

ASCSU report to Cal Poly Pomona Academic Senate

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The ASCSU met 6-8 September, in hybrid format. Senator Urey serves on the body's Executive Committee, and ASCSU Senator Maya Stovall serves on the Fiscal & Governmental Affairs Committee.

The ASCSU engaged in a great deal of discussion, and the body passed three resolutions.

1. ASCSU Senators have concerns about what is to follow the implementation of AB 928, the "single lower division GE pathway" legislation. AB 928's changes to GE for transfer students are a done deal. However, AB 928 did not address CSU GE Breadth, and faculty are concerned about the intentions of the Chancellor's Office towards existing GE programs as implemented on the 23 campuses. The body passed Resolution [3639](#), after approving an urgency-based first reading waver.
2. The ASCSU expressed concerns about Chancellor Koestler communicating directly with faculty and staff about bargaining. See Resolution [3638](#).
3. In its September board meeting, the Board of Trustees acted to adopt a multi-year tuition increase program. Tuition will rise 5% annually for five years. During its meeting the week before, the ASCSU supported the notion of a tuition policy, but asked that the BOT delay its vote to provide more evidence of what would be impacts on enrollment and diversity. The ASCSU also requested that future votes on tuition increases not have their first reading in the May or summer meetings of the BOT, when neither students nor faculty are around. See Resolution [3641](#).
4. The ASCSU had a 2 hour conversation about Title IX and related matters with Leora Freedman, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources. Many Senators expressed concern with how the implementation teams are being set up to address findings and recommendations from the system-wide and campus reports from Cozen O'Connor. Other concerns included ongoing incidents, communication of Title IX matters to campus constituencies and more. VC Freedman also spoke about the legislative audit of CSU Title IX policies and practices.