AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 24, 2023**
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Douglas Faigin, Chair
Maria Linares, Vice Chair
Diego Arambula
Jack McGrory
Yammilette Rodriguez
Romey Sabalius
Lateefah Simon
Jose Antonio Vargas

Consent
1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of March 22, 2023, *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

March 22, 2023

Members Present

Douglas Faigin, Chair
Maria Linares, Vice Chair
Diego Arambula
Jack McGrory
Yammilette Rodriguez
Romey Sabalius

Wenda Fong, Chair of the Board
Jolene Koester, Interim Chancellor

Trustee Linares called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 25, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted.

State Legislative Update

Steve Relyea, executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer, reported that each year at this time, the board receives an update on sponsored legislation and a review of legislation that has been introduced in the State Assembly and Senate. As specified in the board's legislative principles, staff met with the chair and vice chair of the Governmental Relations Committee and presented recommended positions and supporting analysis.

More than 2,600 bills have been introduced in the legislature this year. The Advocacy and State Relations team has worked hard to review these bills—engaging their colleagues in the Chancellor's Office and at many of the campuses— to produce this initial analysis, with special attention given to legislation that directly impacts the CSU.

Nathan Dietrich, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, provided an update on Board of Trustees sponsored legislation, shared legislative trends, reviewed the terminology for bill positions, and highlighted recent and upcoming advocacy activities.

He thanked all the CSU campuses for participating in Budget Advocacy Day on March 8. Presidents, faculty, staff, students and alumni delivered the message that the CSU is grateful that the governor is standing by the $247 million dollar funding increase as called for in the Multi-Year Compact but emphasized additional funding is needed to continue Graduation Initiative 2025, support our workforce and invest in our facilities.

Trustees had questions and comments regarding a facilities bond on the 2024 ballet, opposition to SB 11, unsustainable unfunded mandates from the state legislature, the success of Advocacy Day and how the trustees can be better advocates for the CSU.

Trustee Linares thanked CSSA and the students for their part in the advocacy efforts and adjourned the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

State Legislative Update

Presentation By

Steve Relyea
Executive Vice Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Nathan Dietrich
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The first major policy deadline was on April 28, in which the Assembly and Senate policy committees needed to act on bills in order to advance to the fiscal committee. Any bills that failed to meet the policy deadline are now deemed two-year bills. May 19 is the deadline for fiscal committees to report out bills identified as having a fiscal impact. Bills must pass out of their house of origin by June 2 to continue to be active this legislative year. This presentation highlights bills of interest to the CSU community.

This report is organized as follows:

- Board of Trustees sponsored legislation
- Active bills
    - Senate Bills
    - Assembly Bills
- Two-year bills
    - Senate bills
    - Assembly bills

All bill summaries and positions are accurate as of May 5, 2023.

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

AB 656 (McCarty) – California State University: Doctoral Programs
This bill would authorize the California State University (CSU) broad authority to establish expanded doctoral offerings that do not duplicate the University of California's (UC) doctoral programs and address workforce needs in California.

- **CSU Position:** Sponsor
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 10.

AB 840 (Addis) – Tied-House Restrictions: Advertising: California State University Campuses
This bill creates an exception to tied-house laws that will allow several venues on CSU campuses to enter into sponsorship agreements with alcohol beverage suppliers.

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

ACTIVE BILLS

Senate Bills

SB 11 (Menjivar) – CSU: Mental Health Services: Contracting Out
This bill requires the CSU to maintain a ratio of one mental health counselor per 1,500 students at each campus and establishes the CSU Mental Health Professionals Act to provide incentives for CSU students to become mental health counselors.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose unless amended
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 15.

SB 28 (Glazer) – Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2024
This bill would place a $15.5 billion facilities bond on the March 2024 for K-16, that if approved by the voters, would allocate $2 billion for the CSU.

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

SB 59 (Skinner) – Menstrual Product Accessibility Act
This bill increases the number of bathrooms in state-owned buildings that must be stocked with menstrual products, which are to be provided to members of the public free of charge.

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

SB 234 (Portantino) – Opioid Antagonists: Schools, College Campuses, Stadiums, Concert Venues, and Amusement Parks
This bill requires the CSU and other higher education segments, as well as concert venues and stadiums, to maintain unexpired doses of naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist onsite.

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

SB 307 (Ashby) – Middle Class Scholarship Program: Community Colleges: Foster Youth
This bill expands access to the Middle Class Scholarship program for community college students who are current or former foster youth.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 8.

SB 447 (Atkins) – GO-Biz
This bill would repeal the state's travel ban which currently prohibits state funded travel to certain states that have enacted anti-LGBTQ policies. It would instead authorize GO-Biz to promote social equity, civil rights, and antidiscrimination via a nationwide advertising campaign.

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

SB 633 (Gonzalez) – California DREAM Loan Program: DREAM Grants
This bill authorizes institutions participating in the DREAM Loan Program to offer unawarded funds from their revolving fund as DREAM Grants to eligible students.

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

SB 640 (Portantino) – CSU: Food Service Contracts and Hotel Development Projects
This bill requires the CSU or CSU auxiliaries to include a labor peace agreement as part of any food service or hotel development contract.

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

SB 661 (Bradford) – Student Athlete Bill of Rights
This bill expands upon the Student Athlete Bill of Rights to require all athletic programs, not just those with more than ten million dollars annually in media rights, to provide an equivalent scholarship for up to five years for a student who suffers an injury and provide a scholarship for up to one year for a student that has exhausted their athletic eligibility under specified conditions.

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

SB 791 (McGuire) – Postsecondary Education: Academic and Administrative Employees: Disclosure of Sexual Harassment
This bill requires the CSU and California Community Colleges (CCC), and requests the UC, to require as part of the hiring process for an appointment to an academic or administrative position that the applicant disclose any final judicial or administrative decision determining that the applicant committed sexual harassment.

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

SB 808 (Dodd) – CSU: Terms of Employment: Settlements and Retreat Rights
This bill requires the CSU Board of Trustees to include additional oversight for approving sexual harassment settlements; to report annually on the number of sexual harassment complaints and the disposition of those cases to the Legislature; and to prohibit retreat rights for senior administrators who have violated Title IX policy.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 8.

SB 856 (Glazer) – CSU: California Promise: Finish in Four and Through in Two
This bill requires the California Promise program to be renamed the 'Finish in Four and Through in Two' program. It also requires incoming students to opt out of participating rather than opting into the program, with each campus required to have at least five percent of each incoming class participating in the program.

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

Assembly Bills

AB 25 (McCarty) – Student Financial Aid: Middle Class Scholarship Program
This bill amends the rules of the Middle Class Scholarship Program to remove basic needs emergency aid from consideration in the awarding or adjusting of scholarship amounts.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 10.

AB 252 (Holden) – The College Athlete Protection Act
This bill establishes the College Athlete Protection (CAP) Act, for the purpose of providing various rights, benefits and protections to college athletes. The bill creates a 21-member panel to promulgate various regulations and requires National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1 schools to provide degree completion fund payments to student athletes that receive athletic grants.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 10.

AB 255 (Alanis) – Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Registration for First Responders
This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to grant priority for registration to first responders.

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

AB 266 (Boerner) – Legislative Internship Program
The bill would establish the Legislative Internship Program under the administration of the CSU's Center for California Studies.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 10.

AB 277 (Rodriguez) – Extreme Weather Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center
This bill would require the Department of Water Resources and Office of Emergency Services to establish an extreme weather research center to analyze extreme weather data and atmospheric conditions. The center shall be comprised of representatives from several organizations, including the CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 10.

AB 299 (Holden) – Hazing: Educational Institutions: Civil Liability
This bill establishes civil liability for an education institution, which includes the CSU, if the institution had direct involvement in or knew of, dangerous hazing practices of the student organization involved in hazing.

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

AB 322 (Mathis) – Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act of 2023.
This bill would require the CSU and the CCC, and requests the UC, to develop and include within first-year student orientation a supplemental module of services and resources available for students who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of the California National Guard.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 10.

AB 447 (Arambula) – Public Postsecondary Education: Students with Disabilities: Inclusive College Pilot Programs
This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to develop inclusive college programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to pursue an educational credential, upon appropriation from the Legislature.

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

AB 456 (Maienschein) – Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Mental Health Hotlines
This bill requires each campus of the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to establish a campus mental health hotline for students to access mental health services remotely during working hours and to include this phone number on the back of all student ID cards.

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

AB 461 (Ramos) – Student Safety: Fentanyl Test Strips
This bill requires the CSU to include information about the use and location of fentanyl test strips at new student orientations and requires that each campus health center stock and distribute fentanyl test strips.

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

AB 504 (Reyes) – State and Local Public Employees: Labor Relations: Disputes
This bill would establish a statutory right for all public employees to take part in a sympathy strike.

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

AB 506 (Fong, Mike) – CSU: Graduation Requirement: Ethnic Studies
This bill requires the CSU to collaborate with the CCC Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), the CCC Ethnic Studies Faculty Council, the Academic Senate for the CCC, the Academic Senate for the CSU, and the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies on a process for the CSU to approve CCC ethnic studies courses. It also delays the completion of the ethnic studies graduation requirement for students from 2024-25 to 2025-26.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 10.

AB 569 (Garcia) – CSU: Veterans: Cybersecurity Regional Alliances and Multistakeholder Partnerships Pilot Program
This bill would require the CSU Chancellor's Office to submit a report to the Legislature on the Cybersecurity pilot program funded in the 2022 budget by July 1, 2028.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 10.

AB 603 (Cervantes) – Public Postsecondary Education: Diversity: Report
This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to annually report to the Legislature on the diversity of their student body and of their governing board.

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

AB 607 (Kalra) – Public Postsecondary Education: Course Materials
This bill would require the CSU, CCC, and request the UC, to display the estimated costs for each digital course of all required course materials and fees directly related to those materials. This requirement would be applied to at least 75% of the total number of courses on the online campus course schedule.

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

AB 624 (Grayson) – Postsecondary Education: Disabled Student Services: Assessments
This bill requires public and private postsecondary educational institutions to provide and cover the costs of diagnostic assessments needed by students for academic accommodations. State funds will be provided to reimburse institutions on an actual-cost basis.

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

AB 659 (Aguiar-Curry) – Cancer Prevention Act
This bill declares the public policy of the state that students who are 26 years of age or younger are expected to be fully immunized against HPV before first-time enrollment at an institution of the CSU, UC, or CCC.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 10.

AB 680 (Rubio, Blanca) – Public Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition: Exemption
This bill expands the provisions of AB 540 and exempts certain students from paying nonresident tuition at the CSU and CCC.

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

AB 746 (Sanchez) – Learning-Aligned Employment Program: Eligibility and Priority
This bill changes the requirements of the Learning-Aligned Employment Program to make it available to more students while still prioritizing those from underrepresented backgrounds.

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

AB 760 (Wilson) – CSU and UC: records: Affirmed Name and Gender Identification
This bill requires CSU, and requests UC, by the 2024–25 academic year, to implement a system by which current students, faculty and staff can declare an affirmed name and/or gender be used in their records where a legal name is not required. The bill also requires the CSU to update specified records, including transcripts upon request of the individual.

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

AB 789 (Berman) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Satisfactory Academic Progress
This bill requires postsecondary institutions to align their satisfactory academic progress standards to the minimum federal standards to qualify for participation in the Cal Grant program. Institutions must also annually report to the Legislature on the number of students who became ineligible to receive financial aid due to not achieving satisfactory academic progress.

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

AB 1082 (Kalra) – Authority to Remove Vehicles
This bill would prohibit towing or immobilizing a vehicle due to unpaid parking tickets, increase the number of unpaid tickets from one to eight before the Department of Motor Vehicles can place a registration hold and implement new requirements for parking payment plans established by processing agencies.

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

AB 1123 (Addis) CSU: Employees: Paid Parental Leave of Absence
This bill requires the CSU to grant paid parental leave to an employee for one semester of an academic year.

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

AB 1138 (Weber) – Postsecondary Education: Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence Prevention: Transportation Services
This bill requires the CSU, UC, and CCC to provide students free transportation to and from a rape crisis center to administer Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) Kits if such kits are not already administered on campus.

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

AB 1311 (Soria) – Public Postsecondary Education: Allied Health Programs: Assessment
This bill requires the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) to assess the effectiveness of existing programs in allied health jointly offered between the CCC, CSU and UC.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 10.

AB 1390 (McCarty) – CSU: UC: Graduation Requirements: Service Learning
This bill specifies that the CSU and UC institute a service-learning requirement for students graduating by the 2032-33 academic year. The CSU and UC is prohibited from increasing the number of units needed to graduate because of this requirement.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose unless amended
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 10.

AB 1524 (Lowenthal) Postsecondary Education: On-Campus Access to Drug Testing Devices
This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to stock devices including test strips, stickers, and straws that detect the presence of drugs such as Ketamine in a central and accessible location on campus and offer them free of charge.

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

AB 1540 (Fong, Mike) – Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition: Exemption
This bill would simplify the financial aid application process for undocumented students by authorizing institutions to accept an affidavit provided to the Student Aid Commission rather than requiring multiple affidavits.

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

TWO-YEAR BILLS

Senate Bills

SB 574 (Wahab) – Public Agencies: Project Labor Agreements
This bill prohibits a state agency from entering into a public works project in excess of $35 million dollars, unless that project is governed by a project labor agreement (PLA). This would apply to the CSU if state bond funds are used in the construction of the public works project

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

Assembly Bills

AB 644 (Jones-Sawyer) – Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Safety: Hate Crimes: Surveys
This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to work with students to develop questions related to hate crimes, campus climate, and safety to be added to the biennial online campus climate survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Education and to report the campus-level results to the Legislature.

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

AB 810 (Friedman) – Athletics Department: Misconduct Database
This bill requires a postsecondary education institution to create a database for the institution to collect and store information on individuals working with or within athletic departments who have been convicted of a crime involving misconduct relating to their employment with the institution.

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

AB 1062 (Santiago) – Public Postsecondary Education: California State University: Tuition
This bill requires, upon appropriation, that the CSU not charge tuition or mandatory systemwide fees to any community college transfer student with financial need and an ADT for up to two years. Additionally, such students who receive financial aid to cover their tuition and fees must receive an institutional grant in the commensurate amount of what otherwise would have been waived by the CSU to help cover their nontuition costs.

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

AB 1142 (Fong, Mike) – Postsecondary Education: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California
This bill would establish the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California as the statewide postsecondary education oversight, coordination, and planning entity. Among many duties and responsibilities, the Commission would be required to develop and publish an independent annual report on the condition of higher education in California.

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

AB 1160 (Pacheco) – Protecting Students from Creditor Colleges Act
This bill prohibits public and private postsecondary educational institutions from engaging in debt collection practices such as withholding a diploma or certificate, placing a hold on registration or enrollment, or engaging a third-party debt collection agency. Additionally, each segment is required to annually report to the Legislature on the amounts and types of debts owed by students to each institution.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 25.

AB 1558 (Gallagher) – Postsecondary Education: Safety: Credible Threats
The bill would require each campus after receiving a threat to student, faculty or staff safety to determine, through a third-party risk assessment, whether the threat is credible. If the campus determines the threat is credible, to determine whether the individual poses an immediate threat and impose interim measures to ensure school and student safety.

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

AB 1575 (Irwin) – Postsecondary Education: Designated Advocates: Notification
This bill requires the segments of postsecondary education to notify students of their ability to opt into selecting a designated advocate, who will receive notifications about specified administrative, academic, health, and disciplinary notices.

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