

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 3:45 p.m., Tuesday, July 18, 2017
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

J. Lawrence Norton, Chair
Douglas Faigin, Vice Chair
Silas H. Abrego
Adam Day
Debra S. Farar
Jean P. Firstenberg
Lillian Kimbell
Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana
Jorge Reyes Salinas
Lateefah Simon

Consent Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of May 23, 2017

Discussion 1. Legislative Update, *Information*

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**Trustees of the California State University
Office of the Chancellor
Glenn S. Dumke Conference Center
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, California**

May 23, 2017

Members Present

J. Lawrence Norton, Chair
Maggie K. White, Vice Chair
Silas H. Abrego
Adam Day, Vice Chair of the Board
Lillian Kimbell
Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana
Steven G. Stepanek
Timothy P. White, Chancellor

Trustee Norton called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of March 21, 2017, were approved as submitted.

Legislative Update

Mr. Garrett Ashley, vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, and Ms. Kathleen Chavira, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, presented this item.

Mr. Ashley reported that state leaders are now in the final weeks of deliberations with a June 15 deadline to pass the budget bill and a June 30 deadline for the governor to sign the bill.

Ms. Chavira reported on budget advocacy efforts, board-sponsored legislation and bill positions.

Letters of support for the CSU budget request have been sent to the governor from members of the Latino Caucus, Black Caucus and Asian Pacific Islander Caucus. Senator Toni Atkins led an effort to secure a similar letter of support, which was signed by 19 of her colleagues.

The CSU has partnered with CSSA to distribute door hangers at the Capitol with the #chooseCSU message. The final advocacy event is scheduled for May 31.

AB 422 (Arambula) – CSU Authority: Doctor of Nursing Practice Degrees: This bill authorizes the CSU to permanently offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. AB 422 was passed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee with bipartisan support and is currently awaiting action on the Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 819 (Medina) – CSU Regulatory Authority: This bill permanently grants the CSU authority to draft and adopt its own regulations, instead of the current pattern of sunset, review and reauthorization. This authority would parallel that which exists for both the California Community Colleges and the University of California. AB 819 has successfully made its way through the Assembly and is awaiting referral in the Senate.

SB 363 (Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee) – Financial transactions: loans and deposits: This bill provides a modification to the California Government Code that allows the CSU to deposit operational funds for study abroad programs in local accounts in certain foreign countries in which there is no FDIC insurance or equivalent. SB 363 has successfully made its way through the Senate and is awaiting referral in the Assembly.

Other bills of interest include those dealing with diversity and inclusivity, rights for victims of sexual assault, suicide prevention, veteran education benefits and general obligation bonds.

Several trustees asked for clarification on bills and bill positions. Ms. Chavira will follow up with Trustee Jorge Reyes Salinas regarding the amendments to AB 1062.

Trustee Norton adjourned the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Legislative Update

Presented By

Garrett P. Ashley
Vice Chancellor
University Relations and Advancement

Kathleen Chavira
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The legislative process involves several key policy and fiscal committee deadlines, as well as deadlines for action on the floor of each house. Of the 607 measures the CSU has been tracking, 193 failed to meet deadlines as they progressed through the legislative process. Generally, any legislation that failed to meet the June 2 house of origin deadlines is no longer active for the 2017-2018 session, though a handful may resume movement early next year. This report provides an update on those bills that have the greatest potential impact on the CSU.

This report is organized as follows:

1. Board of Trustees Sponsored Legislation
2. Active Senate Bills
3. Active Assembly Bills
4. Inactive Bills

All bill summaries and positions are accurate as of July 5, 2017.

Board of Trustees Sponsored Legislation

AB 422 (Arambula) – CSU Authority: Doctor of Nursing Practice Degrees

This bill authorizes the CSU to permanently offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

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

AB 819 (Medina) – CSU Regulatory Authority

This bill permanently grants the CSU system the authority to draft its own regulations, an authority the system has had since 1996.

- **CSU Position:** BOT Sponsored
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting action on the Senate Floor.

SB 363 (Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee) – Financial transactions: loans and deposits

This bill provides a modification to the California Government Code that allows the CSU to deposit operational funds for study abroad programs in local accounts in certain foreign countries in which there is no FDIC insurance or an equivalent.

- **CSU Position:** BOT Sponsored
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee.

Active Senate Bills

SB 25 (Portantino) – Public postsecondary education: nonresident tuition exemption

This bill makes statutory changes to ensure that California remains in compliance with federal law regarding benefits under the GI Bill for veterans and dependents.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- Status: This language was included in a budget trailer bill.

SB 68 (Lara) – Exemption from Non-resident Tuition

This bill expands eligibility for the exemption from paying nonresident tuition at California's public postsecondary institutions established by AB 540 (Firebaugh, Chapter 814, Statutes of 2001) to students who have completed three or more years of attendance or attainment of credits at an elementary school, secondary school, adult school and/or California Community College.

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

SB 169 (Jackson) – Education: sex equity

This bill codifies the federal Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights' "Dear Colleague" letter in the California Education Code.

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

SB 244 (Lara): Privacy: Agencies: Personal Information

This bill restricts the manner in which any state entity, including the CSU, can utilize and keep personal information received from an applicant for public services or programs.

- **CSU Position:** Support if amended
- Status: This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee.

SB 318 (Portantino) – CSU: Personal Service Contracts

This bill mandates that the CSU follow the State Civil Service Act for the purposes of contracting out. The CSU has historically been exempted from the Civil Service Act and addresses the issue of contracting out through collective bargaining.

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

SB 331 (Jackson) – Domestic Violence Counselor-Victim Privileges

This bill expands the list of employees who enjoy confidential privilege to include a domestic violence counselor who works for a public or private institution of higher education.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Public Safety Committee – Recommended Consent.

SB 573 (Lara) – Student financial aid: service learning programs

This bill authorizes the three segments of public higher education to provide service learning agreements for students in exchange for grants, fee waivers and reimbursements.

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

SB 577 (Dodd) – Community College Districts: Teacher Credentialing Programs of Professional Preparation

This bill expands the authority to offer professional preparation for teacher credentialing programs to include campuses of California Community Colleges.

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

SB 769 (Hill) – CCC Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

This bill extends the sunset date of the California Community College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program from 2023 to 2028.

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

Active Assembly Bills

AB 10 (Garcia) – Feminine Hygiene Product Availability

This bill requires public schools serving pupils in grades six through twelve which enroll at least 40% of students from low income families to stock half of their restrooms with feminine hygiene products. Amendments removed higher education segments from the bill.

- **CSU Position:** From Watch to Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 17 (Holden) – Transit Pass Program: Free or Reduced-Fare Transit Passes

This bill creates the Transit Pass Pilot Program to require the Department of Transportation to provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to specified students by supporting new and existing transit pass programs.

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

AB 21 (Kalra) – Public Postsecondary Education: Access to Education for Every Student

This bill prohibits the CCC, CSU and independent colleges, and requests the UC, from releasing personally identifiable information about students, faculty and staff, and mandates that the institution provide regular guidance about their rights under state and federal immigration laws and how to respond to a federal immigration order. It advises all students, and requires faculty and staff, to notify the campus president if they have knowledge that law enforcement entities may enter to execute a federal immigration order so that the warrant or subpoena can be verified. It requires campuses to assign staff persons to serve as a point of contact for any student, faculty or staff person who could be subject to an immigration order on campus. Finally, it requires that campuses ensure that AB 540 students subject to a federal immigration order continue to receive financial aid and other academically-related financial benefits when they return to college.

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

AB 214 (Weber) – Postsecondary education: student hunger

This bill clarifies existing state and federal policies for purposes of increasing consistency of county-level determinations of student eligibility for CalFresh benefits, with the intent of increasing participation in CalFresh for eligible students.

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

AB 394 (Medina) – CSU: assessment and course placement of admitted students

This bill requires the CSU to implement specified measures for determining course placement of admitted students.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting action on the Senate Floor.

AB 453 (Limon) – Postsecondary education: student hunger

This bill establishes criteria for a “hungry free campus” and requires the trustees and Board of Governors to designate campuses as such if they meet specified criteria. Meeting this incentive would also make campuses eligible for a funding incentive included in the Budget Conference Committee agreement.

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

AB 746 (Gonzalez Fletcher) – Potable Water and Lead Testing

This bill requires K-12 districts to annually test for lead in the potable water system at every campus. Any part of a campus potable water system with an elevated level is required to be shut down. Amendments removed the public segments of higher education from the bill.

- **CSU Position:** From Watch to Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

AB 766 (Friedman) – Foster Youth

This bill allows foster youth or former foster youth to use existing dollars (i.e., Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care AFDC-FC Program) for a minor dependent living in a university dorm or other university designated housing.

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

AB 813 (Eggman) – Postsecondary education: California State University: campuses

This bill requires a CSU campus that operates a satellite campus to annually provide the Legislature with a satellite campus report.

- **CSU Position:** Concern
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting referral in the Senate.

AB 847 (Bocanegra) – Academic senates: membership

This bill requires the Academic Senate to post its membership on its website and to also make the demographic information on their membership, including, race, gender and ethnicity available on request.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

AB 848 (McCarty) – Public Contracts: University of California: California State University: Domestic Workers

This bill was amended to prohibit the CSU and the UC from contracting for services with a contractor who uses workers outside of the United States if that contract displaces a CSU or UC employee.

- **CSU Position:** From Neutral to Watch
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1062 (Levine) – Trustees of the CSU

The bill allows the second non-voting student member of the Board of Trustees the right to vote as a full member of the Board.

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

AB 1064 (Calderon) – Cost of living for students

This bill requires the CSU to conduct a survey at each campus to determine a student's annual cost of living every three years.

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

AB 1178 (Calderon) – Postsecondary Education: Student Loans

This bill requires each higher education institution to annually send a letter regarding specified information on debt to students who take out loans.

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

AB 1435 (Gonzalez Fletcher) – Student Athletes: The College Athlete Protection Act

This bill creates the Athletic Protection Commission, an 11-member body appointed by the Assembly, Senate and the governor, with the goal of protecting student athletes. The commission will be funded by fees paid by participating institutions. The commission would have the ability to enact regulations and penalties that could include civil penalties, temporary or permanent employment prohibition in higher education, or other penalties imposed by the commission.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.

Inactive Bills

SB 236 (Nguyen): Public postsecondary education: UC: CSU: student financial assistance: tuition and mandatory systemwide fees: admission of out-of-state students

This bill freezes undergraduate tuition rates for five years at the CSU and UC starting with the 2018-2019 academic year. It also caps out-of-state students at 10 percent of total undergraduate enrollment at each campus of the CSU and UC.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

SB 483 (Glazer) – Education Finance: Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018

This bill enacts the Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018, which, upon approval by voters, would authorize the issue of \$2 billion for CSU and UC education facilities, with a fifty-fifty split of the funds between CSU and UC.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill has been held under submission in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 803 (Glazer) – The California Promise

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

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

AB 52 (Cooper) – Public Employees: Orientation

This bill requires public employers to allow unions to provide a presentation during an employee's orientation.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

AB 80 (Arambula) – CSU Authority: Doctoral Program: Agricultural Education

This bill authorizes Fresno State to award an education doctorate in agricultural education.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

AB 207 (Arambula) – CSU Authority: Doctor of Medicine Degrees

This bill authorizes Fresno State to award doctor of medicine degrees.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

AB 209 (Mathis) – CSU Authority: Agricultural Education: Professional Doctorate Degrees

This bill authorizes the CSU to offer professional doctorate degrees in agricultural education.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

AB 387 (Thurmond) -- Minimum Wage: Health Professionals: Interns

This bill requires all allied health (non-nursing) students be paid California's minimum wage for clinical hours that are needed to complete their degrees. This would increase costs for our allied health programs, reduce access to required clinical placements and could result in the reduced production of allied health workers.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

AB 393 (Quirk-Silva) – CSU Tuition

This bill, sponsored by the California Faculty Association, freezes tuition and fees at the CSU and CCC until the completion of the 2019-2020 academic year. The bill requests the same of the UC.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

AB 405 (Irwin) – CCC Baccalaureate Degree Cybersecurity Pilot Program

This bill authorizes the California Community Colleges to establish a baccalaureate degree cybersecurity pilot program at up to 10 campuses. The bill includes a requirement that these colleges consult with the CSU and UC.

- **CSU Position:** Watch
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

AB 586 (Holden) – Personal income taxes: credits: deductions: qualified teacher: professional development expenses

This bill provides a deduction from gross income up to \$2,500 for teacher professional development expenses, for no more than three taxable years between January 1, 2018 and January 1, 2023.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill was been held under submission in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 917 (Arambula) – Student Suicide Prevention Policies

This bill requires the governing boards of the three public segments of higher education to adopt a policy on student suicide prevention.

- **CSU Position:** Support If Amended
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

AB 1231 (Weber) – CSU: Support Staff Employees: Merit Salary Adjustments

This bill mandates that a support staff employee of the CSU receive a merit salary intermediate step adjustment of an unspecified amount each year that they receive a satisfactory performance evaluation.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

AB 1464 (Weber) – CSU: Tenure Track Positions

This bill requires the CSU to increase the number of tenured faculty to 75 percent by mandating the system hire between 700 to 915 tenure tracked faculty positions each year over the next eight years, without displacing any lecturers in the process.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.

AB 1622 (Low) – Student Support Services: Dream Resource Liaisons

This bill requires the CCC and CSU, and requests the UC, to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of their respective campuses.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is now a two-year bill.