

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Virtually via Teleconference

Douglas Faigin, Chair
Krystal Raynes, Vice Chair
Diego Arambula
Jack Clarke, Jr.
Jean P. Firstenberg
Jack McGrory
Romey Sabalius
Lateefah Simon

Consent 1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of July 13, 2021, *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 Auditorium*
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, California**

July 13, 2021

Members Present

Douglas Faigin, Chair
Krystal Raynes, Vice Chair
Diego Arambula
Jack Clarke, Jr.
Jean P. Firstenberg
Jack McGrory
Romey Sabalius
Lateefah Simon
Joseph I. Castro, Chancellor
Lillian Kimbell, Chair of the Board

Trustee Faigin called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 18, 2021, were approved as submitted.

State Legislative Update

Mr. Larry Salinas, vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, congratulated Trustees Arambula, Clarke and Ortiz-Morfit on being confirmed by the Senate. He reported that the Office of Advocacy and State Relations has been adeptly navigating the legislative process as evident by the number of problematic bills no longer advancing this year. The team successfully led the systemwide advocacy efforts to secure what is a historic budget.

***PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Governor's proclamation of a State of Emergency resulting from the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 issued on March 12, 2020, and March 17, 2020, respectively, all members of the Board of Trustees may participate in meetings remotely, either by telephonic or video conference means. Out of consideration for the health, safety and well-being of the members of the public and the Chancellor's Office staff, the July 13-14, 2021, meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees was conducted entirely virtually via Zoom teleconference.**

Ms. Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, gave an update on key legislative issues and summarized the final budget advocacy efforts in Sacramento. For numerous years, the CSU has organized a social media day towards the end of budget negotiations when members of the Legislature are asked to wear CSU-branded items. Because of Covid-19 precautions, the team was not able to gain access to the Capitol building and had to completely rely on members and legislative staff to distribute and promote wearing the items. Two alumni, Senator Steve Glazer and Assembly Member Mark Levine and their teams, were CSU champions who led the day's success.

She thanked CSU leaders, including trustees and campus presidents, who tweeted photos of themselves congratulating the Class of 4 million as well as reminding the state's leaders why investing in the CSU is so important to California. She gave special recognition to members of the Cal State Student Association (CSSA), Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU), CSU Alumni Council, the California Faculty Association (CFA), the California State University Employees Union (CSUEU), the Advocacy and State Relations team and Chancellor Castro for their dedication and advocacy. It was a true team effort to achieve this budget outcome.

Trustee McGrory expressed his concerns about SB 22 (Glazer) and believes that the CSU should pursue its own \$8 billion bond with the University of California. Trustee Sabalius agreed that it would be a better strategy to detach from K-12 since higher education facility needs are so different and voters may not want to approve a higher \$15 billion bond. Trustee Faigin asked about next steps in continuing the conversation and the best ways to proceed. Chancellor Castro shared that SB 22 keeps the CSU in the conversation and believes Senator Glazer is open to new directions for the bond measure when they continue discussions in the fall.

Vice Chancellor Salinas shared that the trustees will receive a report two weeks prior to the board agenda posting date that will provide an update on bills and CSU positions, and welcomes their questions and engagement on legislative issues.

Trustee Faigin adjourned the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

State Legislative Update

Presentation By

Larry Salinas
Vice Chancellor
University Relations and Advancement

Nichole Muñoz-Murillo
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The Legislature returned from summer recess on August 16 and quickly got back to work to wrap up this legislative year. The last two weeks of August were dedicated to fiscal committee hearings followed by two weeks of floor session. On September 10, the Legislature will complete their work for the year and recess for the interim. For those bills that advanced to the Governor, he has until October 10 to act on any measures.

This report is organized as follows:

- Active bills
 - Senate bills
 - Assembly bills
- Bills no longer advancing
 - Senate bills
 - Assembly bills
- Governor's actions
- Adopted resolutions

All bill summaries are accurate as of August 31, 2021.

ACTIVE BILLS

Senate Bills

SB 22 (Glazer) – Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022

This bill enacts a school facilities bond act for 2022, which if approved by voters, would authorize \$15.5 billion in bonds for K-16, of which \$4 billion would be divided equally between the UC and the CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Education Committee.

SB 367 (Hurtado) – Student Safety: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication

This bill requires the CSU and the CCC, and requests the UC, to maintain opioid overdose reversal medication in all student health centers. Additionally, campuses must provide educational and preventative information about opioids during new student orientations as well as instruct students on the use and location of opioid overdose reversal medications on campus.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting referral in the Assembly Rules Committee.

SB 395 (Caballero) – Excise Tax: Electronic Cigarettes: Health Careers Opportunity Grant Program: Small and Rural Hospital Relief Program

This bill imposes a tax on vape products and creates the Small and Rural Hospital Relief Program to help fund seismic safety improvements for small and rural hospitals. It also authorizes the Department of Health Care Access and Information to enter into contracts with nonprofit entities to meet the requirements of the Health Career Opportunity Program.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting an Assembly floor vote.

SB 416 (Hueso) – Corrections: Educational Programs

This bill requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to make college programs available to California inmates with a GED or a high school diploma and require those college programs to only be provided by the CCC, the CSU, the UC and non-profit colleges.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting an Assembly floor vote.

SB 453 (Hurtado) – Agriculture: Biosecurity and Emerging Infectious Disease Fund

This bill creates the Agricultural Biosecurity Fund in the State Treasury and allows federal, state, local and private resources to be continuously appropriated to the CSU Agricultural Research Institute.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is enrolled and awaiting to be presented to the Governor.

SB 512 (Min) – Support Services for Foster Youth: Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program

This bill changes the requirement for priority enrollment of foster youth and former foster youth to those whose dependency was established on or after an individual's 13th birthday.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting an Assembly floor vote.

Assembly Bills

AB 245 (Chiu) – Student Records: Name and Gender Changes

This bill requires the CCC, the CSU, and requests the UC, to reissue specified documents if a former student provides documentation that their legal name or gender has been changed. Additionally, commencing with the 2023-2024 graduating class, the bill requires the segments to provide an option to allow a graduating student to change the name on their diploma without legal documentation.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is enrolled and awaiting to be presented to the Governor.

AB 320 (Medina) – Teacher Preparation Programs: Regionally Accredited Institutions

This bill simplifies the process for qualified individuals seeking a teaching credential.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

AB 367 (Garcia, Cristina) – Menstrual Products

This bill requires public postsecondary institutions and K-12 schools, and requests private universities and the UC, to provide free menstrual products.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

AB 396 (Gabriel) – CalFresh: Educational Programs

This bill requires the CSU and other educational institutions to apply to the Department of Social Services to certify that their educational programs increase employability and meet eligibility standards for CalFresh.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

AB 543 (Davies) – Student Orientation: CalFresh

This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to provide educational information about CalFresh and the eligibility requirements to all incoming students during orientation.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a concurrence vote on the Assembly floor.

AB 815 (Rivas, Luz) – School Nurses: Credentialing

This bill authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to approve local education agencies (K-12), with an enrollment exceeding 40,000 students, to offer school nurse credentialing programs.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

AB 914 (Weber, Akilah) – CSU: Proficiency Level of Entering Students

This bill updates and adds reporting requirements on student placement in general education courses and shifts the current annual reporting deadline from February 1 to April 1.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

AB 927 (Medina) – Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

This bill removes the sunset date on the statewide CCC baccalaureate degree pilot program and allows up to 30 programs to be approved each year. It maintains the current prohibition on CCC baccalaureate degrees that duplicate CSU and UC programs, and provides a structured consultation process on new programs between the CSU, the UC, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, and the CCC Chancellor's Office.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

AB 928 (Berman) – Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021: Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee

This bill creates an intersegmental committee on the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT), consolidates the CSU and the UC general education pathways into one pathway within the number of units currently in the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum, and requires that CCC students automatically enroll in an ADT pathway if they express a goal to transfer.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

AB 1002 (Choi) – Course Credit for Prior Military Education, Training, and Service

This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, in collaboration with their respective academic senates, to develop a consistent policy to award course credit to military personnel and veterans who have an official Joint Services Transcript.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a concurrence vote on the Assembly floor.

AB 1111 (Berman) – Common Course Numbering System

This bill requires the CCC Chancellor’s Office to adopt a common-course numbering system.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

AB 1113 (Medina) – Exemption from Tuition and Fees: Qualifying Survivors of Persons Providing Medical or Emergency Services Deceased During COVID-19 California State of Emergency

This bill requires the CCC and the CSU, and requests the UC, to not collect systemwide tuition and mandatory campus-based fees from any qualifying spouse or child of a California licensed physician, nurse or first responder who died of COVID-19 during the pandemic state of emergency in California.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

AB 1185 (Cervantes) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program

This bill extends the Cal Grant eligibility requirements related to time out of high school and community college as well as age of the recipient until July 1, 2023, in response to the COVID-19 state of emergency.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

AB 1326 (Arambula) – Public Social Services: County Liaison for Higher Education

This bill requires a county human services agency to designate at least one employee as a staff liaison to serve as a point of contact for academic counselors and other professional staff at public higher education institutions within the county and to develop protocols for engagement.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

AB 1377 (McCarty) – Student Housing Plans

This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to conduct a needs assessment to determine their projected student housing needs.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a concurrence vote on the Assembly floor.

AB 1407 (Burke) – Nurses: Implicit Bias Courses

This bill requires schools of nursing to include implicit bias training and specifies other requirements for a licensee when they renew their license.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a concurrence vote on the Assembly floor.

AB 1456 (Medina) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Reform Act

This bill enacts the Cal Grant Reform Act, which revises the current structure and eligibility requirements of the state financial aid program.

- **CSU Position:** Support if amended
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

BILLS NO LONGER ADVANCING

Senate Bills

SB 45 (Portantino) – Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022

This bill authorizes a \$5.6 billion bond to be placed on the November 2022 ballot to finance programs related to wildfire and water issues. It includes \$60 million to the CSU for wildfire research.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Inactive File.

SB 228 (Leyva) – Support Services for Foster Youth: Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program

This bill changes the requirement for priority enrollment of foster youth and former foster youth to those whose dependency was established on or after an individual’s 13th birthday.

Note: Senator Leyva transferred SB 228 to Senator Min due to bill limits imposed by leadership. The contents of SB 228 were amended into SB 512.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Inactive File.

SB 387 (Portantino) – Peace Officers: Certification, Education and Recruitment

This bill requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to work with stakeholders in law enforcement, CCC, the CSU, the UC and community organizations to develop a list of courses to include as requirements for obtaining a basic peace officer certificate.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Inactive File.

SB 566 (Leyva) – CSU: Support Staff Employees: Merit Salary Adjustments

This bill requires the CSU to use existing resources to provide a five-percent annual step in salary to each support staff employee and incorporate similar language into collective bargaining agreements, and sunsets this provision on July 1, 2032.

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

SB 747 (Hurtado) – Central Valley Medical School Endowment Fund

This bill creates the Central Valley Medical School Endowment Fund to support a CSU medical school in the central valley.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is in the Senate Rules Committee awaiting referral.

SB 785 (Glazer) – California Promise Program: CSU Students

This bill requires, commencing with the 2022-2023 academic year, that at least five percent of each incoming class at each participating campus of the CSU be a participant in the California Promise program, and that at least 70 percent of those participating students be either low-income, first-generation or from communities that are underrepresented in higher education.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Inactive File.

SB 787 (Hurtado) – CSU Program in Medical Education

This bill requires the CSU to establish Doctor of Medicine degree programs.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is in the Senate Rules Committee awaiting referral.

Assembly Bills

AB 29 (Cooper) – State Bodies: Meetings

This bill amends the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act to require that all materials and writings provided to board members of a state agency, board or commission be posted on the website the same day the materials are given to board members or at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, whichever is earlier. The bill prohibits distribution, discussion or action on writings or materials that do not meet this posting requirement.

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

AB 53 (Low) – Election Day Holiday

This bill creates a state holiday for the general election in even numbered years, and requires state offices, public schools and public postsecondary campuses, including the CSU, to be closed.

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

AB 99 (Irwin) – Statewide Longitudinal Data System: California Cradle-to-Career Data System: Governance and Support

This bill establishes the mission and governing structure for the statewide longitudinal data system.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 288 (Bonta) – California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021

This bill prohibits public and private higher education institutions from reducing certain students' institution-based financial aid awards below their financial need.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 295 (Jones-Sawyer) – Pilot Program for Free Tuition and Fees: Working Group

This bill establishes a working group with representatives from the Department of Education, Board of Governors of the CCC, Trustees of the CSU and Regents of the UC to consider the creation of a pilot program that provides free postsecondary education.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 403 (Kalra) – Fair Access to College Textbooks Act

This bill places restrictions on postsecondary educational institutions to assess automatic charges (commonly known as “opt-out” programs) and bulk access programs for instructional materials.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 498 (Quirk-Silva) – Computer Science Access Initiative

This bill establishes the Computer Science Access Initiative, which will award grants to local educational agencies (K-12) for the purpose of increasing the number of computer science teachers.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 524 (Rodriguez) – Campus-Affiliated Sorority and Fraternity Transparency Act

The bill requires higher education institutions to annually collect information from each sorority and fraternity and post it online.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is on the Assembly Inactive File.

AB 595 (Medina) – CSU and UC: Student Eligibility Policy

This bill requires the Trustees of the CSU, and requests the Regents of the UC, to engage in a specified process, including the commission of an independent study, and present the policy change to the legislature before making any change in undergraduate student eligibility policy that adds new eligibility requirements.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 609 (Kamlager) – College Athlete Race and Gender Equity Act

This bill requires that specified sports provide a royalty fee to student athletes, suspends the athletic director for three years for Title IX violations, reduces athletic administrative personnel compensation by 50 percent and prohibits building new athletic facilities for ten years except for health and safety reasons.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 737 (Santiago) – CSU: Tuition

This bill prohibits the CSU from charging tuition or mandatory systemwide fees for enrollment for any academic year, for up to two academic years, to a CCC resident transfer student who completed an associate degree, has received a fee waiver under the California College Promise and is at least 28 years of age.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 940 (McCarty) – College Mental Health Services Program

This bill appropriates \$20 million from the Mental Health Services Fund to expand student mental health services at the California Community Colleges (CCC), the CSU and the University of California (UC).

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

AB 1097 (Santiago) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Fraud, Abuse and False Advertising

This bill expands Cal Grant eligibility to California residents attending a branch of a public postsecondary educational institution established by a jurisdiction other than California and that is located within the state.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 1115 (Choi) – Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

This bill extends the sunset date for the existing CCC baccalaureate degree pilot program by one year to July 2027.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 1176 (Garcia, Eduardo) – Communications: Universal Broadband Service: California Connect Fund

This bill creates the California Connect Program to increase access to high-speed broadband service and subsidize households that meet certain requirements. The bill tasks the Public Utilities Commission with developing and implementing the program, with eligibility criteria that includes a low-income qualification and a student qualification.

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

AB 1306 (Arambula) – Health Professions Careers Opportunity Program

This bill authorizes the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to fund 20 Health Professions Career Opportunity Program pilot programs at campuses, including five at CSU.

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

AB 1421 (Nguyen) – Refunds of Student Campus Fees

This bill requires the CCC and the CSU, and requests the UC, to identify students who were obliged to stay away from their respective campuses due to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years and ascertain the amounts of campus fees collected from each of these students. The bill appropriates this unknown amount from the General Fund to be refunded to those students through their respective institutions.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 1467 (Cervantes) – Student Safety: Sexual Assault Procedures and Protocols: Sexual Assault Counselors

This bill requires procedures related to the hiring of campus sexual assault counselors and the annual review of executive orders related to Title IX.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS

Senate Bills

SB 26 (Skinner) – Collegiate Athletics: Student Athlete Compensation and Representation

This bill accelerates current law allowing compensation for student athletes for name, image and likeness to September 1, 2021 and adds an urgency clause to take effect immediately.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 159, Statutes of 2021.

SB 701 (Committee on Education) – Federal GI Bill: Nonresident Tuition: Real Property

This is the higher education omnibus bill, which makes noncontroversial and clarifying amendments regarding postsecondary education.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 110, Statutes of 2021.

Assembly Bills

AB 104 (Gonzalez, Lorena) – K-12 Education: Learning Recovery Opportunities: COVID-19

Among the bill's provisions to address K-12 learning loss due to COVID-19 impacts, this bill requires a school to allow a student in the 2020-21 academic year to request a change their letter grade to a pass or no pass on the student's transcript and requires the CSU and encourages the UC and private higher education institutions to accept the transcript for admissions purposes.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 41, Statutes of 2021.

AB 251 (Choi) – Admission by Exception

This bill prohibits a senior campus administrator who is associated with campus development, external affairs, fundraising, donor relations, alumni relations or alumni outreach from approving a student's admission by exception.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 47, Statutes of 2021.

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

HR 53 (Levine) – CSU Class of 4 Million

This resolution resolves that the Assembly joins in celebration of the Class of 4 Million at the CSU, its global network and its essential impact on California.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Adopted.

SR 44 (Glazer) – CSU Class of 4 Million

This resolution resolves that the Senate joins in celebration of the Class of 4 Million at the CSU, its global network and its essential impact on California.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Adopted.