

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, 2006
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

8:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 15, 2006
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

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**MINUTES OF THE 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**

September 20, 2006

Members Present

Debra S. Farar, Vice Chair
Roberta Achtenberg, Chair of the Board
Jeffrey L. Bleich
Carol R. Chandler
Murray L. Galinson
William Hauck
Ricardo F. Icaza
Andrew LaFlamme
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Charles B. Reed, Chancellor
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Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 18, 2006 were approved.

2005-2006 Legislative Report No. 11

Trustee Farar introduced the item and asked Ms. Karen Zamarripa, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Advocacy and Institutional Relations to present the report.

Ms. Zamarripa reported that the deadline for the governor to act on legislation sent to him in the last month of the session was September 30, 2006. She noted there were delays in getting bills processed through the enrollment procedure that resulted in minimal or no action on certain issues.

Ms. Zamarripa began her report with an update on the status of the four bills sponsored by the CSU this year, three of which are before the governor for his action.

SB 1724 (Runner) – The bill as introduced was our omnibus bill and dealt with several operational issues. The bill as it went to the governor's desk, however, only included one

provision providing CSU relief from the mandate dealing with maintenance of sellers' permits in order to contract for purchases.

AB 2813 (De La Torre) – The bill is jointly sponsored by the Board of Trustees and the California State Student Association, and proposes to modify the age cap limitation for Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement awards from 24 to 27 years. The bill aims to ensure that real students in California remain eligible for financial aid vs. the artificial cap initiated in 2000. Our proposal is before the governor and we are hopeful it will be signed in to law.

SB 682 (Migden) – Senator Carole Migden amended this measure in the spring at CSU's request to provide an additional \$21 million for the completion of the Joint Library Project at San Francisco State University combining its J. Paul Leonard University Library and the State of California's Sutro Library. This additional funding is necessary given the estimated 12% rise in construction costs since work commenced on the project. It is also on the governor's desk in anticipation of his signature.

Ms. Zamarripa reported the only measure of our sponsored legislation that did not make it to the governor's desk was the revenue bond proposal carried by Assembly Member Fran Pavley, AB 2597. This measure would have enhanced CSU's ability to use its systemwide bonds for future projects and potentially lower initial interest costs. The State Treasurer raised objections to the bill and it was held back in the Senate Rules Committee during the last week of the session. Ms. Zamarripa informed the committee that her office and the Financial Services division would be discussing alternative approaches to achieve our goal this fall.

Ms. Zamarripa followed the presentation on sponsored bills with a brief overview of other legislation and issues of interest to CSU. She informed the committee that a full written report would be provided by mid-October on all of the governor's actions and the outcomes of all legislation followed by her office in this last session. Ms. Zamarripa also noted the status of Proposition 1D, the education bond on the November ballot.

Ms. Zamarripa said she would be visiting a number of legislative candidates before the election and through the fall to make connections for the CSU and local campuses with the expected over 30 new members that will be serving in the Legislature starting in December. She also noted that the 2007 Legislative Proposal solicitation memo from the chancellor to the campuses has been distributed with a deadline of October 15, 2006 for submittal of proposals for the new legislative session.

Trustee Farar thanked Ms. Zamarripa for her hard work during this last session, and expressed appreciation for her efforts to meet with candidates before the November 2006 elections.

The committee recommended approval of the proposed resolution (RGR 09-06-07).

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

2005-2006 Legislative Report No. 12

Presentation By

Karen Y. Zamarripa
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and Institutional Relations

Summary

The end of the two year session resulted in many bills that went before the Governor for his consideration. Below is the CSU's 2006 Final Legislative Report providing a summary of the results in several areas of interest to the CSU during the final year of the 2005-06 Legislative Session. The first section is dedicated to CSU Sponsored bills. The report is then divided into sections according to subject area:

Trustees' Legislative Program

The following proposals comprise the Trustees' legislative program for 2006.

This year, the California State University's Board of Trustees sponsored successful legislation to provide more financial aid to eligible students, simplify the way the CSU makes its purchases, allow for the timely completion of the Sutro-J. Paul Leonard Library at San Francisco State and improve the systemwide revenue program. Three of the four measures were signed into law as follows:

AB 2597 (Fran Pavley, D-41, Agoura Hills): Revenue Bonds: This Board of Trustees-sponsored proposal would have enhanced the CSU's ability to use its systemwide bonds for future projects and potentially lower its interest costs. One portion of this measure sought to remove the CSU's Dormitory Revenue Fund Act from the authority of the State Treasurer and allowing the CSU to invest at its discretion.

Status: This measure was amended to restore the provision related to the CSU's Dormitory Revenue Fund Act that was removed in Senate Appropriations. It was subsequently sent back to Senate Rules where it was held for the remainder of the session.

AB 2813 (Hector De La Torre, D-50, South Gate): Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program Revisions: This bill is a jointly sponsored bill with the California State Student Association to

increase financial aid for eligible students through the State's Cal Grant Program by raising the age limit from 24 years to those students under the age of 28, to better reflect the average age of CSU students seeking a college degree in California. This measure was amended by Assembly Appropriations to reduce the costs of this measure. The two deleted provisions would have doubled the number of competitive grants awarded annually (to 45,000) and would have provided funds to Cal Grant B recipients in their first year, consistent with Cal Grant A recipients.

Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 822, Statutes of 2006

SB 682 (Carole Migden, D-3, San Francisco): Postsecondary Education Facilities: This measure will allow for the timely completion of the Joint Library Project at San Francisco State, combining its J. Paul Leonard University Library and the State of California's Sutro Library, by providing an additional \$21 million, addressing the significant increase in construction costs since work began. Because the source of the original funding was derived from revenue bonds authorized by Assembly Bill 16, legislation was deemed necessary to augment this project.

Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 509, Statutes of 2006

SB 1724 (George Runner, R-17, Antelope Valley): Efficiency and Productivity Omnibus: This Board of Trustees-sponsored proposal started with several provisions to improve efficiency and reduce costs to the CSU, but was reduced to one provision that would exempt the system from the statutory requirement of collecting California retailers sellers permits in order to contract for purchases.

Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 453, Statutes of 2006

Priority Bills

In addition to our trustee-sponsored bills, the following bills are of specific interest to the CSU:

A-G / Career Technical Education (CTE)

Numerous measures were introduced this year to modify what courses high school students must take to graduate and also which courses count toward college admission requirements. Despite their distinctiveness, A-G and Career Technical education overlapped significantly this year as attempts were made to make A-G the standard to graduate high school and also to make Career Technical Education an eighth segment of A-G, by creating an "H" category. Over the course of the year, many Career Technical proponents expressed the concern that the A-G standard took

away valuable resources from Career Technical education, discouraged students from entering certain vocational fields and reduced the state's ability to meet future workforce needs. In the end the issue came down to how courses were certified as "A-G" eligible and ways to improve the approval process.

AB 918 (Wyland) California State University: Career Technical Education Courses: This career tech measure would have directed the CSU faculty to work with K-12 faculty to strengthen career tech curriculum in an effort to increase the number of A-G approved courses.

CSU Position: OPPOSE

Status: This measure was amended in agreement with the CSU to its current form. The measure was however, dropped with Career Technical Education (CTE) proponents focusing their attention on Senator Alarcon's *SB 1543*.

AB 1896 (Coto) High Schools: Curriculum Requirements: This measure would have made the college preparatory curriculum, A-G, the default high school graduation requirement for all students.

CSU Position: FAVOR

Status: This measure was held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee due to costs.

AB 2115 (Hancock) Instruction: The California Career Technical Education Coordinating Council: This measure would have established the California Career Technical Education Coordinating Council, with the responsibility of coordinating and enhancing the effectiveness of K-12 career technical education programs.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION

Status: The CSU did not take an official position on this measure but did suggest an amendment to add CSU to the Council, which was not taken by the author. The measure was vetoed by the Governor.

SB 1543 (Alarcon) High School Curriculum: High School Coursework Requirements: This measure requires the CSU to adopt model uniform standards for Career Tech Education (CTE) courses by July 1, 2008, or the CSU would be required to recognize the completion of all high school CTE courses that meet the model curriculum standards established in current law for the purpose of admission. Should this standard not be met, courses in the field of CTE that are deemed to meet the academic rigors of A-G would have to be accepted by the CSU. The bill was amended after working with the author.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION

Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 669, Statutes of 2006

Academic Preparation

The CSU's award-winning Early Assessment Program (EAP) helps high school students gauge their readiness for college and gives them a chance to further prepare for high school graduation, and the workforce. Legislation by Senator Martha Escutia would have created a similar pilot program for community college students, helping these students to graduate in a more timely fashion. In addition to that, legislation was introduced to increase the number of Native American students who attend college.

AB 2665 (Goldberg) California American Indian Education Commission: This measure would have established the California American Indian Commission, with the intention of improving the educational opportunities for California's American Indian students.

CSU Position: FAVOR
Status: This measure was held by the Senate Appropriations Committee due to costs.

SB 1563 (Escutia) Community Colleges: Community College Early Assessment Pilot Program: This measure would have created the Community College Early Assessment Pilot Program with a sunset of January 1, 2012. It was intended to provide those high school pupils, who will be attending a community college, an indicator of their readiness for college-level English and math at the end of 11th grade, allowing them to use 12th grade to elevate their skills.

CSU Position: FAVOR
Status: This measure was vetoed by the Governor.

Accreditation and Accountability

Two measures were introduced this year that attempted to change how schools and colleges are accredited in California. These measures were introduced to address Assembly Member Merv Dymally and other's concerns with the accreditation of the Compton Community College. In addition to these measures, Assembly Member Carol Liu introduced legislation that would have instituted a new accounting system for higher education implemented by the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) with a requirement of reporting data to CPEC.

AB 196 (Liu) Postsecondary Education: Accountability: This measure would have dismantled the existing accountability program, where each segment generates its own set of reports, and replaced it with a structure where the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) collects and maintains a comprehensive database plus publishes reports on the condition of postsecondary education.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure was held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense Calendar.

AB 2017 (Dymally) Elections: City of Vernon: This bill originally would have changed the accreditation standards for California postsecondary education. It was subsequently amended to remove that language and replaced with language dealing with elections in the City of Vernon.

CSU Position: OPPOSE (in its original form)
Status: This measure was set for a hearing Assembly Higher Education, but was amended to deal with an election process in the City of Vernon.

AB 2653 (Dymally) Accreditation: California Commission on Accreditation: This bill would have established the California Commission on Accreditation, which would have been responsible for the reviewing and accrediting of all elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools in the state.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure failed to pass out of the Assembly Education Committee.

Articulation

Assembly Member Liu attempted to reforge the way the segments of education transfer students. In light of Senator Scott's recent legislation to map the 40 most common majors, (SB 1785, 2004) this measure failed to advance out of the Senate Education Committee. AB 2168 was also opposed by the CSU's Academic Senate, who considered this measure to be their number one priority. Also of note is a measure to ease the transfer of community college students to the UC.

AB 2168 (Liu) Public Postsecondary Education: Common Set of Area Requirements for General Education: This measure would have required the public segments of higher education to jointly develop, maintain and disseminate a single common set of area requirements in general education courses for transfer students.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure was held by the Senate Education Committee.

SB 652 (Scott) Public Postsecondary Education: Transfer of Community College Students to the University of California: This measure would request the UC to enact a similar path to the CSU's (SB 1785, Scott) related to community college transfer students, ensuring a clear path for transfer to the UC system guaranteeing that all their lower-division coursework will count and allow entry to the UC as a junior.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 804, Statutes of 2006

Bonds

The Governor announced an ambitious plan for infrastructure bonds during his State of the State address to the Legislature in January. As a result, several proposals became the vehicles for the legislature and the administration to place a final package of bonds, Proposition 1-A through 1-E on the November ballot.

AB 127 (Nunez) Education Facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006: This measure enacted Proposition 1-D before the voters this next month. If passed by the voters, 1-D would provide \$10.416 billion for education with K-12 receiving \$7.329 billion and higher education receiving \$3.087 billion. Of this amount the CSU would receive \$690 million over two years (\$345 million each year).

CSU Position: FAVOR
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor and is now before the voters.
Chapter Number 35, Statutes of 2006

Executive Compensation

Several measures were introduced this year in light of the San Francisco Chronicle's articles on the University of California's (UC) executive compensation practices. The majority of these measures were aimed at the UC, but the CSU was made a part of Senator Maldonado's SB 1181 and SB 1571. None of these measures became law, in part due to action taken in the budget act and because of the efforts of the CSU and UC to provide full disclosure to the legislature.

AB 775 (Yee) Regents of the University of California: Discussion of Executive Compensation: The measure would have required discussion of executive compensation for the President of the UC, the chancellor of an individual campus, and certain other high ranking UC administrators to occur in open session of the board of regents.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was held in Senate Appropriations committee due to costs, but we anticipate the measure will be reintroduced next session.

SB 1117 (Denham) University of California: Executive Compensation: This measure would have stated the intent of the Legislature that the regents of the UC should immediately discontinue the practice of awarding salaries and benefits to its top management in secrecy, that the UC should annually disclose all compensation that executives receive in a report to the

legislature, and that should the UC not voluntarily take this action, the legislature should take the appropriate action to amend the State's Constitution to eliminate the independence of the UC.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was never referred to policy committee and died in the Senate Rules Committee.

SB 1181 (Maldonado): Public Postsecondary Education: Administrative Salaries and Compensation: This bill requests the University of California (UC) and requires the California State University (CSU) and Community College (system-wide level only) to report annually on the total compensation of specified executive and senior level administrative positions.

CSU Position: FAVOR IF AMENDED
Status: This measure was held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1571 (Maldonado): Public Postsecondary Education: Employee Compensation: This bill was a companion to SB 1181.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: SB 1571 did not move out of the Senate Education Committee by the set legislative deadline and is in effect a dead bill.

Employee Relations and Human Resources

This year, the Governor negotiated with the Legislature an increase to the minimum wage. Democratic leadership wanted to tie any increase to a cost of living index which would adjust the wage automatically, while the Governor was initially only willing to address a one-time bump. After almost an entire year of high level negotiations, the two parties agreed to AB 1835 that will raise California's minimum wage 75 cents one year and 50 cents the next. Also, legislation sponsored by the California Faculty Association was introduced this year which would require the CSU to pay the full share of a partial sabbatical. Finally, after a failed special election initiative backed by the Governor, Assembly Member Richman's pension reform measure failed again to pass out of the legislature.

AB 1835 (Lieber) Minimum Wage: This measure will raise California's minimum wage to \$7.50 on January 1, 2007 and subsequently raise it to \$8.00 per hour on January 1, 2008.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 230, Statutes of 2006

AB 2355 (Negrete McLeod) Public Employees' Retirement: Service Credit: California State University Academic Employees: This measure which was sponsored by CFA, would have allowed an academic employee to buy back service time at the cost of the employer. Beyond the fact that such issues should be addressed at the collective bargaining table, CSU also objected given the annual costs of up to \$670,000.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure was vetoed by the Governor.

ACA 23 (Richman) Public Employee Retirement Plan: This amendment to the State's Constitution was one of many attempts by the author to change the State's retirement system by establishing the California Public Employee Retirement Plan (CPERP) and making all employees hired after July 1, 2007, enroll into a defined benefit plan.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure did not advance out of its policy committee.

Facilities and Auxiliaries

Several measures were introduced this session that had the potential to cost the CSU millions of dollars annually. One measure the Governor signed was amended to require the CSU to treat any auxiliary construction project as if it were a CSU construction project, if any public funds were used. This measure was substantially amended to address concerns the CSU had with the requirement to use competitive bidding on auxiliary projects. There also were measures that proposed requiring additional reporting to the legislature on the status of student housing, requiring the prequalification of subcontractors, requiring a more rigid bidding process for the CSU than for all other entities and requiring labor compliance for monies used from Proposition 1-D. All of these intrusions in CSU operations either failed to advance or were vetoed by the Governor.

AB 1986 (De La Torre) Public Contracts: California State University: Auxiliary Organizations: This measure would require that any construction contract on a CSU campus awarded by a CSU auxiliary organization, and funded with any public funds, be subject to provisions of the California State University Contract Law and be under the control of the CSU Board of Trustees.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 346, Statutes of 2006

AB 2748 (Jones) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Housing Reports: This measure would have requested the UC and required the CSU to prepare a report on campus student housing due to the Legislature on or before March 31, 2007.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was vetoed by the Governor.

AB 2992 (Evans) California State University: This measure would have singled out the CSU by requiring us to prequalify mechanical subcontractors for every public works project that exceeds the value of a minor capital outlay project.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure was vetoed by the Governor. (CSU requested a veto given the potential costs.)

AB 2999 (Leno) Public Works: Labor Compliance Programs: This measure would have required agencies who use funds from the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006 to initiate and enforce, or contract with a third party to initiate and enforce, a labor compliance program.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure was placed onto the Senate Third Reading file on the second to last day of the session and then failed to advance.

SB 1604 (Margett) Public Contracts: Bids and Disputes: This measure initially proposed that the CSU require bidders on its public works contracts to submit proposed substitutions of products or materials called for in the bid prior to the award of a contract. The author deleted these provisions from the final bill leaving only various technical changes.

CSU Position: NEUTRAL
Status: This measure was not taken up for a vote by the author before the end of session.

Fees and Financial Aid

In addition to the Board of Trustees-sponsored AB 2813, there were many proposed measures to provide greater financial aid to students. Legislation ranged from aid to Native Americans, to the creation of a private endowment, increase Cal Grants. In addition, there were several attempts to rescind provisions of the late Assembly Member Marco Firebaugh's AB 540. In light of the Governor's decision to buy-out any fee increases for the year only a small number of measures were introduced to address student fees. Assembly Member Liu did author a measure, however, to reduce the student's share of the cost of going to college.

AB 840 (Arambula): Student Financial Aid: California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program: This bill forgives those students who, between 2002 and 2005, were awarded California Community College Transfer Entitlement Program (CCCTEP) grants in error, by retroactively exempting these students from the statutory requirement to be California residents at the time of high school graduation. These students, because of an error on the part of the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) by not disclosing the requirement of being a California resident, inadvertently received these grants and could have been required to pay back these funds.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 43, Statutes of 2006

AB 1072 (Liu): Public Postsecondary Education, Student Fee Policy: This measure would have established a policy on setting student fees at the CSU and the UC without any commensurate commitment from the state for funding support for universities or financial aid for students. AB 1072 would have also requested CPEC to report to the legislature annually on the affordability of undergraduate education at the CSU and the UC.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: AB 1072 was held by the Senate Appropriations Committee due to costs.

AB 1315 (Liu) Cal Grant B Awards: Access Costs: This measure would have increased the stipend assistance for Cal Grant B recipients to reflect the actual costs of attendance for students by increasing the Cal Grant B award by at least 5% annually beginning in 2007 until it reached 20% of the estimated student's costs.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was held by the Senate Appropriations Committee due to costs.

AB 1452 (Nunez) Student Financial Aid: California Student Access Scholarship Endowment: AB 1452 would have enacted the California Student Access Scholarship Endowment Act for the purpose of providing grant awards for community college transfer students to attend participating campuses of the University of California and the California State University, based upon financial need. Funds for this endowment would have come from private contributions and required a dollar for dollar match by the campuses.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure placed on the inactive file and is dead.

AB 2053 (Strickland) Public Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition Criteria: This measure proposed to repeal the existing law established by the late Assembly Member Marco Firebaugh's AB 540 which provided that a person who attended a California high school for at least 3 years before graduation to pay in-state tuition on colleges and universities.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure was dropped by the author.

AB 2666 (Goldberg) Public Postsecondary Education: Resident Classification: Members of Recognized Tribes: This measure would have allowed a student who belonged to a federally recognized tribe to be considered a resident of California for the purposes of fees.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was held by the Senate Appropriations Committee due to costs.

ACR 34 (Liu) Public Higher Education: Student Compact: This resolution declares the need for a compact with students enrolled in California's public colleges and universities and makes recommendations relating to affordability, access to courses, student loan debt, and student diversity.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure, which has no binding authority, was Chaptered by the Secretary of State (Resolution Chapter #114, Statutes of 2006.)

SB 160 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid: Eligibility: California Dream Act: This proposal requested the University of California and requires the California State University, and the California Community Colleges to establish procedures and forms to enable students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition, known as AB 540 students, to apply and receive institutional student aid dollars.

CSU Position: FAVOR
Status: This measure was vetoed by the Governor.

SB 1264 (Alquist) Student Financial Aid: Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program: This bill would have added an additional 500 Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards for an annual cumulative total of 23,000.

CSU Position: FAVOR

Status: This measure was held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee due to costs.

SB 1309 (Scott) Nursing Education: Grants, Loan Assumptions, and Faculty Recruiting and Retention: This measure modifies the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE) and as well as investments in Community College Nursing Programs. It also states the intent of the Legislature to expand the number of nurses educated in California by increasing enrollment in programs.

CSU Position: FAVOR

Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 837, Statutes of 2006

SB 1751 (Speier) Student Financial Aid: Ortiz-Pacheco-Poohigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program: This measure would have increased the number of competitive Cal Grants that are annually awarded from 22,500 to 34,000.

CSU Position: FAVOR

Status: This measure was held by the Senate Education Committee due to costs.

Foster Youth

The special challenges and needs of foster youth were the focus of both bills and budget deliberations this year. The final budget augmented the federal Chafee Grant with \$5.7 million in state funds. In addition, Assembly Member Bass introduced a bill allowing foster youth to seek Cal Grant aid without reference to the March 2nd deadline with the reasoning that these students may be disadvantaged by not having a parent to help meet deadlines. Also, Assembly Member Leno proposed that emancipated youth be given priority for housing while attending college.

AB 1532 (Bass) Cal Grants: Foster Youth: This measure would have eliminated the annual March 2 Cal Grant deadline for current or former foster youth and instead allowed these students to apply on a year-round basis. It would have also required the California's Student Aid Commission to adopt rules and regulations for the identification of foster youth.

CSU Position: FAVOR

Status: This measure was held by the Senate Appropriations Committee due to costs.

AB 2489 (Leno) Foster Youth: Educational and Support Services: Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2006: This measure would have made foster youth eligible for Cal Grant B in their first year, and would have given foster youth priority in student housing at the California State University and University of California.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was held by the Senate Appropriations Committee due to costs.

Funding

Senator Scott's efforts to enact his College Opportunity Act of 2006 failed to advance this legislative session due to costs despite his best attempts, including resurrecting the measure into another vehicle. State Treasurer Angelides also sponsored legislation that attempted to create new revenue streams for California's public universities through the disposal of surplus land. Finally, attempts were made this year to codify California's involvement in the multi-state lottery program, MegaMillions. Unfortunately, some of this legislation would have locked the CSU's portion of lottery revenues at 2004 levels forever with any new revenues being redirected toward specific K-12 programs. These lottery measures were either amended to address the CSU's specific concerns or failed to advance at all this year.

AB 1782 (Mullin): Lottery Act: Multistate Lottery: Distribution of Revenues: This proposal would have placed before the voters of California the question of whether California should participate in the multi-state lottery, MegaMillions. The measure also sought to direct funds to certain K-12 programs if the voters had approved the Megamillions lottery. In an attempt to keep the measure moving, the author amended the measure to no longer redirect funds derived from a multi-state lottery away from the CSU and towards these K-12 programs.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: AB 1782 failed to pass out of the Senate Education Committee.

AB 2578 (Frommer) State Property: California Hope Endowment and California Hope Public Trust: This measure would have required the Department of General Services (DGS) to transfer certain state lands to the California Hope Public Trust, which this bill would have created, for the purposes of managing state properties for the benefit of public colleges and universities.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure, which was sponsored by the Treasurer's office, was vetoed by the Governor.

SB 845 (Scott) Postsecondary Education: College Opportunity Act of 2006: This bill would have enacted the College Opportunity Act of 2006 which sought to develop a long-term enrollment plan, expand outreach and academic preparation efforts, and encourage the increase in funding for enrollment.

CSU Position: FAVOR

Status: This measure was amended with the language found in SB 1709 in the Assembly. It was subsequently held by the Assembly Rules Committee.

SB 1709 (Scott) Postsecondary Education: College Opportunity Act of 2006: This bill would have enacted the College Opportunity Act of 2006 by developing a long-term enrollment plan, expanding outreach and academic preparation efforts, and encouraging the increase in funding for enrollment.

CSU Position: FAVOR
Status: This measure was held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense Calendar.

SB 1770 (Figueroa) California State Lottery: Multistate Lottery: Cal Grant C Plus Program: This measure would have authorized the California State Lottery to enter into a multistate Lottery agreement and would to provide a certain percentage of the revenues to be allocated to the California Student Aid Commission for administration and awards for the Cal Grant C Plus program.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure failed to pass out of the Senate before the close of the legislative session and died.

Governance

The 2006 legislative session also included many bills that were aimed at the management and operations of the CSU including the use of state owned computers, encouraging the State to have a more fuel efficient state motor pool, regulating unexcused absences from State Boards and Commissions, and policing intellectual properties of the State.

AB 546 (Garcia): State Computers Prohibited Use, Obscene Matter: This bill would clarify state law that the use of a state computer to view obscene materials is a misuse of state resources punishable with a \$1,000 civil penalty. The author worked with the CSU to amend this measure to allow for legitimate academic and legislative purposes.

CSU Position: FAVOR
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 848, Statutes of 2006

AB 1561 (Umberg): State Boards and Commissions: Member Removal: Failure to Attend Meetings: This bill would have allowed the appointing authority (such as the Governor, Senate Rules Committee, or the Assembly Speaker) of a board or commission to remove and replace a term-appointed member should they miss three out of four regularly scheduled meetings in row. The measure also provided that an excused absence includes an absence for sickness, or for

legitimate board, commission, or state work. The bill was amended in the last week of session to deal with gambling facilities and who can own them in California.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: AB 1561 died in the Senate Rules Committee.

AB 2264 (Pavley) Purchases: Vehicles: State Fleet: This measure will require the Department of General Services, including the CSU, to establish a minimum fuel economy standard for the purchase of all state fleet vehicles.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 767, Statutes of 2006.

AB 2721 (Mullin) Office of Intellectual Property: This measure would have established an "Office of Intellectual Property" in state government for purposes of tracking intellectual property generated by state employees and state-funded research. The CSU believes that as drafted, this measure would not have applied to the CSU.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure failed to advance out of the Senate Government Organization Committee.

Military – Veterans – National Guard

Numerous measures were introduced this session to provide greater assistance to members of the National Guard and to those military personnel stationed in California. A number of these measures are intended to increase or maintain the number of California's National Guard who now more than ever are seeing lengthy service time. Various members of the legislature proposed bills to provide educational incentives and or benefits to these service persons but without any reimbursement to the segments for any loss of revenue from the State's General Funds.

AB 1399 (Garcia) Student Financial Aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards: California National Guard Members: This measure would have provided an additional 200 Cal Grants, both A and B, to members of the National Guard who served after September 11, 2001. This measure would have awarded these grants until 2010.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was held by the Senate Appropriations Committee due to costs.

AB 1923 (Nation) Military and Veterans: Educational Benefits: This measure would have required the CSU to waive fees for 60 units of courses for members of the California National Guard who recommit for a period of three years. The CSU estimated that AB 1923 would have cost the CSU \$3,164 for a full time student or \$3,164,000 for every 1,000 eligible applicants each year. The CSU requested amendments to reimburse the system for these lost revenues.

CSU Position: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
Status: This measure was held by the Senate Education Committee.

AB 2472 (Wyland) Public Postsecondary Education: Tuition and Fees: This measure would have provided that a member of the armed forces, the National Guard and their dependents are considered a resident of the state for the purpose of determining the amount of tuition and fees they pay at the California State University or the California Community College system. CSU sought reimbursement for lost revenue associated with these students.

CSU Position: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
Status: This measure was held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Students

Legislation enacted this year will change who can participate in student athletics as outlined in AB 2165. In addition, legislation was also enacted dealing with hazing and campus newspapers. In addition to these measures Senator Morrow, who was serving his last term in the legislature, introduced for the third time his Student Bill of Rights measure, which he believed would protect students from any potential political bias professor in our classrooms.

AB 2165 (La Suer) Postsecondary Education: Intercollegiate Athletics: This measure will prohibit any student athlete enrolled at one of the three public higher education segments from participating in any intercollegiate athletic event if after their enrollment they were convicted of a serious criminal act. The measure was amended to allow a student to participate in such activities after completing jail term and/or probation. The measure also was amended to place the burden of notification on the student-athlete.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 200, Statutes of 2006

SB 1454 (Torlakson) Crimes: Hazing: This measure, which will be cited as "Matt's law" after Matthew William Carrington, prescribes misdemeanor and felony penalties for a hazing, and would also allow a person to bring a civil action for injury or damages against individuals who participate in or authorize a hazing.

CSU Position: FAVOR
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 601, Statutes of 2006

AB 2581 (Yee) Postsecondary Education: Student Conduct: This measure prohibits any campus administrator from taking disciplinary action against a student solely on the basis of conduct that is speech or other communication, including the student press.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 158, Statutes of 2006.)

SB 1412 (Morrow) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Bill of Rights: This measure would have requested the UC and directed the CSU and the CCC to develop guidelines and implement principles, relating to academic freedom, into a Student Bill of Rights.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure never made it out of its first policy committee.

Teacher Preparation

Teacher preparation and professional development remained a key focus again this session. Measures affecting the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, testing for subject matter examinations, English Language Learner Pilots, out-of-state teacher programs, and a loan-forgiveness measure were just some of the measures introduced this year. They met with varying degrees of success.

AB 950 (Pavley) Teacher Credentialing: Criminal Record Summaries: This measure would have made county offices of education the clearinghouse for fingerprints of applicants for credentials and credential renewals and would subsequently require them to forward this information to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure was held by the Senate Appropriations Committee due to costs.

AB 1988 (Coto) English Language Learners: Program Development: This measure would have instituted numerous new programs and requirements to assist English language learners (ELL) including requiring the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to develop a 10-hour ELL professional development program and incorporating this into the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment program for first, second, and third year teachers.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee due to costs.

AB 2054 (Horton, Shirley) Subject Matter Knowledge: Foreign Languages: This measure would have required the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), when there is no CTC approved subject matter examination of a language, to develop a language examination template that can be used for several specific language examinations. It would have given priority to the Filipino language followed by Hmong, Cantonese, Armenian, Khmer, Arabic, and Farsi languages.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was vetoed by the Governor.

AB 2913 (Frommer) Teaching Credentials: Subject Matter Examinations: Armenian Language: This measure would have required the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to create a plan for creation of a subject matter examination in the Armenian language.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was vetoed by the Governor.

AB 2117 (Coto) English Language Learners: Pilot Project: This measure establishes the English Language Learner Acquisition and Development Pilot Program for three years with the goal of identifying best practices for teaching English language learners and promoting English language and academic English acquisition and development.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 561, Statutes of 2006

AB 2802 (Pavley) Teacher Credentialing: Optional Early Childhood Education Credential: This measure would have required the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to establish an optional early childhood education (ECE) credential for K-2 teachers.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was vetoed by the Governor.

SB 842 (Torlakson) Teacher Development: Recruitment, Training, and Retention: This measure, which was a reintroduction of Torlakson's SB 1124, would have set in place various financial aid and loan forgiveness programs for new teachers in order to provide a qualified teacher in every classroom. SB 1124 was held by the Assembly Appropriations due to costs.

CSU Position: FAVOR
Status: This measure was vetoed by the Governor.

SB 1209 (Scott) Teachers: Teacher Credentialing: Out-of-State Teachers: Professional Growth Programs: Teacher Compensation: This omnibus measure removes certain requirements for out-of-state trained teachers related to credentialing, as well as other changes to the teacher credentialing process, including requiring all teacher preparation programs to include a teaching performance assessment (TPA) regardless of funding in the State's budget.

CSU Position: FAVOR
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 517, Statutes of 2006

Utilities/Energy

Significant legislation was introduced affecting utility and energy costs this year with the most significant being the Governor's signature of AB 2951 (Goldberg) dealing with Capital Facility Fees in addition to several other bills of interests to the CSU in this area.

AB 2756 (Levine) Energy: Efficiency Retrofits: State Energy Conservation Assistance Account for Public Schools: This measure would have provided the monies derived from the Williams Energy settlement agreement (\$22.3 million) be used to benefit K-12 low performing schools. These projects could have been conducted by UC and CSU students.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was vetoed by the Governor

AB 2878 (Ruskin) Environment: State Buildings: Green Building Standards: This measure would have required the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to adopt regulations establishing green building standards for the construction and renovation of state buildings, potentially imposing an unfunded mandate on the CSU's capital program and operations.

CSU Position: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
Status: This measure never advanced out of its first policy committee.

AB 2951 (Goldberg) Capital Facilities Fees: This measure expands the scope of capital facilities fees that may be assessed by publicly owned utilities to public entities. The bill also limits the scope of relief available to those challenging illegal increases to capital facilities fees. The CSU estimates that this measure would increase its costs by \$4 million annually.

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CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 866, Statutes of 2006

AB 2987 (Nunez) Cable and Video Service: This measure allows telecommunication and cable companies to buy state franchises for purposes of offering television services. This measure has been amended to ensure the continued operation of existing CSU PEG Channels.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure was signed into law by the Governor.
Chapter Number 700, Statutes of 2006

Recommended Action

Adoption of the following resolution is recommended:

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that the 2005-06 Legislative Report No 12 is adopted.