AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: **8:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2018**
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

J. Lawrence Norton, Chair
Emily Hinton, Vice Chair
Silas H. Abrego
Douglas Faigin
Debra S. Farar
Jean P. Firstenberg
Wenda Fong
Lillian Kimbell
Jack McGrory
Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana
Romey Sabalius

Consent 1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of July 24, 2018, *Action*

Discussion 2. State Legislative Update, *Information*

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

July 24, 2018

Members Present

J. Lawrence Norton, Chair
Emily Hinton, Vice Chair
Douglas Faigin
Debra S. Farar
Jean P. Firstenberg
Wenda Fong
Lillian Kimbell
Jack McGrory
Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana
Romey Sabalius
Adam Day, Chairman of the Board
Timothy P. White, Chancellor

Trustee Norton called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 15, 2018, were approved as submitted.

Legislative Update

Ms. Kathleen Chavira, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, provided a review of budget advocacy activities, including the #chooseCSU social media event on May 30 and the informational briefing on research in the CSU on June 28. She also gave an update on legislation that impacts the CSU.

Mr. Garrett Ashley, vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, recognized the collective success in the final state budget outcome. He thanked the Office of Advocacy and State Relations, presidents, students, faculty and staff, the board, alumni, community and business leaders, and the chancellor for their efforts. The budget advocacy strategy emphasized relationships and had a concise message that focused on goals shared between the CSU and lawmakers.

Trustee Norton adjourned the meeting.

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State Legislative Update

Presented By

Garrett P. Ashley
Vice Chancellor
University Relations and Advancement

Kathleen Chavira
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

August 31 marked the final day for each house to pass legislation for the governor's consideration for the 2017-2018 legislative session. The 2019-2020 legislative session will convene on December 3.

The governor had until September 30 to sign or veto legislation sent to him for his consideration. Bills signed into law by the governor go into effect January 1, 2019, unless the bill 1) includes an urgency statute, in which case it goes into effect immediately; or 2) includes language that explicitly delays implementation until a specified date. This report provides the final disposition of legislation of interest to the CSU.

At the end of the report, there is a copy of the board-adopted Legislative Principles, which guide the review of legislation and assists in determining whether a position will be adopted.

The report is organized as follows:

- Enacted Legislation
- Vetoed Legislation
- Inactive Bills
- Statement of Legislative Principles

Enacted Legislation

SB 183 (Lara) – Educational Equity: Immigration Status
This bill adds "immigration status" to the list of characteristics for which equal rights and opportunities are provided at postsecondary educational institutions in California.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 779, Statutes of 2018

SB 237 (Hertzberg) – Electricity: Direct Transactions
This bill allows a greater number of nonresidential energy customers, including universities, to purchase energy at a better price through "Direct Access" agreements, which allow consumers to purchase energy directly from an electric service provider.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 600, Statutes of 2018.

SB 244 (Lara) – Privacy: Personal Information
This bill previously restricted the manner in which any state entity, including the CSU, can utilize and keep personal information received from an applicant for public services or programs.

- **CSU Position:** This bill was amended and removed the CSU from its provisions.
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 885, Statutes of 2018.

SB 577 (Dodd) – Public Postsecondary Education: California Community College Teacher Credentialing Partnership Pilot Program
This bill establishes a grant funded pilot program to encourage collaborative partnerships between community colleges and accredited institutions of higher education in California to create opportunities to earn teacher credential degrees in remote areas of the state through distance education.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 603, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1004 (Wiener) – Mental Health Services Act: Prevention and Early Diagnosis
This bill requires, among other provisions, counties to spend Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act funds on college mental health outreach, engagement and services.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 843, Statutes of 2018.

SR 84 (De Leon) – Relative to the California Dream Act
This resolution urges Dreamer students to apply for college and financial aid under the CA Dream Act.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- Status: This bill was adopted by the Senate in February 2018.

AB 1062 (Levine) – Cross-enrollment: Online education at the CSU
This bill expands existing CSU reporting requirements related to key performance data on online courses.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 524, Statutes of 2018.

AB 1887 (Medina) – Public Education Governance: Service on Boards and Commissions
This bill authorizes any AB 540 student attending a campus of the CCC, CSU or UC to serve on any board or commission established pursuant to the portion of the Education Code relating to higher education.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 182, Statutes of 2018.

AB 1894 (Weber) – Postsecondary Education: Student Hunger
This bill authorizes the Department of Social Services to enter into a statewide memorandum of understanding with the chancellor so that campuses can participate in the California Restaurant Meals Program even if the county does not participate in the program.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 746, Statutes of 2018

AB 1895 (Calderon) – California DREAM Loan Program: Repayment, Deferment, and Forbearance
This bill requires each CSU campus to create an income-based repayment option for student recipients of DREAM loans by January 1, 2020.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 747, Statutes of 2018

AB 1896 (Cervantes) – Sexual Assault Counselors-Victim Privileges
This bill expands the definition of sexual assault counselor to include sexual assault counselors at public and private higher education institutions who meet specified criteria, thereby extending them the right of privilege regarding confidential disclosures.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 123, Statutes of 2018.

AB 1961 (Choi) – Postsecondary Education: Student Housing and Meal Plans
This bill requires each institution of higher education to separately list the cost of university-operated housing and meal plans on all websites and documents it provides to students regarding student costs of university-operated housing.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 314, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2248 (McCarty) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program
This bill requires the California Student Aid Commission to notify Cal Grant award recipients in writing that if they take less than 15 units per semester or less than 30 units per academic year, they will not graduate in four years. It also requires institutions to provide similar notice during new student orientation and annual registration.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 758, Statutes of 2018

AB 2505 (Santiago) – California State University: Budget Oversight Policies
This bill requires the Chancellor's Office to annually submit a report to the legislature and Department of Finance comparing the hiring practices of the UC and CCC.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 542, Statutes of 2018.

Vetoed Legislation

SB 320 (Leyva) – Public Health: Postsecondary Education: On Campus Student Health Centers: Abortion by Medication Techniques
This bill requires the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls to collect private funds to distribute $200,000 grants to public university health centers for medication abortion readiness. CSU and UC campus health centers would be required to offer abortion by medication to their students by January 2022.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- Status: Vetoed on September 30.

SB 774 (Leyva) – Research Program: Firefighting: Wildland and Wildland-Urban Interface
This bill appropriates $5 million to the CSU to oversee a competitive process to award funds to one or more campuses for wildfire research.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- Status: Vetoed on September 30.

SB 968 (Pan) – Mental Health Counselors
This bill requires the UC and CSU to have a ratio of one mental health counselor for every 1,500 students, contingent on an appropriation in the annual Budget Act.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- Status: Vetoed on September 23.

AB 1231 (Weber) – California State University: Support Staff Merit Salary Adjustment
This bill requires the CSU to provide all eligible support staff with an automatic merit salary adjustment of five percent annually using existing resources.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- Status: Vetoed on September 30.

AB 2477 (Rubio) – Student Support Services: Dream Resource Liaisons
This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to designate a Dream Resource Liaison at each campus.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- Status: Vetoed on September 26.

Inactive Bills

SB 346 (Glazer) – The California Promise
This bill authorizes the trustees to provide specified grants or a tuition freeze to students who participate in the Promise program subject to the provisions of funding for this purpose. The bill also requires the CSU to waive systemwide tuition fees for a participating student unable to complete their degree within 4 years, due to limited space or no course offerings.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill was held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

SB 573 (Lara) – Student Financial Aid: Student Service Programs
This bill authorizes the three segments of public higher education to provide student service programs for students in exchange for grants, fee waivers and reimbursements.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill died on the Assembly Floor.

SB 691 (Lara) – Educational Equity: Immigration Status
This bill adds "immigration status" to the list of characteristics for which equal rights and opportunities are provided at postsecondary educational institutions in California.

- **CSU Position**: Neutral
- Status: The contents of this bill were moved into SB 183, and this bill was moved to the Inactive File.

SB 1225 (Glazer) – Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018
This bill places a bond on the November 2018 ballot, which if approved by the voters, would authorize $4 billion in bonds to be equally divided between the UC and CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- Status: This bill was moved to the Inactive File.

AB 2220 (Bonta) – Student Athletes Bill of Rights
This bill expands existing law to require schools with annual athletic revenues over $10 million to offer scholarship replacements and other benefits to student athletes who suffer an incapacitating illness or injury as a result of participation in the athletic program. The measure also includes the right to civil action allowing for the recovery of attorney's fees, court costs, and damages or equitable relief from the institution and its personnel.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- Status: This bill was held on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 2479 (Voepel) – Public Postsecondary Education: Income Share Agreement: Pilot Program

Commencing with the 2020-2021 academic year, this bill requires the UC and the CSU to each select a university to establish a pilot program to waive tuition for participating students who enter into an income share agreement with the university. Implementation of the pilot program is contingent upon the appropriation of funds in the annual Budget Act.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- Status: This bill was held on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 2747 (Holden) – Bill of Rights: Student Athlete Liaisons: Collegiate Athlete Mandated Reporters

This bill allows an institution of higher education to establish a degree completion fund and requires the campuses to annually disclose certain information to its student athletes. The measure also prohibits a school from retaliating against a complainant.

- **CSU Position:** Support if Amended
- Status: This bill was held on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 2771 (Eggman) – Education Finance: Higher Education Bond Act of 2018

This bill places a bond on the November 2020 ballot, which if approved by the voters, would authorize $7 billion in bonds for construction, reconstruction and remodeling of existing or new facilities at the CSU and UC.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- Status: This bill was moved to the Inactive File.

AB 3153 (Levine) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Summer Term Students

This bill adds the equivalent of two summer sessions or terms of attendance to be included in the four years of full-time attendance in an undergraduate program for which a first-time freshman may receive a Cal Grant award, and adds the equivalent of one summer session or term of attendance to be included for which a transfer student may receive a Cal Grant award.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- Status: This bill was held on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

Statement of Legislative Principles

As the state's greatest producer of bachelor's degrees, the California State University plays a critical role in arming future leaders with the skills and knowledge for them to thrive in the workforce, drive the economy and actively contribute to the quality of life in California. The CSU achieves these results by providing affordable, accessible and high-quality education, as outlined in the Master Plan for Higher Education. The system and its leaders, faculty and staff remain committed to this important work for the betterment of today and tomorrow.

The following constitute the core principles guiding recommendations on legislation:

1. Work with the legislature and governor to allow the California State University to continue its oversight of academic affairs and matters relating to the internal governance of the university.

2. Preserve the integrity of the collective bargaining process.

3. Remain neutral on matters in which the state seeks to legislate the general public health and safety while not singling out the California State University.

4. Preserve the integrity of the California State University's budgetary process, and seek adequate funding to serve current and future students, support the work of faculty and staff, provide for ongoing operations, capital outlay and infrastructure needs, and to meet the workforce demands of the state.

    a. Provide that all funds must be appropriated to the Board of Trustees.
    b. Proposals for operational, student success and academic programs, and capital outlay needs, must be approved and prioritized by the Board of Trustees.
    c. Provide the operational authority and flexibility, as well as the necessary tools, for the university to respond to the needs of students and the state.

5. Seek to influence the outcome of issues which, while not affecting the California State University alone, would have a disproportionate impact on the university's activities.

6. Seek to secure representation of the California State University on appropriate boards, commissions, task forces, study groups, etc., whose work may have a significant impact on the system. Representatives to such bodies shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees or the chancellor.

7. As both the chief administrative officer and a trustee, the chancellor is recognized and designated by the Board of Trustees as the spokesperson for the California State University regarding its positions on state and federal legislative proposals. When practical, the position to be taken on a legislative proposal should be discussed with the chair and vice chair of the Committee on Governmental Relations before that position is communicated

to the Legislature. Unresolved positions on a legislative proposal will be decided by the chancellor in consultation with the chair of the board. When practical, changes in position on pending legislative proposals will be shared with the chair and vice chair of the Committee on Governmental Relations prior to communication of the change to the legislature. When this is not practical, changes in position will be shared with the chair and vice chair of the Committee on Governmental Relations immediately following communication of the change to the legislature.