by federal student loan debt cancellation programs.

## AB 274:

### **ASSEMBLY BILL 274: CALFRESH ELIGIBILITY: INCOME ELIGIBILITY**

excludes any grant, award, scholarship, loan, or fellowship benefit provided to any family member for educational purposes from consideration as income for purposes of determining program eligibility or grant amounts.

# Legislative affairs Committee

## AB 311 & SB 245 :

### **CalFresh & California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) Eligibility**

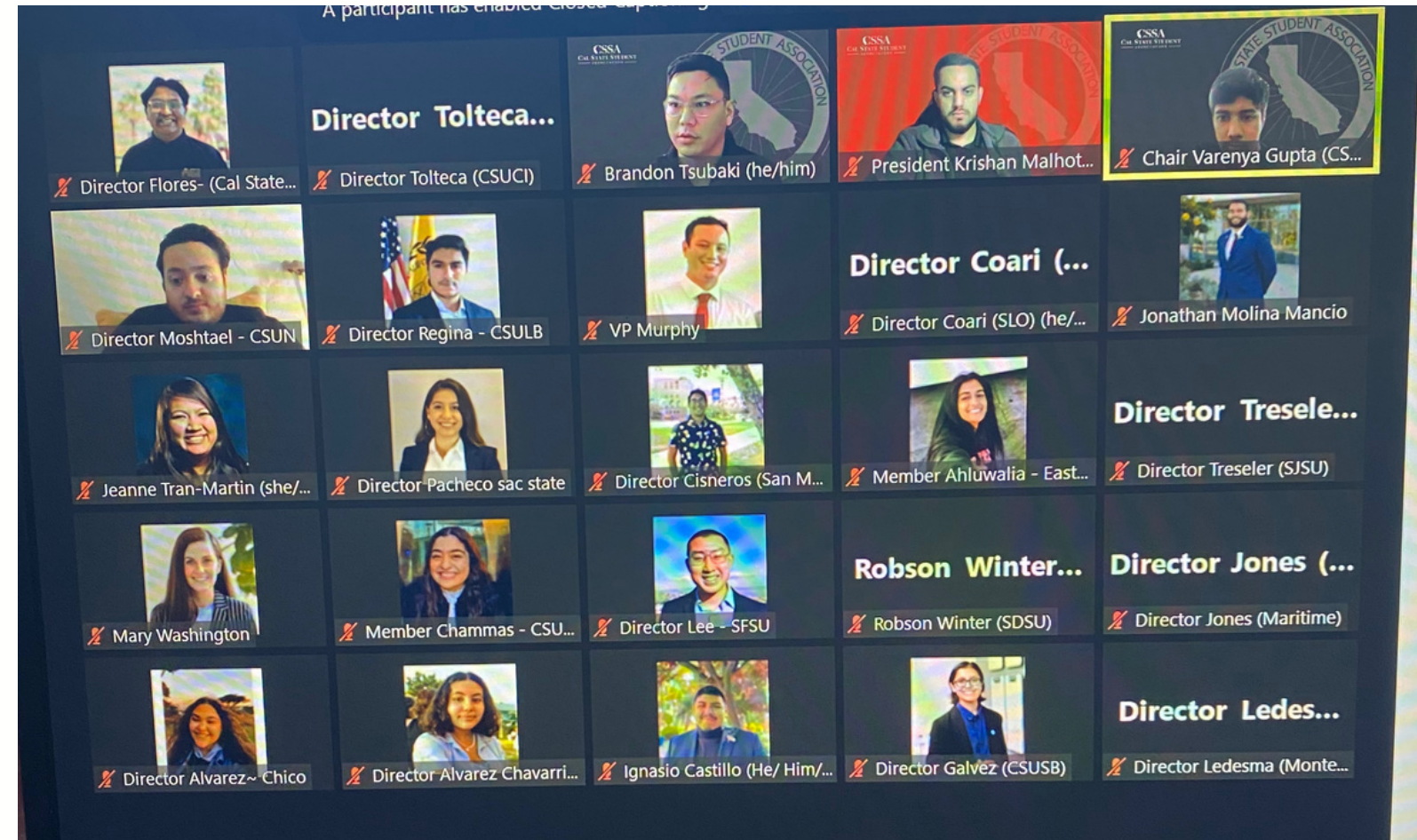
Existing law requires the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to assist qualified non U.S. citizens if their immigration status makes them ineligible for CalFresh benefits. Existing law also states such CFAP benefits are applicable to qualified individuals 55 years of age or older.

AB 311 and SB 245 are identical bills that remove the age cap of 55 years of age, expanding CFAP eligibility.

# Legislative affairs Committee

**CHESS:** were provided with resources in reaching to our representatives, have been partnered with CSUN. This will be our first CHESS Conference in person so everyone is really excited!

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**Thank you for your time!**

