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SUBJECT: ASCSU Report, March 2019 Plenary

The ASCSU at its March 2019 Plenary:

- Discussed the following issues:
 - Impact of impaction, in general and at Cal State LA in particular, on demographics, capacity, access, and GI calculations
 - Considerable and contentious discussion of the GE Task Force report
 - LAO scoring of the 2019-2020 CSU budget items
 - Enrollment issues discussed within this context
 - CO on record not supporting a 24th campus at this time as a solution to enrollment issues
 - Implementation of EO 1110
 - Hate crimes on campuses across the CSU and racism as a barrier to student success
 - ERFSA pending vote of no confidence in the CalPERS Board of Directors
 - Expansion of the Basic Needs Initiative across the CSU
 - Request to add language about Basic Needs Initiative resources on campus to course syllabi
 - Website accessibility – including materials stored in the LMS (for us: Canvas)
 - ADA violations have led to several investigations
 - Each campus needs concrete plans concerning website accessibility, instructional materials accessibility, and procurement of technology accessibility
 - GI 2025 progress to date
 - EO 1110 comparison: Fall 2017 to Fall 2018
 - Noted that this currently amounts to comparing apples and mangoes with a limited sample
- Passed resolutions to:
 - Request action on the infringement of faculty intellectual property on websites such as CourseHero
 - Increase resources and support for immigrant students, staff, and faculty
 - Support, oppose, and watch key legislation impacting the CSU in the upcoming legislative cycle
 - Support for the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (ODT) in the CSU
 - Dominguez Hills and San Jose will move forward
 - Request flexibility in the implementation of Early Start
 - Requesting a 2 year moratorium on the implementation deadline
 - Support the Higher Ed Facilities Bond Act

- General Education Task Force report – discussion
 - The report has not been accepted as complete by the ASCSU
 - Debate about whether to accept the report
 - Faculty Board of Trustee member stated that the BoT will not begin discussing the report until next year, after faculty have had a chance to weigh in
 - Key areas of discussion:
 - How much campus autonomy such a framework would allow
 - Double-counting upper-level GE requirements in the major
 - Impact on several areas in the curriculum (such as American Institutions)
 - The role of breadth requirements in a liberal arts education
 - The GE Task Force is now dissolved; next steps to be further discussed at May plenary

I apologize for the lack of links – the ASCSU [has a new website](#), and as the March materials become available I will send an amended report.