

Policy Agenda Development

2018-2019 Campus Input

OVERVIEW

The Cal State Student Association develops a policy agenda each year, which guides the executive committee, board of directors, and staff in their work. Additionally, it communicates the current year board's priorities to external stakeholders.

The policy agenda consists of three to five data-driven strategic goals/priorities for pursuing systemwide, state, and federal policy issue areas. In hopes to develop a comprehensive policy agenda, each campus' voting board member will provide the executive committee with a list of potential strategic goals/priorities.

INSTRUCTIONS

This form is meant to support the Cal State Student Association in developing the 2018-2019 policy agenda. Each campus' voting delegate will utilize this form to provide the executive committee with ideas and research around various potential policy agenda strategic areas and priorities.

1. Develop a list of potential strategic areas/priorities that could potentially be utilized in CSSA's policy agenda
2. Begin research on the strategic areas/priorities to determine which areas will be submitted as your campus' three to five strategic areas/priorities
3. Complete the following template to include the three to five strategic areas/priorities

Strategic Area/Priority Example:

Ensure that the basic needs of our students do not inhibit their ability to succeed.

SUPPORTING DATA

These are objective data that support why this strategic area/priority is relevant to CSSA and CSU students

- Homeless in college students continues to rise nationally

Resource: [College Students Experiencing Homelessness: The Consequences of failed Macro Policies](#)

- Students who reported food insecurity were more likely to rate their overall health status lower than those who were food secure

Resource: [Student Food Insecurity: The Skeleton in the University Closet](#)

- An estimated 8.7% of CSU students are housing insecure

Resource: [Serving Displaced and Food Insecure Students in the CSU](#)

- An estimated 21% of CSU students are food insecure

Resource: [Serving Displaced and Food Insecure Students in the CSU](#)

Strategic Area/Priority #1:

Underrepresented minorities must be provided with additional resources to fill equity gaps between races and ethnicities.

SUPPORTING DATA

Sample language

- Sample language

Resource: Sample language

Over 240,000 students are DACA recipients that need additional resources and support to qualify for the same resources easily accessible to white students

Resource: [How Trump's DACA decision affects colleges and students](#)

Undocumented students can contribute to future economic stability if provided opportunities to receive higher education

Resource: [The case for undocumented students in higher education](#)

The number of undocumented students in California applying for financial aid for colleges has dropped 20% because of immigration fear and termination of the DACA program

Resource: [Far fewer undocumented students are applying for financial aid](#)

Resource: [SB 54](#)

Increasingly ethnically diverse student bodies lack enough role models for success because most staff and faculty are predominantly white

Resource: [Whites dominate california college faculties while students are more diverse, study shows](#)

Strategic Area/Priority #2:

Food and housing must be met to sustain good health through students' college career.

SUPPORTING DATA

Sample language

- Sample language

Resource: Sample language

- Food stamps being accepted on campus
- Fresh produce accessibility
- nearly 1,300 students, faculty and staff that estimated about one in four students experienced a shortage of nutritious food:

Resource: [1 in 10 Cal State Students is Homeless](#)

- As of 2017, 13% of LA County residents unable to find fruits and vegetables in neighborhood and 20% of low-income LA County residents unable to find fruits and vegetables in neighborhood:

Resource: [Los Angeles Food Policy Council](#)

- Cal State LA food insecure population: Cal State LA is bordered by four low-income, predominantly Latino communities: El Sereno, East Los Angeles, Lincoln Heights and Boyle Heights – represent 86% of the Cal State LA student population coming from Los Angeles County • LA County: Food insecurity 32% of households

Resource: [Cal State LA Coordinated Care Network for Food and Housing Security Efforts](#)

Resource: [Cal State University students struggling with lack of housing, food](#)

Resource: [Is CSULA a “Food Desert?”](#)

Resource: [Nearly 1 in 4 cal state students are going hungry, new report says](#)

Strategic Area/Priority #3:

Up to date infrastructure assures student safety for all students and including ADA compliance to provide for a more safe learning environment.

SUPPORTING DATA

Sample language

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Resource: Sample language

Cal State LA is currently only renovating one building out of the 7 outdated buildings we hold on campus:

Resource: [Faculty Renovations](#)

Our buildings cannot support a growing student population as a result - Cal State LA announces freeze on undergrad enrollment in January 2018

Resource: [Cal State LA announces freeze on undergrad enrollment in January 2018](#)

Resource: [ACA 21](#)

Strategic Area/Priority #4:

Public safety and security should make students feel protected and safe when on campus grounds.

SUPPORTING DATA

Sample language

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Resource: Sample language

Undocumented students fear campus police and their safety when wanting to express their first amendment. This restrains the amplification of student voices, concerns, and opinions. Sanctuary campus legislation can relieve the fear of being detained and deported.

Resource: [SB54](#)

Strategic Area/Priority #5:

SAMPLE LANGUAGE

SUPPORTING DATA

Sample language

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Resource: Sample language