



Syron/Sullivan Administration 2018-2019

Week ending February 15, 2019

Executive Summary

A Message from the President

As the elections are approaching I feel like my administration is getting pushed out. However, we still have a lot of time in office, and we continue to push towards success with our platforms. With U+2 the pressure is easing. We have been in conversation with a strategist for potential of hiring. We cannot “advocate,” so the goal is to “educate.” We plan on creating a local campaign to educate the community about the adverse effects of U+2. As we near elections I will continue to increase pressure on this platform. We have met with many members of city council to discuss policies and the student view of issues.

The test bank is being re-vitalized. The word “test” followed by “bank” seems to make faculty cringe. So, we are renaming it “notes bank.” The fundamental idea is everyone will miss a class, or be there, but mentally elsewhere. Why not have access to your peers notes to catch up and review. Additionally, a test bank would not apply to upper level classes anyway, so this is more advantageous. The increased website traffic to ASCSU is helpful as well.

Elections material is almost done—hopefully it is a contested election. I have been informed by the Chief of Staff that I cannot cancel elections by declaring a “state of emergency,” so it looks like they will occur this year despite my protest. The pocket pantries have become a priority on my list. We need to create a sustainable plan to ensure they are always full. We cannot continue the process we have now of waiting till they are empty, then filling. The goal is to have a better system implemented by the time we leave office.

The Police Bias Prevention Training I attended was amazing. I received some good insights we can bring to ASCSU. As I begin to think about leaving, I think the culture of the organization has gotten better but could still use some significant improvement.

Finally, the Jared Polis visit reminded me of the significance and importance of student government. I am always reminded of how honored it is to sit where I sit.

I look forward to a productive week as we continue to fight the constant war for student success and experience

Go Rams,
Tristan

ACTIONS ACCOMPLISHED

Summary of Actions	Who was involved in ASCSU?	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Jared Polis Visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCSU Organization • Chief of Staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Monday the 11th, we received notice that Governor Polis would be coming to the campus and wanted to speak with us on Friday the 15th. • We organized an event and reception to allow him to speak with our members. • It was an incredible honor for him to reach out to our organization.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test/Notes Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Academics • Office of the President 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are working to reinvent the existing ASCSU Test Bank to bring it online and update it with recent tests. • It has become clear that a significant portion of the faculty are opposed to any movement of tests online, or indeed students being able to access them before the exam day at all. • We have begun investigating having a “notes” bank instead, allowing students to access notes from previous students in the course. • Need to schedule a meeting with Rick Miranda or Kelly Long to get approval ASAP.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential Funding for Student Internships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Academics • Office of the President 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are investigating the idea of having funds for students who must work unpaid internships, so they can afford to do so. • We are talking with SFRB, CSU Legal Counsel, and the Career Center as to how such a project might work and what the requirements would be.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the obvious restrictions and potential issues with this project we are treading very carefully, however, we feel that this could be extraordinarily helpful for students.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newton Statue “Giants” Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Traditions and Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been looking into a project that would add statues to the area at the intersection of Pitkin and Central. • The idea is to have a set of statues of famous “firsts” from CSU’s history, tying into the quote from Isaac Newton on the current monument: “If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants.” • We have been talking to the Physical Development Committee and other university stakeholders on how to proceed on this.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election Preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCSU Supreme Court • Office of the President • Department of Marketing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASCSU’s General Election happens the three weeks following spring break, this year starting March 25th and ending April 10th. • We have finally hired our Elections Manager, who will be starting on recruiting people as candidates and members of the Elections Committee. • We have already reserved the space in the Collegian and LSC boards. We will have designs for the marketing out in the next few weeks.

CHALLENGES/SETBACKS/LESSONS LEARNED THIS WEEK

- Lesson: We have no control on people outside of our organization
- Challenge: Most of the things we want to do are dependent on getting the university to listen to us

HOW THIS ADMINISTRATION WORKED TO PROMOTE THE CSU PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY?

- Inclusion: Trying to create community among our members and students
- Social Justice: Try to seek further recognition for underrepresented students at the university
- Integrity: Ensuring that our elections are as fair and unbiased as possible

ACTION ITEMS AND GOALS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

- Continue to seek support regarding the Test/Notes Bank
- Meet with Legal Counsel regarding internships
- Continue speaking with the university about the “Giants” project
- Prepare for the elections
- Hire Deputy Director of International Affairs