AGENDA

JOINT COMMITTEES ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND FINANCE

Meeting: 2:05 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Committee on Educational Policy
Lillian Kimbell, Chair
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Consent Item

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of November 17, 2015

Discussion Item

1. 2015 Systemwide Hate Crimes and Incident Totals, Information
Trustee Farar called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 8, 2015 were approved by consent as submitted.

Academic Performance Measures (Academic Sustainability Plan)

Dr. Loren Blanchard, executive vice chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, introduced the action item reminding board members that the final Budget Act of 2014 required the California State University Board of Trustees to annually develop and approve a three-year Academic Sustainability Plan. He informed the board that the same requirement is included in the final Budget Act of 2015.

Mr. Ryan Storm, assistant vice chancellor for budget, reminded the board that the preliminary discussion item presented at the September 8, 2015 meeting detailed elements of the plan for approval at this meeting. Mr. Storm summarized the proposed plan and Dr. Ed Sullivan, assistant vice chancellor for academic research and resources, explained enrollment projections if the 2016-17 CSU Support Budget Request was to be fully-funded by the state. Dr. Sullivan stated that a
fully funded budget request, as proposed in the plan’s budget assumptions, would allow for thousands of additional fully prepared California HS and Community College students to pursue and earn CSU degrees in the coming years. Mr. Storm concluded the presentation by stating the recommended plan aimed to strike a balance in meeting the requirements of the law and showing that an enriched budget would allow for targeted allocation of resources for funded enrollment increases and student success initiatives that would positively affect the number of degrees completed, progress and time-to-degree, and the efficiency of the system to graduate more students over the long-term. The committee recommended approval of the proposed resolution. (REP/FIN 11-15-01)

**Donahoe Higher Education Act: Annual Report on Hate Crimes**

Mr. Steve Relyea, executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer, introduced the information item stating that state law requires the annual reporting of hate crimes and non-criminal acts of hate violence on campuses. Ms. Sally Miller, deputy chief of police and CSU systemwide special project director for Clery analysis, outreach, and training, presented the annual report noting that state and federal requirements related to sexual assault and hate violence on campuses have become more complex over the past several years and reporting of these crimes remains critically important. Ms. Miller reported that with regard to the annual report required by Education Code § 67380, for the year ending December 31, 2014, two hate crimes and zero incidents of non-criminal acts of hate violence were reported on CSU campuses. She concluded the presentation stating that in accordance with state law, the aggregated totals would be reported to the Legislative Analyst’s office.

Trustee Farar adjourned the meeting.
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2015 Systemwide Hate Crimes and Incident Totals

Presentation By

Steve Relyea
Executive Vice Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Sally Miller
CSU Systemwide Special Project Director
Clery Analysis, Outreach, and Training

Summary

This item provides an annual report of hate crimes on California State University (CSU) campuses pursuant to Education Code § 67380, which requires the CSU to compile a report on hate crimes and non-criminal acts of hate violence by calendar year. The statute requires that the number of hate crimes for a calendar year be reported to the CSU Board of Trustees and then transmitted to the Legislative Analyst’s Office by January 1 the following year. The number of hate crimes for the 2015 calendar year totaled ten for the 23 campuses. In addition, there were three non-criminal incidents of hate violence.

Background

The CSU seeks to maintain a safe educational environment, which includes compliance with student safety laws and regulations. These include the Federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) (20 U.S.C. 1092(f)) and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, which amends the Clery Act under the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act provision (Campus SaVE Act). State laws and regulations include the student safety laws found in the Donahoe Higher Education Act (Education Code §§ 67380 et seq. and 67390 et seq.).

Education Code § 67380 requires the Board of Trustees to transmit the total number of hate crimes and incidents of non-criminal acts of hate violence for the CSU to the Legislative Analyst each year by January 1, and make the statistics available to the public. Hate crime is defined in Penal Code § 422.55. Hate violence for reporting purposes is defined in Education Code § 67380(c) as “any act of physical intimidation or physical harassment, physical force or physical violence, or the threat of physical force or physical violence, that is directed against any person or group of persons, or the property of any person or group of persons because of the ethnicity, race, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or political or religious beliefs of that person or group.”
Hate crimes are accounted for in Universal Crime Reporting and submitted by CSU Police to the California Department of Justice. Crimes are listed in public daily crime logs and certain crimes are also published by each campus in the Federal Jeanne Clery Act Annual Security Reports.

Two hate crimes and no incidents of non-criminal acts of hate violence were reported to the Legislative Analyst’s office for the 2014 calendar year. These violations of the law included an instance of vandalism with racial bias at one campus and a written threat related to sexual orientation at another.

Conclusion

For the year ending December 31, 2015, ten hate crimes and three incidents of non-criminal acts of hate violence will be reported to the Legislative Analyst’s office. Of the ten crimes reported in 2015 six involved vandalism and graffiti based on racial and religious bias at four campuses. The vandalism occurred in public areas, bathrooms, public signage, etc. The four remaining crimes occurred at four campuses and involved criminal threats, theft, and assault. These crimes included: a firecracker thrown at a victim while remarks regarding gender identity were made; stolen images were disseminated to intimidate and humiliate another person regarding gender identity; anti-Semitic messages were sent over the internet; and a women’s hijab was grabbed. There were a total of three reported non-criminal incidents of hate violence at three campuses in which individuals used intimidating and/or threatening words and gestures based on race.