



Summer State of Affairs Report 2023

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ASI met during the summer to onboard the newly elected and appointed members, where we held various meetings, trainings, workshops, and team bonding activities. Most were online via Zoom, but we did meet in person occasionally and held our summer retreat at Cal Poly Pomona. The intention of this summer state of affairs report is to provide myself, the ASI President, and the full-time staff with feedback from student leaders on the organization and structure of these summer meetings/retreat as well as their individual goals, comments, questions, and concerns they have as we start the fall semester. As the ASI President, I have read each report submitted to the Chief of Staff and have compiled the collective responses shared by all student leaders. There were three questions asked. The first question asked was.

Reflecting on the training and meetings attended this summer, how well have they prepared you for your transition into the academic year? What aspects would you have liked to be incorporated or covered more thoroughly?

Student leaders found the meetings, trainings, and workshops beneficial in preparation for the academic year. Still, they would have liked to have the rest of the ASI members, including senators and student staff, participate in the bonding and learning activities. Setting a foundation with an understanding of ASI as an organization and the collective role/mission was informative for members to understand the importance of these student leadership positions. Individuals better understand their specific roles, duties, and responsibilities; however, most still need guidance and support to steer them in the right direction where they fulfill their position description duties while having the freedom to branch off to other areas of student advocacy. One of the learning outcomes members appreciated the most was the discussions around the business aspect of ASI and the creative leadership/freedom they have to aid in their program planning. Additionally, student leaders would like to spend more time on workshops focusing on parliamentary procedures, programming details/brainstorming to have successful events, utilizing Outlook/SharePoint, and committee-specific orientations.

The second question asked from the discussions made this summer list four SMART goals you plan on achieving this year. They may include your proposed plans, programs, projects, and activities for the upcoming semester. How do your goals align with the purpose and objective of ASI?

It was great that all the members wrote about the individual goals they hope to achieve as student leaders that would strengthen their leadership skills. But also goals for their respective roles with the intention and purpose of serving students through programs that cater to their needs, whether informative, de-stressors, cultural representation, socially engaging, community-centered focused, etc.

The last question asked, as we move into the academic year, what major issues and problems do you foresee ASI or the campus facing, and what are alternative action plans?

The collective concerns student leaders had were...



- Getting more students civically engaged
- The Chancellors' tuition proposal
 - **Action Plan:** Informing students about the proposal and providing all details on the language and statistics so students can be informed. Which we have been doing.
- Incoming president and administration transitions
 - Restoring trust in the university president, which the student body has made clear, has been lacking for years.
 - **Action plan:** Establish more engagement and transparency between both bodies.
- Accessibility for more online classes for students
 - **Action Plan:** Work with the academic senate to stay informed on possibilities and updates.
- Parking fees
 - Work with the Administration and parking and transportation to get their input and perspective on the reasonings for the set parking prices. And see possibilities of finding alternatives.
- Increasing student engagement on campus
 - Working with CCC, CSI, and student organizations/clubs to work more collectively to host more programs that would be interactive, trending, and cater to students' needs to encourage them to stay on campus.
- Graduation
 - Gathering student feedback and having the ASI President work with the University administration on alternatives/options that meet the student's needs/wants.
- ASI Internal Finances/Budget
 - As financial struggles arise, the executive team should work on reviewing the budget to ensure we meet our internal needs without raising our fee.