

**AGENDA**

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 8, 1999**  
**Glenn S. Dumke Conference Center**

Joan Otomo-Corgel, Chair  
Martha C. Fallgatter, Vice Chair  
William D. Campbell  
Bob Foster  
Eric C. Mitchell  
Dee Dee Myers  
Ralph R. Pesqueira  
Michael D. Stennis

**Consent Item**

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of May 12, 1999

**Discussion Item**

1. 1999-2000 Legislative Report No. 4, *Action*

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**Trustees of The California State University  
Office of the Chancellor  
Glenn S. Dumke Conference Center  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, California**

**May 12, 1999**

**Members Present**

Joan Otomo-Corgel, Chair  
Martha C. Fallgatter, Vice Chair  
Bob Foster  
Harold Goldwhite  
Laurence K. Gould, Jr.  
William Hauck, Chairman of the Board, ex officio  
Eric C. Mitchell  
Ralph R. Pesqueira  
Frederick W. Pierce IV  
Ali C. Razi  
Charles B. Reed, Chancellor, ex officio  
Michael D. Stennis

**Other Trustees Present**

William D. Campbell  
Dee Dee Myers  
Anthony M. Vitti

**Chancellor's Office Staff**

David S. Spence, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer  
Richard P. West, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer  
Christine Helwick, General Counsel  
Douglas X. Patiño, Vice Chancellor, University Advancement  
Karen L. Yelverton, Senior Director, Governmental Affairs

**Presidential Liaisons**

Robert A. Corrigan, President, San Francisco State University, present  
Donald R. Gerth, President, California State University, Sacramento, present  
James M. Rosser, President, California State University, Los Angeles, present

Chair Otomo-Corgel called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of March 17, 1999, were approved.

### **1999/00 Legislative Report No. 3**

Chair Otomo-Corgel requested Ms. Karen L. Yelverton, senior director, governmental affairs, to present the item.

Ms. Yelverton referred to the legislative status report provided in the agenda item which reflects the current status of trustee sponsored legislation. Of note were three updates:

**AB 902 (Torlakson)** is the capital outlay bill that provides additional improvement for streamlining the capital outlay process. The bill was approved and will move on to the Assembly floor and then to the second house.

**AB 968 (Ducheny)**, which would provide funding for CSU applied biotechnology research, was approved by the Assembly Higher Education Committee, and placed on consent.

**AB 1323 (Cardoza)** would have set a minimum contribution relating to the implementation of an optional retirement program for newly hired faculty. Ms. Yelverton reported the bill has been withdrawn for the current year, based on the advice of the committee chairman and with a recommendation for CSU to work closely with PERS to sort out some of the specific implementation details so that the system may revisit this issue next year.

Trustee Pierce asked if Ms. Yelverton felt that the bill would in fact be revisited next year or whether its withdrawal could be perceived as an attempt to defer the entire issue. Ms. Yelverton replied that from CSU's perspective, this is a sponsored agenda item for the board. She noted that the objections were primarily from faculty representatives and other CSU constituents who were unclear about the need for such a proposal, and that it was also a judgment call, given the other important matters under consideration, to defer until next year.

Trustee Pierce commented that it seems that the portability of our pension is one of the constraints impacting our ability to recruit faculty. He stressed that if we wish to recruit the best and the brightest faculty for the CSU of the future, this is a critical area to be addressed by the CSU.

Chair Otomo-Corgel asked how passage of legislation in the special legislative session on education would impact CSU.

Ms. Yelverton outlined the areas of particular impact to CSU. She noted four bills that were enacted dealing with K-12 school reform, two of which have the most direct impact on the CSU:

**AB 2X (Mazzoni)** implements several new initiatives in the area of teacher education and includes CSU as a full partner in developing the new partnership programs that were proposed with the University of California. The bill involves continued expansion for quality and quantity of teachers for K-12 schools and, due to its urgency status, will be implemented immediately.

**SB 2X (O'Connell)** contains the high school exit exam. This bill has a direct impact on CSU in that it strives to ensure that students are prepared for collegiate work. Ms. Yelverton stated that once the exit exam is in place and has proven it meets the standards of what we expect of our students, it is possible that CSU could then move away from the current ELM and EPT exams. The CSU has indicated a willingness to assist in the long-term process for development of the exam.

Turning to the priority bill status report, Ms. Yelverton commented on two bills:

*AB 360 (Davis)*, which was amended to encompass our early testing proposal which would allow us to expand two current voluntary diagnostic exams (in math and English) and make them available to students, parents, and teachers as early as the ninth grade for students. This process could serve to assist students in preparing for the new high school exit exam and give them the opportunity to focus on areas where improvement may be needed.

*AB 213 (Romero)*, which is a collaborative effort with the California State Student Association to assist in the preparation and training of future student trustees. Modeled on the UC policy, the proposal provides for two trustee representatives, with staggered terms, who will have one vote. The first year of the term provides the opportunity for the student to serve on the board as an active participant; asking questions and participating in the dialog. The second year of their term, they then become the voting member. Ms. Yelverton concluded by saying that CSU is proud to support this bill and that we are working with Assembly Member Gloria Romero to ensure its success.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

**BRIEF**

**Action Item**

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**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**1999-2000 Legislative Report No. 4**

**Presentation By**

Karen L. Yelverton, Senior Director  
Governmental Affairs

**Summary**

This item contains a status report on the Trustees' Legislative Program for 1999 and priority legislation introduced in 1999.

**Recommended Action**

Adoption of the resolution.

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**1999-2000 Legislative Report No. 4**

**Date: 6/10/99**

1. 1999-2000 Legislative Program Status Report

BILL	Author-Subject	Introduced	1st Policy Committee	1st Fiscal Committee	Floor Action	2nd Policy Committee	2nd Fiscal Committee	Floor Action	Comments
AB 108	(Mazzoni) Statewide Subject Matter Projects	X	X	X	X				Set for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on June 16.
AB 252	(Scott) Financial Aid: Year-Round Attendance	X	X	X	X				Approved by the Assembly; pending in the Senate. Funding before budget conference committee.
AB 632	(Romero, Lowenthal) Graduate Student Fee Calculation	X	X	X	X				Approved by the Assembly; pending in the Senate.
AB 902	(Torlakson) Capital Outlay Issues: Budget Transfer Authority; Health Center Limits	X	X	X	X				Approved by the Assembly; pending in the Senate.
AB 968	(Ducheny) CSU Biotechnology Program	X	X	X	X				Set for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on June 16. The budget conference committee has approved \$2 million to support the program.
AB 1279	(Scott) Joint Doctoral Degree Study	X	X	X	X				Approved by the Assembly; funding request is part of the budget conference committee deliberations.
AB 1323	(Cardoza) Optional Retirement Program	X							Bill withdrawn by CSU.
	CSU Auxiliary Organizations: Donor Confidentiality								To be pursued in omnibus legislation.
	Student Fee Revenue Protection								Authority to be sought through the budget process.

**Policy**— That committee which evaluates policy implications of bills (e.g., Education, Judiciary, Retirement, etc.).

X— Indicates Action Taken

H— Indicates Held in Committee

**Status of Priority Legislation (as of June 10, 1999)**

*Special Session Legislation*

**AB 1X (Villaraigosa) Mentor Peer Review and Assistance Program for Teachers**

This bill redesigns the California Mentor Teacher Program to establish the Teacher Peer Assistance and Review Program.

**Status:** Signed into law by Governor Gray Davis.

**AB 2X (Mazzoni) Pupil Reading and Reading Staff Development Programs**

AB 2X establishes a comprehensive statewide reading proposal which includes the development and implementation of the Elementary School Intensive Reading Program, Governor's Reading Award Program and Public Involvement Reading Campaign.

**Status:** Signed into law by Governor Gray Davis.

**SB 1X (Alpert) Education Accountability**

This bill establishes the Public School Performance and Accountability Program that would consist of a state Academic Performance Index, an Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program, and a Governor's High Achieving/Improving Schools Program.

**Status:** Signed into law by Governor Gray Davis.

**SB 2X (O'Connell) High School Exit Examination**

This bill requires (a) the State Department of Education to develop a high school exit examination, (b) the State Board of Education to adopt an exit exam by July 2000 aligned with performance standards, and (c) 10<sup>th</sup> grade students beginning with the 2004 school year to pass the exam in order to receive a diploma.

**Status:** Signed into law by Governor Gray Davis.

*Regular Session Legislation*

**AB 6 (Calderon) California Teacher Academy Program**

This bill would have created the California Teacher Academy Program, to permit school districts to apply for funds in collaboration with IHE's to develop programs that provide exposure to coursework and experience relevant to the teaching profession.

**Status:** Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee; dead for the year.

**AB 14 (Ducheny) Higher Education Partnership Act of 2000**

Similar to AB 1415 (1997) and AB 1966 (1998) by then-Assembly Member Bustamante, this bill would have placed in statute a long-term financing structure for public higher education in California.

**Status:** Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee; dead for the year.

**AB 31 (Reyes) Teacher Training: Rural Schools**

AB 31 would expand the APLE program (a loan assumption program) to applicants who agree to provide classroom instruction in rural school districts.

**Status:** Approved by the Assembly; pending in the Senate.

**AB 126 (Runner) Year-Round Operation**

This bill would have implemented year-round operation for the California State University and the University of California.

**Status:** Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Currently part of the budget conference committee deliberations.

**AB 164 (Romero) Voter Registration: University Campuses**

AB 164 would require the CSU to make every effort to ensure that students are provided voter registration forms on an annual basis.

**Status:** Approved by the Assembly; pending in the Senate.

**AB 192 (Scott) California Teacher Cadet Program**

This bill would require the California Center on Teaching Careers to operate the California Teacher Cadet Program for the purpose of introducing high school students to the teaching profession.

**Status:** Approved by the Assembly; pending in the Senate. Funding for the bill is part of the budget conference committee deliberations.

**AB 213 (Romero) CSU Trustees**

AB 213 would increase the number of student members on the CSU Board of Trustees to two with one vote and staggered terms. The student member of the board serving his/her second year of appointment will vote on behalf of students.

**Status:** Approved by the Assembly; pending in the Senate Education Committee.

**AB 360 (Davis) Student Testing**

This bill would have required the California State University to offer to all high school students who have completed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade both the English and mathematics proficiency examination which the CSU uses for entering students.

**Status:** Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee; dead for the year.

**AB 406 (Knox) Contracts: California State University**

This bill would prohibit agreements for personal services from causing the displacement of CSU employees (contracting out).

**Status:** Approved by the Assembly; pending in the Senate.

**AB 655 (Scott) Nursing Programs**

This bill would require the CSU and the California Community Colleges to issue a joint report to the governor and the legislature that would outline a plan and budget for increasing the number of students graduating from nursing programs.

**Status:** Approved by the Assembly; pending before the Senate Education Committee.

**AB 1372 (Reyes) Non-Academic Employees: California State University**

This bill would have provided that a temporary non-academic employee employed by the California State University shall be granted permanent status if the employee has served in his or her classification at the campus for at least three consecutive years in a time base of at least 50 percent.

**Status:** Held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**SB 22 (Brulte) Public Postsecondary Education Fees**

This bill would have reduced student fees at the CSU and UC for the 1999-2000 year by 10 percent below the current level, and reduce fees for graduate students by 15 percent.

**Status:** Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee; bill is dead for the year, however, student fee reductions are still being discussed in budget deliberations.

**SB 179 (Alpert) Model Alternative Teacher Preparation Programs**

This bill would have created a model alternative teacher preparation program whereby school districts could apply for funding to form a collaborative teacher preparation partnership with one or more institutions of higher education.

**Status:** Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee; dead for the year.

**SB 338 (Wright) Intercollegiate Athletics: Discontinuation**

This bill would require a public institution of higher education to provide a one-year advance notice of any proposed discontinuation of an intercollegiate athletic team by a number of means.

**Status:** Approved by the Senate. Pending before the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

**SB 391 (Chesbro) Tuition and Fee Forgiveness**

This bill would expand the fee waiver provision to include surviving children of contractors or employees of contractors who lost their lives in service of law enforcement or fire suppression.

**Status:** Approved by the Senate. Set for hearing before the Assembly Higher Education Committee on June 15.

**SB 572 (Alarcon) Assumption of Loans for Personal Computers Program**

This bill would establish a loan forgiveness program to assist low-income students to purchase computers.

**Status:** Two-Year Bill

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**SB 645 (Burton) Labor Relations**

This bill would amend HEERA to mandate that all CSU employees pay agency fees to unions who are their exclusive representatives for collective bargaining. This agency fee requirement would not be subject to collective bargaining, and would become effective January 1, 2000, regardless of whether it conflicts with an existing collective bargaining agreement. In addition, the agency fee requirement would not require a vote of the affected employees until 2004.

**Status:** Approved by the Senate; pending in the Assembly.

**SB 860 (Hughes) Labor Relations**

Among other provisions, SB 860 would preclude higher education institutions from changing terms and conditions of employment once the parties have exhausted impasse procedures without reaching an agreement.

**Status:** Held in the Senate Education Committee; dead for the year. An informational hearing will be scheduled for August 18.

**SB 1211 (Monteith) Postsecondary Education Agreements**

This bill would require that articulation agreements made between public colleges and universities be uniform and consistent for all campuses.

**Status:** Held in the Senate Appropriations Committee; dead for the year.

Adoption of the following resolution is recommended:

**RESOLVED,** By the Board of Trustees of The California State University, that the 1999-00 Legislative Report No. 4 is adopted.