

ASI Report to Academic Senate
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Events coming up:

- COAS festival: Next Tuesday Uhour

CHESS was this weekend, Scott (incoming VP of External Affairs) and Weston (incoming VP of Operations) had a great time. There was a total 200 student in Sacramento learning to lobby. Weston and Scott visited Wyland's office, Jeffries' office, Fletcher's office, and Garrick's office.

ASI is also doing a letter writing campaign for the rest of the semester, and is trying to get as many students to sign. The same letter will be sent to Chancellor Reed, the Board of Trustees, Senator Feinstein, Senator Boxer, Governor Brown, Congressman Hunter, Congressman Issa, Congressman Bilbray, Senator Wyland, Assemblywoman Harkey, Assemblyman Garrick, Assemblyman Fletcher, and Assemblyman Jeffries. Please send the following to your students.

Hello CSUSMers,

My name is Amanda Riley, I am the VP of External Affairs for ASI. ASI is doing a letter writing campaign to Chancellor Reed, the Board of Trustees, Senator Feinstein, Senator Boxer, Governor Brown, Congressman Hunter, Congressman Issa, Congressman Bilbray, Senator Wyland, Assemblywoman Harkey, Assemblyman Garrick, Assemblyman Fletcher, and Assemblyman Jeffries. The message in all of the letters is to remind them of the value of the CSU system, and that we ask them to not cut the budget for education. The final thing the letter ask is that tuition stop increasing.

Our tuition will increase in the fall, its guaranteed to increase by 10% and it could be more if the budget gets cut again. Governor Brown has already cut \$500 million from the CSU, and another \$500 million could be cut if the taxes does not get an extension. This increase can and will affect many graduates in fields like health professions (92% as of 2007/2008), nursing (64% as of 2007/2008), criminal justice/law enforcement correction (94% as of 2007/2008), teaching (55% as of 2007/2008), agriculture (53% as of 2007/2008), and business/professional services (65% as of 2007/2008). On top of that in 2007/2008 the CSU system graduated 90,000 in to state work.

We make a difference to this state so it's time to send a message that they need to stop or the state will suffer because the CSU will not be sending as many graduates in to state work and in other areas that are needed.

So PLEASE register to vote, ASI has voter registration cards and will turn them in for you. If you need to register come to COM 203 near the dome, and if you're interested in signing the letter COM 203 will have it available for you to sign.

Best Wishes,

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