GOVERNOR BROWN APPOINTS DEVON GRAVES FOR CSAC

POMONA, Calif. — January 24, 2014 — Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. announced the appointment of Devon Graves to serve as a commissioner on the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), yesterday. Only two students sit on the CSAC. Graves will be the representative for all California State Universities (CSU) in efforts to achieve the mission of the CSAC: “Make education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians.”

Graves is currently the chair of the California State Student Association (CSSA) and while his new role with CSAC as Commissioner is effective immediately, Graves will still finish the remainder of his term with CSSA. Prior to CSSA, Graves was attorney general from 2012-2013 for Associated Students Incorporated (ASI), Cal Poly Pomona. As ASI attorney general, a portion of Graves’ responsibilities included serving as a member of the Committee on Rules and Policies, as chair, and co-chair of the Lobby Corps Board.

"I am grateful for this opportunity! I thank Governor Brown for appointing me to the California Student Aid Commission. I am excited to get started in my new role and I look forward to serving the students of California and advocating for the access and affordability of higher education," Graves said.

The CSAC was created by the Legislature in 1955 and has operated as the principal state agency responsible for administering financial aid programs for students attending public and private universities, colleges and vocational schools in California. The Commission is comprised of 15 appointed members, 11 in which are appointed by the Governor and represent students, segments of the State’s higher education community and the general public.
“Devon is to be commended for bringing honor and pride to ASI and Cal Poly Pomona,” ASI Executive Director Cora Culla said.

ASI is a non-profit corporation that provides facilities, programs and services to students as well as student representation at the campus level and the California State University system-wide level. ASI is comprised of student leaders, student staff and professional staff. A majority of ASI programs and services are run by students and guided by full-time staff, fulfilling the motto of “students serving students.”

For more information about ASI, visit asi.csupomona.edu.

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