



## MEMORANDUM

TO: ASI Board of Directors

DATE: February 15, 2023

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Chair, ASI External Affairs Committee

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**SUBJECT: Endorsement #23-01: 2023 California State Student Association (CSSA) Policy Agenda**

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**Purpose of the proposed Endorsement:** The purpose of this endorsement is to show the 2023 Cal State Student Association (CSSA) Policy Agenda.

### **Background:**

The 2023 Cal State Student Association (CSSA) Policy Agenda outlines four (4) broad priorities aimed at addressing the most salient issues of the California State University (CSU) system. The first of these is “Address[ing] the Total Cost of Attendance for CSU Students” with the subgoals of ensuring the CSU system is accessible and affordable while providing high quality services for students.<sup>1</sup>

This priority is furthered with the following priorities which include access to health and wellbeing services, a holistic education experience for all students, and ensuring students are treated as valuable stakeholders. The intent of this document is to provide the outlined policy priorities for the relevant stakeholders throughout the CSU and to further the mission of CSSA. CSSA’s mission is outlined as “student-led organization [which] strives to improve the lives of... students by advocating for student needs and engaging students in systemwide, state, and federal higher education policymaking”.<sup>1,2</sup>

This policy agenda was approved by the CSSA Board of Directors on October 8, 2022, and was polished and posted by CSSA staff following its approval. Approving a policy agenda is an annual process which CSSA undergoes so it may conduct effective and steadfast advocacy for students across the CSU. A policy agenda has been crafted and approved by the CSSA Board of Directors

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<sup>1</sup> 2023 CSSA Policy Agenda: <https://calstatestudents.org/cssa-2021-2022-policy-agenda/>

<sup>2</sup> CSSA About Page: <https://calstatestudents.org/about/organization/#whoweserve>

several times and is typically approved before the state of the California state legislative process in January.<sup>3</sup>

The guiding principles in this document will serve as focal points for the advocacy CSSA and its constituent campuses will conduct for the remainder of this academic year.

**Requested Action:**

It is requested that the ASI Board of Directors endorse the 2023 Cal State Student Association (CSSA) Policy Agenda and once endorsed it is sent to Jeffrey D. Armstrong, University President, Justin Wellner, Director of Government Relations, and Krishan Malhotra, President, Cal State Student Association (CSSA).

**Attachment**

<https://calstatestudents.org/cssa-2021-2022-policy-agenda/>

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<sup>3</sup> Policy Agenda Archive: <https://calstatestudents.org/category/policy-agenda/>