

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Glenn S. Dumke Conference Center

Yammilette Rodriguez, Chair
Raji Kaur Brar, Vice Chair
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie
Jazmin Guajardo
Julia I. Lopez
Jonathan Molina Mancio
Sam Nejabat
Jose Antonio Vargas
Darlene Yee-Melichar

Consent 1. Approval of Minutes, *Action*
Discussion 2. Tribal Relations Update and Status of NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance, *Information*
3. State Legislative and Budget Advocacy Update, *Information*

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
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**

March 25, 2025

Members Present

Yammilette Rodriguez, Chair
Douglas Faigin
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie
Jazmin Guajardo
Julia I. Lopez
Jonathan Molina Mancio
Darlene Yee-Melichar

Jack B. Clarke, Jr., Chair of the Board
Mildred García, Chancellor

Before moving to the business of the committee, Trustee Rodriguez extended appreciation to all involved in CSU Advocacy Day, with a special thanks to the Advocacy and State Relations team. She praised the strong representation by students, faculty and alumni at the State Capitol, including Academic Senate Chair Boyd, Alumni Council President-elect Adrian Harrell and CSSA President Iese Esera, and commended the coordinated legislative outreach and communications.

Trustee Rodriguez called the meeting of the Committee on Governmental Relations to order. She acknowledged public comments regarding the Cal State Long Beach land trust and confirmed that the Executive Director for Tribal Relations is reviewing ways to support those efforts. A written update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA compliance was included in the meeting materials, and trustees were invited to follow up with any questions.

Consent Agenda

The minutes of the January 29, 2025 meeting of the Committee on Governmental Relations were approved as submitted.

Item 2, Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance, was an information item.

Item 3 – State Legislative and Budget Advocacy Update

Greg Saks, vice chancellor, external relations and communications, thanked the students, faculty, staff and alumni who participated in Advocacy Day. The event included over 100 participants in more than 60 legislative visits, as well as an evening alumni reception with hundreds of attendees.

Vice Chancellor Saks reported that more than 2,600 bills have been introduced to date. The Advocacy and State Relations team conducted an initial review and identified over 500 bills for further analysis, with 37 designated as priority bills warranting proactive engagement.

Nathan Dietrich, assistant vice chancellor, advocacy and state relations, highlighted common themes in the current legislative session, including re-establishing a higher education coordinating body, intersegmental alignment of the CSU, UC and community colleges, the CSU's governance, college affordability and the delivery of basic needs. Bills intended to enhance affordability, such as expanding fee waivers and restricting student debt collection, present significant fiscal challenges especially in light of potential budget cuts.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich reported that the System Budget Office is leading a coordinated, campaign-style effort in partnership with Advocacy and State Relations, Strategic Communications, Systemwide Advancement and many others. They are working with internal and external stakeholders, including each university, the California State Student Association, Academic Senate, CSU Alumni Council, chambers of commerce, local governments and nonprofit organizations.

Ryan Storm, assistant vice chancellor, budget planning and advocacy, emphasized that preventing the \$375 million cut remains the CSU's top priority. If enacted, these cuts would reduce funding by \$6 million to \$29 million per university, and lead to increased class sizes, reduced services, delayed graduation timelines and staffing impacts. The CSU is actively working to elevate its value among legislators and the governor's administration. These efforts aim not only to prevent reductions but also to position the CSU for potential funding increases, should the state's fiscal outlook improve later this year.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Storm shared that a comprehensive, statewide advocacy plan has been developed to engage stakeholders at key moments throughout the budget cycle. While Sacramento remains a primary focus, the plan also includes coordinated outreach efforts across the state to ensure timely engagement with decision-makers in a variety of venues. He reported that Chancellor García, trustees and other CSU leaders spent the fall engaging with the Governor's Office, Department of Finance and legislators to outline both the steps taken to address the proposed budget cuts and the consequences of these cuts.

He reported that following the release of the January budget proposal, the CSU shifted to a broader, more public effort involving both internal and external partners. The Chancellor's Office maintains regular communication with university presidents and budget officials, while Advocacy and State Relations meets biweekly with campus government relations staff. Additionally, the

System Budget Office convenes regular meetings with a coalition, including the California State Student Association, CSU Alumni Council and Academic Senate. The CSU continues to activate its broad base of support—students, faculty, staff, alumni, business associations, local officials and community organizations—to engage with state leaders and reinforce the value of investing in the CSU.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich provided an update on budget advocacy activities. CSSA held its own Advocacy Day on March 10, including a press conference and several legislative meetings. He announced the creation of the CSU Legislators Delegation, a new caucus comprising members of the legislature who are CSU alumni or represent CSU campuses. He also previewed upcoming efforts, including Trustees Advocacy Day on April 29 and a May 5 event with CSSA and alumni. Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich shared that 61 legislators signed a letter opposing the CSU budget cuts with signatures collected in just two days.

Pati Navalta, associate vice chancellor, strategic communications and brand marketing, outlined the integrated communications strategy in support of budget advocacy. She described the campaign's dual focus on humanizing the impact of budget cuts and providing clear, consistent messaging systemwide. She shared the hashtag #StopCSUCuts, and how campuses have been equipped with messaging and social media toolkits to localize stories while supporting unified statewide messaging. These kits include a budget cut fact sheet, quotes and testimonials, projected state budget reduction by university, media clips and district maps highlighting the economic impact of each university.

Associate Vice Chancellor Navalta reported significant media engagement with 95 news articles covering the CSU's budget crisis. Six op-eds have been published—with more planned—and social media engagement is climbing. She encouraged trustees to continue participating by writing op-eds, contacting legislators, engaging their networks and attending Trustee Advocacy Day.

Trustee Yee-Melichar inquired about high-risk legislation, and Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich cited community college bachelor's degree expansion and changes to the master plan as top concerns. Trustee Gilbert-Lurie and Vice Chair Arambula called for "marching orders" to amplify advocacy efforts locally and statewide, while Trustee Guajardo raised the importance of involving prospective students and their families in the call to action. Trustee Lopez encouraged a sustained communications strategy addressing community college bachelor's degrees. Trustees Ghilarducci and McGrory emphasized the need to keep the pressure on legislators through final budget negotiations.

Trustee Rodriguez adjourned the meeting of the Committee on Governmental Relations.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Tribal Relations Update and Status of NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance

Presentation By

Greg Saks
Vice Chancellor
External Relations and Communications

Samantha Cypret
Executive Director
Office of Tribal Relations

Summary

This agenda item provides an update on Tribal relations including the systemwide compliance in relation to federal and state laws that require the repatriation of Native American ancestral remains and cultural items that are in a university's possession or control.

Background

The January 2024 Board of Trustees meeting included a discussion on systemwide and university compliance in relation to the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (CalNAGPRA), AB 389, and the 2023 state audit. The Board of Trustees has requested updates at future meetings on progress made towards meeting the CSU's responsibilities under state and federal law.

State Audit Update

Following the March 2025 Board of Trustees meeting, the California State Auditor advanced the due date for the progress report from June 2025 to March 31, 2025. This report outlined the progress made in addressing the Auditor's eight recommendations. The State Auditor had previously determined that the recommendations related to the administrative structure and budget estimates of the Chancellor's Office had been fully implemented.

Upon submission of the progress report, the State Auditor also concluded that Recommendation #5, which requires each university to have a full-time, experienced NAGPRA coordinator, had been fulfilled. The Chancellor's Office is currently collaborating with the State Auditor's staff to finalize the implementation status of Recommendation #8, which pertains to campus financing. The Chancellor's Office is now awaiting notification of the due date for the next report from the State Auditor.

Systemwide Policy Development and Listening Sessions

AB 389, in alignment with recommendations from the 2023 state audit, requires the Chancellor's Office to adopt a systemwide policy to strengthen implementation of state and federal NAGPRA laws. This policy must ensure meaningful consultation, and the timely repatriation of Native American remains and cultural items. Pursuant to AB 389, the policy must be developed in consultation with California Native American Tribes and the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC).

An initial 90-day consultation period for Tribes to provide feedback on the working draft policy concluded on November 30, 2024. Following the close of this period, the Chancellor's Office reviewed and incorporated the feedback into a revised draft of the systemwide policy. This draft was presented at the January 2025 NAHC meeting, distributed to all contacts on the NAHC CalNAGPRA list, and posted on the CSU NAGPRA website.

To support engagement, the Chancellor's Office held four in-person outreach sessions on Tribal lands across Northern, Central, Southern and Eastern California, as well as two virtual sessions. Additionally, feedback was invited from all interested parties via a feedback form on the CSU NAGPRA website. A subsequent 60-day consultation period concluded on March 31, 2025. Feedback received during this period was reviewed and integrated into a second draft of the systemwide policy.

This revised draft will be shared at the NAHC meeting on May 9, 2025. Following the meeting, the second draft will be distributed electronically to the NAHC CalNAGPRA contact list and mailed in hard copy to all Tribes on the NAHC Contact List. Executive Director Cypret will share an update during the presentation to the Board. The Chancellor's Office will continue outreach by hosting four additional Tribal consultation sessions, two in-person and two virtual. In addition, any California Native American Tribe may request individual consultation. The second draft policy remains available on the CSU NAGPRA website, where a feedback form is also accessible for comments and feedback from any interested party.

The remaining schedule, with additional descriptions, for the systemwide policy development process is below:

Through May 31, 2025	Second Draft Systemwide NAGPRA Policy released for review by all stakeholders including Tribes, NAHC, CSU faculty and staff, and the public; four Tribal outreach sessions offered; feedback form available on the CSU NAGPRA website.
June 1-15, 2025	Review and incorporate stakeholder feedback to develop the final draft of the Systemwide NAGPRA Policy
July 1, 2025	Adoption and implementation by CSU.

Campus Coordinators

AB 389 requires that all campuses in possession of Native American remains and cultural items employ full-time, experienced repatriation coordinators by July 1, 2024. This mandate aligns with a recommendation from the 2023 state audit, which also emphasized the need for dedicated, full-time staff to support compliance with state and federal repatriation laws.

As previously reported, by the end of 2024, all 21 California State University campuses identified as requiring a full-time, experienced repatriation coordinator had successfully filled these positions. Chancellor's Office staff and university leadership continue to collaborate with campus coordinators as they conduct inventories, consult with Tribes, and advance repatriation efforts in accordance with legal and ethical obligations.

To support this work, the Chancellor's Office hosted a virtual training session for all campus coordinators in February 2025. An in-person training is scheduled for August 12-13, 2025 and will be hosted by Sacramento State. This training will focus on the implementation of the CSU systemwide NAGPRA policy. All campus staff involved with NAGPRA collections are encouraged to attend.

Systemwide Committee and Campus Committees

AB 389 required the creation of systemwide and campus-based NAGPRA committees; the state audit also recommends it. The law requires the NAHC to review applicants and nominate them to the Chancellor for appointment. Each systemwide and campus-based committee will include four voting Tribal representatives and three voting university members.

As of May 2025, 54 committee members have now been appointed to committees at 19 universities. Chico State has a full committee, and quorums exist at San Diego State, San Francisco State, Sacramento State and Sonoma State.

Seven committee members are expected to be nominated at the NAHC's May 9, 2025 meeting. Executive Director Cypret will share an update during the presentation to the Board. Should all nominated candidates be confirmed at the May meeting, CSU San Bernardino and CSU Fullerton will have quorum. One hundred additional committee members are still needed across the system.

All campus presidents and presidential designees have also been asked to encourage qualified campuses representative to apply for vacant positions. The Chancellor's Office has also included committee outreach during the systemwide policy Tribal outreach sessions and has offered support to any interested applicants. The NAHC will continue to take applications for nominations for committee members until all positions are filled.

Prohibition on Teaching, Research, and Display

AB 389 and the new federal regulations place an additional emphasis on prohibiting the use of ancestral remains or cultural items that are in a university's collection for the purpose of teaching, research or display. On March 18, 2024, Chancellor García issued a memorandum directing university presidents to abide by the state and federal regulations and to ensure ancestral remains or cultural items that are in a university's collection are not used in teaching, research or are on display. The draft systemwide policy includes this prohibition and federal Duty of Care requirements.

Status of Inventories

AB 389 requires the California State University system to submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2024, detailing the progress each campus has made in reviewing its collections of Native American ancestral remains and cultural items. In preparation for this report, the Chancellor's Office issued guidance in 2023 and 2024 directing each campus to conduct comprehensive, campus-wide searches for such items.

As mandated, the Legislative Report was submitted and documented the progress made by each university in reviewing their inventories. According to the 2023 state audit, CSU campuses held 5,804 ancestral remains and 692,400 cultural items. The 2024 report to the Legislature identified 2,245 ancestral remains and nearly two million potential cultural items across the system. Final determinations regarding these items will be made through ongoing Tribal consultation, as required by law and policy.

To enhance transparency and to support the connectivity between the Tribes and the system, the Chancellor's Office has developed an interactive map that shows which campuses house collections from specific California counties. The map allows the user to search either by campus or by county. The map is now live and available on the NAGPRA website.

Fiscal Planning

In November 2024, each university submitted its NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA budget projections for the 2025–2026 fiscal year to the Chancellor's Office. In accordance with AB 389, a report detailing each campus's fiscal needs was submitted to the Legislature on January 27, 2025.

The Board of Trustees adopted 2025–2026 operating budget request of the state legislature includes \$4.5 million to support NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA compliance efforts. Of this requested amount, \$3.7 million is anticipated to be designated for direct allocation to campuses to cover repatriation-related expenses. These expenses include, but are not limited to, hiring and training staff, supporting campus committees, conducting Tribal consultation, and fulfilling Tribal requests.

Many campuses have also committed additional institutional resources to advance their repatriation efforts. Furthermore, several universities have applied for two grant opportunities offered by the National Park Service's national NAGPRA office—one focused on consultation and documentation, and the other on repatriation. The Chancellor's Office has provided support to campuses seeking assistance with their grant applications.

Chancellor's Office Support

Executive Director Cypret has initiated a series of visits to campuses across the system to support and assess progress on NAGPRA compliance. During these visits, she meets with campus leadership, repatriation coordinators and other relevant staff to discuss ongoing efforts, challenges and opportunities for improvement. In addition to these meetings, she conducts walkthroughs of collection spaces to gain a direct understanding of each campus's current practices related to the care, documentation and storage of NAGPRA collections. Her observations and preliminary findings are subsequently reviewed with campus leadership to promote transparency, accountability and continuous improvement in campus compliance efforts.

As discussed above, the Chancellor's Office will host an in-person training on August 12–13, 2025, focused on supporting the implementation of the CSU systemwide NAGPRA policy. The training is open to all campus personnel engaged in NAGPRA-related work and is intended to further strengthen campus compliance and coordination efforts.

Progress continues on the implementation of a systemwide collections management software system to support all campuses in managing, tracking and reporting their NAGPRA-related inventories and activities. Chico State is currently serving as the pilot campus for the system. Following Chico State's successful implementation, two additional campuses have begun their implementation processes, and three more campuses are currently preparing for onboarding.

Systemwide Tribal Outreach and Engagement Update

The Chancellor's Office is proud to highlight recent campus-hosted events that exemplify the CSU's continued commitment to meaningful Tribal outreach and engagement. These activities play a vital role in cultivating and sustaining long-term relationships with California Indian Tribes and Native communities more broadly. Through these efforts, campuses foster trust, promote collaboration, and celebrate Native culture, identity, and leadership within higher education.

Cal State Long Beach hosted its 52nd Annual Pow Wow at Puvungna, recognized as the largest spring event of its kind in Southern California. This two-day social celebration featured traditional Native American dancing, drumming, arts and crafts, and food, with highlights including dance contests and inter-tribal dancing. The event continues to serve as a cornerstone of cultural expression and community gathering.

At Cal State San Marcos, the California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center received a landmark \$3 million endowment from the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation. This transformative gift was further bolstered by a \$1 million matching contribution from the Epstein Family Foundation. Collectively, these contributions will significantly enhance the center's ability to preserve cultural knowledge, support student success, expand community engagement, and ensure operational excellence for future generations.

Chico State's Office of Tribal Relations hosted a series of impactful events aimed at cultural celebration and community advocacy. The first event featured Indigenous stand-up comedians from across North America and highlighted the role of humor as a powerful form of cultural expression and resilience. Additionally, the campus convened a public dialogue on the ongoing crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP), examining the policy and legislative gaps that contribute to the disproportionate rates of Indigenous individuals going missing in both the United States and Canada. This event fostered critical awareness and advocacy.

At CSU San Bernardino, the campus proudly hosted the *Dream the Impossible Native Youth Education Conference*, which welcomed more than 300 Native youth from across the state. The conference connected students with Native American professionals across a range of fields and introduced them to the transformative potential of higher education. Several CSU campuses participated in the higher education concourse, showcasing academic programs and support services available to Native students.

These events are emblematic of the system's dedication to fostering inclusive spaces that uplift Native voices, advance equity, and affirm our responsibility to build respectful, reciprocal relationships with Tribal Nations. The system remains steadfast in its efforts to honor Tribal sovereignty, support Native student success, and serve as a partner in cultural preservation and self-determination.

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State Legislative and Budget Advocacy Update

Presentation By

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Nathan Dietrich
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The first major policy deadline was on May 2, 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 23 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 6 to continue to be active this legislative year. This presentation highlights bills of interest to the CSU community.

This report is organized as follows:

- Active bills
 - Senate Bills
 - Assembly Bills

All bill summaries and positions are accurate as of May 1, 2025.

ACTIVE BILLS

Senate Bills

SB 60 (Seyarto) – Waiver of Tuition and Fees: California Military Department GI Bill Award Program: Extended Education Courses

This bill prohibits the California State University (CSU), and requests the University of California (UC), from charging tuition or fees for students who are veterans, along with their dependents, who choose to enroll in an extended education course if certain requirements are satisfied and the extended education course is being used to meet the requirements of an undergraduate degree program.

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

SB 67 (Seyarto) – Cal Grants: Middle-Class Scholarship: Eligibility: Dependents of Members of the Armed Services Stationed Outside of California

This bill would extend Cal Grant and Middle-Class Scholarship Program eligibility to a student who was not a resident of California at the time of high school graduation or its equivalent but meets all other applicable eligibility requirements and is a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces stationed outside of California on active duty.

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

SB 98 (Pérez) – Immigration Enforcement: Notification

This bill requires K-12 schools and the three segments of public higher education to notify their campus community of the presence of immigration officers.

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

SB 244 (Grayson) – Public Postsecondary Education: Disabled Student Services Assessments

This bill, commencing July 2027, requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to cover the costs of diagnostic assessments for learning disabilities, while requiring state funds to reimburse institutions for documented costs.

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

SB 271 (Reyes) – Students with Dependent Children: Childcare Services, Resources, and Programs

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, provide students with dependents a referral to the campus Basic Needs Center, information on supplemental financial aid, and provide support in applying to state and federal childcare subsidies and programs.

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

SB 289 (Cervantes) – Postsecondary Education: Gender and Sex Discrimination Educational Oversight Office

This bill requires the Attorney General to establish a statewide Gender and Sex Discrimination Educational Oversight Office to serve as a point of contact for students who are dissatisfied with their campus-based policies or investigative procedures and to establish a process to investigate complaints.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill was held in the Senate Education Committee without hearing.

SB 307 (Cervantes) – Public Postsecondary Education: Immigration Enforcement

This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to implement additional precautionary measures if an undocumented student is subject to a federal immigration order.

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

SB 308 (Seyarto) – CCC and CSU: Reports Elimination

This bill eliminates the requirement that the CSU and CCC provide reports to the state that are deemed unnecessary or outdated.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill was held in the Senate Education Committee without hearing.

SB 323 (Perez) – Student Aid Commission: California Dream Act Application

This bill requires the California Student Aid Commission to amend the California Dream Act application by the start of the 2026-2027 financial aid cycle to clarify that the application can be used by any student eligible for state financial aid programs, regardless of their eligibility for federal financial aid, and to work with the segments of higher education to promote this application.

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

SB 400 (Cortese) – Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account: UC: CSU: Reports

This bill requires the UC Institute of Transportation Studies and the CSU Transportation Consortium, on or before January 1 of each year, to each submit a report to the Transportation Agency and specified legislative committees detailing the expenditures of moneys from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account for the previous fiscal year, including, but not limited to, research activities and administration.

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

SB 437 (Weber Pierson) – CSU: Claim Eligibility: Genealogy and Descendancy

This bill appropriates \$6 million to require the CSU to explore options to determine how to confirm an individual's status as a descendant of persons enslaved and to establish a process for conducting or verifying genealogical research to confirm eligibility for reparative claims.

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

SB 486 (Cabaldon) – Regional Housing: Public Postsecondary Education: Changes in Enrollment Levels: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

This bill requires local planning agencies to account for changes in enrollment levels at institutions of public higher education when evaluating housing needs, including transit, pedestrian and other non-vehicle trip efficiencies by students to and from campus.

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

SB 520 (Caballero) – Nurse-Midwifery Education Program

This bill creates the California Nurse-Midwifery Education Fund within the Department of Health Care Access for the purpose of establishing California-based, master's level, nurse-midwifery education programs within the CSU, the UC, or both.

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

SB 550 (Cortese) – San José State: Law School

This bill authorizes San José State to absorb an independent nonprofit law school that is accredited by the California State Bar.

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

SB 640 (Cabaldon) – Public Postsecondary Education: Admission, Transfer, and Enrollment

This bill establishes the Direct Admission Program under which a student who meets certain criteria is eligible for enrollment into a designated CSU university.

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

SB 685 (Cortese) – CSU: Financial Aid for Homeless Students: Pilot Program

This bill establishes the Financial Assistance for Students Experiencing Homelessness Pilot Program at three CSU universities to provide financial grants to students who were homeless at any point during high school and are now enrolled at the CSU.

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

SB 761 (Ashby) – CalFresh: Student Eligibility

This bill streamlines the process for college students to be considered eligible for CalFresh benefits and requires the Student Aid Commission to amend the Cal Grant application to allow students to give their permission for their information to be shared with the Department of Social Services for outreach related to CalFresh.

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

SB 790 (Cabaldon) – Postsecondary Education Coordinating Entity: Interstate Reciprocity Agreements for Distance Education: Out-of-State Private Postsecondary Educational Institutions

This bill creates a postsecondary coordinating entity and provides a foundation for interstate reciprocity agreements for distance education.

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

Assembly Bills

AB 7 (Bryan) – Admissions Preference: Descendants of Slavery

This bill would state that the CSU, UC, independent institutions of higher education and private postsecondary educational institutions may consider providing a preference in admission to an applicant who is a descendant of slavery, as defined, to the extent it does not conflict with federal law.

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

AB 48 (Alvarez) – College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2026

This bill places a facilities bond on a yet to be determined 2026 statewide ballot for public higher education institutions.

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

AB 79 (Arambula) – Public Social Services: Higher Education

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to convene representatives from the public segments of postsecondary education, the Center for Healthy Communities and all 58 counties for a quarterly workgroup to discuss best practices related to connecting college students with available programs and services.

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

AB 88 (Ta) – Middle-Class Scholarship Program: Eligibility: Dependents of Members of the Armed Services Stationed Outside of California

This bill ensures that students who are dependents of members of the Armed Forces stationed outside of California on active duty are eligible to benefit from the Middle-Class Scholarship Program.

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

AB 90 (Jackson) – CSU: Overnight Student Parking

This bill requires the CSU and CCC to draft a policy by September 2026 that would allow overnight parking by students who use their vehicles as housing. Each CSU campus would be required to designate 10 parking spots for the program in addition to other prescribed requirements, if voted into effect by the Board of Trustees.

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

AB 95 (Fong) – Coordinating Commission for Education in California

This bill establishes the Coordinating Commission for Education in California as a state career and higher education coordination body composed of workforce, education segment and employer representatives.

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

AB 243 (Ahrens) – Student Financial Aid Dependency Status: Juvenile Case File Inspection

This bill provides an alternate route for confirming dependency status of justice system-involved youth and foster youth in order to access financial aid and other higher education resources.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a vote on the Assembly Floor.

AB 313 (Ortega) – Student Financial Aid: Application Deadlines: Extension

This bill requires that, if the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is delayed in any year, the state's financial aid programs – the Cal Grant and Middle-Class Scholarship programs – shall have the application deadline extended by one month.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a vote on the Assembly Floor.

AB 326 (Kalra) – CSU Audits

This bill requires an external financial audit of each campus of the CSU to be conducted once every three years, and that all audits of the CSU or its universities, including internal audits, be available to the public.

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

AB 335 (Gipson) – The Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program

The bill would appropriate \$75 million from the General Fund to the Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions (BSI) Grant Program Fund for purposes of awarding grants to CSU universities and community college districts that apply for grants.

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

AB 395 (Gabriel) – Holidays

This bill would require public higher education segments, K-12 school districts, and state agencies to make every reasonable effort to avoid commencing an academic term or scheduling a meeting or conference subject to Bagley-Keene or the Brown Act on a date members of the public cannot attend or participate due to known religious, cultural, or ancestral holidays.

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

AB 466 (Solache) – Student Orientation: Donate Life California

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to include information on the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry in all campus new-student orientations.

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

AB 530 (Hart) – CSU: Fiscal Transparency Act of 2025

This bill requires the CSU, on or before July 2027 to include information on its website on each expenditure of state funds that exceeds \$10,000 in a format that allows the public to search and aggregate information, along with a feature allowing the public to make recommendations on how information is provided to the public.

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

AB 556 (Patterson) – Waiver of Campus-Based Fees: Veterans

This bill prohibits public higher education segments from charging recipients of the CalVet fee waiver mandatory campus-based fees.

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

AB 602 (Haney) – Public Postsecondary Education: Student Conduct: Controlled Substances

This bill prohibits the CSU, CCC and requests the UC, from enforcing disciplinary actions on students solely for being under the influence of, or possessing, controlled substances or drug paraphernalia in situations involving a drug-related overdose where medical assistance was sought.

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

AB 662 (Alvarez) – Postsecondary Education: Intersegmental Institution of Higher Education in the City of Chula Vista: Shared Governance Structure: Joint Powers Authority: Evaluation

This bill establishes the South County Higher Education Planning Task Force for purposes of evaluating feasibility of establishing an intersegmental institution of public higher education in the City of Chula Vista.

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

AB 681 (Elhawary) – California DREAM Loan Program: Limits

This bill expands the amount of money that a qualified student can borrow from the California DREAM Loan Program.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a vote on the Assembly Floor.

AB 713 (Solache) – Public Postsecondary Education: Student Employment

This bill prohibits the CSU and UC from disqualifying a student from applying for employment at a campus due to failure to provide proof of federal work authorization unless prohibited by federal law.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill was held in the Assembly Higher Education Committee without hearing.

AB 718 (Tangipa) – Public Postsecondary Education: Admission: Salary and Student Loan Data

This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to include average salary data and student loan payment data for students' intended area of study on their admissions letter.

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

AB 727 (Gonzalez, Mark) – Pupil and Student Safety: Identification Cards

This bill requires public and private institutions of higher education to include the telephone number and text line for The Trevor Project's 24/7 suicide hotline on their student identification cards.

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

AB 791 (Berman) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Cost of Attendance

This bill requires postsecondary institutions to make specified changes to their cost of attendance policy, including the methodology for calculating the off-campus student housing budget, and requires that the review of a student’s adjustment request be completed within 14 days.

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

AB 844 (Essayli) – Sex-Segregated School and Athletic Programs and Activities: Use of Facilities

This bill, applying to local educational agencies and postsecondary institutions, requires a student’s participation in sex-segregated athletic programs and activities, and use of facilities, including bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, overnight accommodations and student housing at a postsecondary institution be based on the student’s sex.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed passage in the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, and Tourism Committee.

AB 850 (Pacheco) – Institutional Debt Transparency Act

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to report annually on the status of students’ institutional debt and to offer students a one-time exemption to re-enroll or register for classes without first addressing their institutional debt.

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

AB 885 (Solache) – Debt Free College at the UC and the CSU Fund

This bill establishes the Debt Free College at the UC and the CSU Fund in the State Treasury and would require all moneys in the fund to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the UC and the CSU for purposes of lowering the cost of undergraduate attendance, either through tuition reductions or loan repayment programs.

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

AB 958 (Sharp-Collins) – Trustees of the CSU: Gubernatorial Faculty Appointees

This bill adds two members to the CSU Board of Trustees (increasing the board to 27 members), by adding one additional member appointed by the Governor and one additional faculty member, also appointed by the Governor.

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

AB 977 (Ramos) – California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001: CSU: Burial Sites: Human Remains

This bill requires the CSU, in consultation with tribes, to develop a policy to identify available CSU-owned land for the burial of Native American ancestral human remains and designate three burial sites.

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

AB 1045 (Avila Farias) – CSU and UC: Financial Incentives: Nonprofit Organizations: Service-Learning

This bill requires the CSU and UC universities that choose to participate in a specified service-learning program to provide financial incentives to partnering nonprofit organizations for purposes of facilitating service-learning programs.

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

AB 1082 (Flora) – Nursing: Students in Out-of-State Nursing Programs

This bill allows out-of-state nursing schools to secure in-state clinical placements for nursing students who reside in California.

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

AB 1093 (Solache) – Public Postsecondary Education: California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program

This bill creates the California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program for 400 students from California public postsecondary institutions to study in Mexico and 400 students from Mexico to study at a California public postsecondary institution.

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

AB 1098 (Fong) – Postsecondary Education: Undergraduate and Graduate Students: Pregnancy or Pregnancy-Related Issues

This bill prohibits a postsecondary educational institution from discriminating against a student based on their current, potential or past pregnancy or related conditions.

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

AB 1235 (Rogers) – CSU: Skilled and Trained Workforce Requirement

This bill would prohibit the CSU from prequalifying, shortlisting or awarding a contractor unless the contractor provides commitment that every tier of subcontractor will use skilled and trained workforce to perform all work on a project or contract that falls within an appreciable occupation.

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

AB 1241 (Schiavo) – Pay-It-Forward Financial Aid Program

This bill requires the CSU and UC to implement a Pay-It-Forward financial aid program for a minimum of 10,000 students, wherein the participants would agree to pay a percentage of their annual adjusted gross income after graduation or disenrollment and subsequent employment rather than pay upfront tuition, fees, and room and board.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill was held in the Assembly Higher Education Committee without hearing.

AB 1346 (DeMaio) – Public Postsecondary Education: Dependents of Members of the Armed Forces: Re-Enrollments

This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to extend dependent students of a U.S. Armed Forces member the right to reenroll as a resident if their military sponsor has been transferred out of state or is retired from active duty.

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

AB 1400 (Soria) – Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program.

Requires the California Community College Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO) to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes 15 community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and would require the CCCCCO to identify and select eligible community college districts based on specified criteria.

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

AB 1453 (Tangipa) – Public Postsecondary Education: Student Health: Contraception and Emergency Contraception Information

This bill requires the CSU and UC universities to provide comprehensive information on adoption in each location on campus where contraception is available, including when birth control is provided to students through the student health center or pharmacy.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill failed in the Assembly Higher Education Committee. Reconsideration granted.

AB 1462 (Hart) – Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree Program: Allan Hancock College

This bill provides Allan Hancock Community College District an individual exemption from AB 927 (Medina, 2021) and authorizes the campus to offer duplicative baccalaureate degree programs.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill was held in the Assembly Higher Education Committee without hearing.