

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Douglas Faigin, Chair
Krystal Raynes, Vice Chair
Diego Arambula
Jack Clarke, Jr.
Jean Picker Firstenberg
Julia I. Lopez
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Consent 1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of January 26, 2022, *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**

January 26, 2022

Members Present

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Joseph I. Castro, Chancellor
Lillian Kimbell, Chair of the Board

Trustee Faigin called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 14, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Sponsored State Legislation for 2022

Mr. Larry Salinas, interim vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, congratulated Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, former assistant vice chancellor for Advocacy & State Relations (ASR) on her recent appointment within the administration of Governor Gavin Newsom. Mr. Salinas introduced Eric Bakke, as the interim assistant vice chancellor of ASR.

***PLEASE NOTE: As authorized by Assembly Bill No. 361 and Executive Order N-1-22 issued by Governor Newsom, all members of the Board of Trustees participated in this meeting remotely, either by telephonic or video conference means. Out of consideration for the health, safety and well-being of the members of the public and the Chancellor's Office staff, the January 24-26, 2022, meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees was conducted entirely virtually via Zoom teleconference.**

Mr. Bakke provided an advocacy and legislative update, wherein he discussed points of engagement with members of the California legislature. He also discussed the recent Squaretable event, which provided legislators with an opportunity to meet and engage directly with Chancellor Castro and receive updates about California State University (CSU) campuses located within the member's district.

An update on budget advocacy efforts was discussed, as well as the mention of a virtual advocacy week, which will allow students, faculty, staff and alumni an opportunity to meet with legislative leaders to advocate for CSU budget priorities. In support of this event, Chancellor Castro will head a delegation of systemwide leaders to meet with key legislators.

The Chancellor gave remarks addressing the need for professional doctoral degree authority for the CSU, in particular for the doctorate of Public Health. He outlined a proposal that includes a partnership with the University of California which would culminate in sponsored legislation in 2023. The board held a vigorous discussion regarding the topic and timeline. It was decided that the topic would be revisited at the next Board of Trustees meeting. This would allow the Chancellor's Office staff time to meet with key leaders in the University of California system as well as systemwide stakeholders; after which the board would determine next steps.

Mr. Bakke submitted four proposals to the board for consideration:

- Update the Education Code to reflect the renaming of Humboldt State University to California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt;
- Enhance investment authority to support capital outlay and maintenance needs;
- Provide an exemption in statute that would authorize San Diego State University to enter into sponsorship agreements with alcohol beverage suppliers and manufactures; and
- Expand access and opportunity for students seeking to enter previously impacted campuses or programs.

The committee recommended approval by the board of the proposed resolution (RGR 01-22-01) adopting the Sponsored State Legislation for 2022.

Federal Update

Mr. Salinas opened the federal update presentation by explaining the vital benefit federal dollars make to CSU students. He then introduced interim assistant vice chancellor (AVC), George Conant, to the board. Mr. Conant was appointed after the retirement of former AVC Jim Gelb.

Mr. Conant continued the presentation by sharing the CSU federal priorities, which include aid programs, preparing students for college success, fostering degree completion for California's diverse population, solving problems through applied research, and enhancing campus

infrastructure, health and safety. He further identified the top 3 priorities, out of a longer list, that had been presented to Congress:

1. Placing renewed emphasis on support for Dreamers, including by granting them access to the full range of federal student aid programs and supporting bipartisan legislation to provide a pathway to citizenship;
2. Obtaining additional relief and flexibilities related to the COVID-19 pandemic and working to secure human infrastructure funds to help rebuild; and,
3. Investing in the Pell Grant program by seeking a doubling in the maximum grant and a restoration of the automatic annual cost-of-living increase.

Mr. Conant provided a status update of pending bills from 2021 and the current congressional focus for 2022. He also provided analysis for future planning, ahead of this year's election in November and how it may impact the CSU.

Trustee Faigin adjourned the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

State Legislative Update

Presentation By

Larry Salinas
Interim Vice Chancellor
University Relations and Advancement

Eric Bakke
Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The legislative bill introduction deadline was February 18. In total, 2,103 measures were introduced this year, and the Advocacy and State Relations staff has identified more than 300 bills for further review or monitoring. The Senate waived the rules to allow bills to be amended and heard in committee prior to their 30 days in print. The Assembly did not waive these rules and as bills in their house approach their 30 days in print, committee hearings will begin and continue through April. 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
- Active bills introduced in 2021
- Bills introduced in 2021 that are no longer eligible to advance

All bill summaries are accurate as of March 8, 2022.

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

SB 1280 (Hueso) – Tied-House Restrictions: Advertising: San Diego State University

This bill authorizes alcohol beverage suppliers to advertise at specified venues located at San Diego State University.

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

AB 2422 (McCarty) – California State University: Investment Committee

This bill provides additional flexibility to the California State University (CSU) investment authority established in 2016 by SB 1412 to allow for more investment earnings.

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

Education Committee Omnibus Bill

This bill contains clarifying and conforming changes to various provisions of the Education Code affecting higher education. Two of the Trustees' sponsored legislation have been included in the Education Committee omnibus bill: the re-naming of Humboldt State as California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt; and the authority to discontinue the designation of impaction in a streamlined manner.

- **CSU Position:** Sponsor
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting introduction.

ACTIVE BILLS

Senate Bills

SB 886 (Weiner) – California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Exemptions: Public Universities Housing Projects

This bill would exempt campus owned student housing projects from CEQA review.

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

SB 964 (Wiener) – Behavioral Health

This bill, among other provisions, requires CSU, California Community Colleges (CCC), and University of California (UC) to develop a concurrent bachelor's and master's social work program which can be completed at an accelerated rate. The program would include a required course on working with the severely mentally ill. It would also require the development of a similar accelerated program for working students who have applicable work experience.

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

SB 1141 (Limon) – Exemption from Payment of Nonresident Tuition

This bill modifies eligibility for AB 540 students by reducing the required number of years of attendance at a California school from three to two years. It also eliminates the two-year cap on full-time enrollment in credit courses at CCC.

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

SB 1160 (Durazo) – Exemption from Nonresident Tuition

This bill modifies eligibility for AB 540 students by opening the pathway to students with nonimmigrant visas.

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

Assembly Bills

AB 1602 (McCarty) – Student, Faculty, and Staff Housing: California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022

This bill would establish a \$5 billion California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022 to provide zero-interest loans to qualifying UC, CSU and CCC applicants for the purpose of constructing affordable student housing and faculty and staff housing.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 15.

AB 1604 (Holden) – The Upward Mobility Act of 2022: Boards and Commissions: Civil Service: Examinations: Classifications

This bill requires that, on or after January 1, 2023, all state boards and commissions with a volunteer member have at least one member from an underrepresented community.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

AB 1606 (Irwin) – Education: Veterans: Waiver of Mandatory Systemwide Tuition and Fee

This bill expands eligibility for the CalVet Fee Waiver to include the spouse of any veteran of the United States military who has a service-connected disability, was killed in service, or died of a service-connected disability.

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

AB 1625 (Medina) – Trustees of the CSU: Student Members

This bill extends the term of the outgoing trustee for up to six months, or until a new student trustee is appointed by the governor, to ensure that the CSU Board of Trustees always includes two student voices.

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

AB 1633 (Seyarto) – Education: Veterans' Educational Benefits: Information Sharing

This bill would require the CSU, and request the UC, to share specified personal information regarding students who utilize GI Bill educational benefits to the Department of Veterans Affairs beginning in 2023.

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

AB 1655 (Jones-Sawyer) – State Holidays: Juneteenth

This bill creates a new state holiday for Juneteenth and requires the CSU to close campuses on June 19.

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

AB 1671 (Patterson) – California Ban on Scholarship Displacement for Foster Youth Act of 2022

This bill prohibits public and private higher education institutions from reducing former foster youth students' institution-based financial aid award below their financial need.

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

AB 1701 (Medina) – CSU: Jump Start Grant Program

This bill creates the CSU Jump Start Grant Program to increase the number of tenure-track, full-time, and part-time limited term bilingual faculty for bilingual authorization programs of accredited schools of education.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 15.

AB 1712 (Medina) – Campus Climate: Sexual Misconduct: Workgroup: Survey

This bill convenes a workgroup comprised of CSU, UC, and CCC representatives to create a sexual harassment and misconduct survey to be sent to all three segments' students every three years, the results of which are to be reported to each segment's governing body.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 15.

AB 1731 (Davies) – Title 38 Awards: Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Application for Approval or Renewal

This bill authorizes the California State Approving Agency for Veterans Educations to require that postsecondary educational institutions provide specified information to be approved or renewed as Title 38-eligible institutions.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 15.

AB 1733 (Quirk) – State Bodies: Open Meetings

This bill modernizes the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act by requiring that all meetings be held by teleconference, allowing members to participate remotely in private locations, and requiring that both physical and remote locations be available for members of the public to give public comment.

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

AB 1746 (Medina) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Reform Act

This bill enacts the Cal Grant Reform Act, replacing the current Cal Grant program with Cal Grant 2 for community college students and Cal Grant 4 for students attending four-year institutions. This bill makes changes to eligibility requirements and requests changes to CSU’s institutional aid policy.

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

AB 1764 (Medina) – Student Housing: Survey

This bill requires the CSU, CCC, and requests the UC, to collect data on each campus’ rates of student housing insecurity and submit this data to the Legislature every two years beginning in October 2023.

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

AB 1796 (Choi) – Reenrollment

This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to grant students up to five years after withdrawing prior to degree completion, the ability to reenroll in their baccalaureate degree program.

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

AB 1844 (Medina) – Higher Education Student and Faculty Protection Act

This bill would require the CSU, UC, and CCC to take certain actions prior to extending an official offer of employment to an applicant and to complete an investigation into an allegation or complaint of sexual harassment even if the accused leaves the institution. This bill also disallows any settlement agreements with an employee to include a prohibition against disclosure of a criminal or Title IX investigation for sexual harassment.

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

AB 1872 (Low) – Election Day Holiday

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

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

AB 1968 (Seyarto) – Uniform Informational Guidance for Sexual Assault Victims

This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to develop certain content and presentation standards for campus websites regarding the steps a student who is a victim of sexual assault may take to seek help.

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

AB 1987 (Salas) – Student Mental Health Spending: Report

This bill requires CSU, UC, and CCC to submit an annual report to the Legislature detailing the use of funds allocated for student mental health resources.

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

AB 2004 (Garcia, Cristina) – California DREAM Loan Program

This bill deletes the prohibition within the current DREAM Loan Program against a student borrowing more than \$20,000 in aggregate from any one participating institution and instead limits the amount to \$40,000 at any one institution.

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

AB 2122 (Choi) – Mental Health Hotlines: Student Identification Cards

This bill requires the CSU, CCC, and requests the UC, to print the phone number of a campus mental health hotline on new student identification cards.

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

AB 2232 (McCarty) – School Facilities: Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Systems (HVAC)

This bill would require various educational entities, including the CSU, to adopt several requirements pertaining to HVAC systems on our campuses including adhering to minimum ventilation rate requirements, submit to annual inspections every 5 years, install carbon monoxide monitors in our classrooms as well to keep a detailed record of each incident where the carbon dioxide setpoint was exceeded in a classroom.

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

AB 2371 (Santiago) – CSU: Tuition

This bill, upon appropriation, prohibits the CSU from collecting tuition for two academic years from a student who received the California Promise fee waiver and has transferred with an Associate Degree for Transfer from a CCC. Qualifying students who have their tuition waived under existing financial aid programs shall instead receive a nontuition grant in the commensurate amount to waiving tuition.

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

AB 2401 (McCarty) – Teacher Preparation Programs: Planning Grants and Implementation or Expansion Grants

This bill seeks to expand existing teacher prep programs at the CSU by providing campuses with grants of \$250,000 in order to better diversify the teaching profession and create programs which lead to more credentialed teachers in certain subject matters where a shortage may exist. It would also expand options for teaching candidates to complete their field placement requirement in a public K-12 academic setting instead of at the elementary or secondary school level only.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Education Committee on March 23.

AB 2464 (Garcia, Cristina) – CSU: Employees: Paid Parental Leave of Absence

This bill requires the CSU to grant paid parental leave to an employee for up to one semester of an academic year.

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

AB 2482 (Calderon) – Student Health: Pilot Program: Wellness Vending Machines

This bill requires the CSU Chancellor's Office to select five campuses to participate in a five-year pilot program in which at least one vending machine containing wellness products such as contraception and pregnancy tests are available on campus. This bill contains reporting requirements to the Legislature.

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

AB 2497 (Reyes) – Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act: New Employee Orientation: Membership Authorization Forms

The bill requires higher education institutions to distribute union membership authorization forms to each higher education employee as part of the new employee orientation process and imposes financial penalties for failure to comply with these requirements.

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

AB 2624 (Kalra) – Course Materials

This bill requires CSU, CCC, and requests the UC, to display the estimated costs for the required course materials and fees for no less than 75 percent of the total number of courses on an online campus schedule.

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

AB 2664 (Friedman) – Collegiate Athletics: Coaches: Misconduct

This bill prohibits postsecondary institutions from hiring new or renewing existing contracts for collegiate athletic coaches who have been convicted or found civilly liable of misconduct related to their current or any previous employment.

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

AB 2683 (Gabriel) – Sexual Violence and Harassment: Training and Resources

This bill requires postsecondary institutions to provide information about sexual harassment and assault, including campus and community resources for survivors, on an annual basis beginning in 2024. Campuses must also post this information on their websites.

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

AB 2692 (Choi) – Priority Registration for Members and Former Members of the Armed Forces of the United States

This bill adds veterans of the United States Space Force to the list of veterans who receive priority registration for enrollment at the CSU.

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

AB 2747 (Nazarian) – Tuition and Fees: Team USA Student Athletes

This bill would entitle a Team USA student athlete who trains in California in an elite-level program approved by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee to receive resident classification for tuition purposes at public postsecondary education institutions.

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

AB 2810 (Berman) – CalFresh: Student Eligibility: FAFSA data

This bill requires the CSU, CCC, and encourages all other postsecondary institutions, to utilize FAFSA data to identify students who may be eligible for CalFresh benefits and to share relevant information with those students.

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

TWO YEAR BILLS

Senate Bills

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

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

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

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

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

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

SB 641(Skinner) – CalFresh for College Students Act

This bill codifies recommendations previously made by the College Hunger Working Group and mandates the Department of Social Services to report the number of college students receiving CalFresh benefits, disaggregated by county and by higher education institution, and to propose ways to better serve eligible students.

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

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

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

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

Assembly Bills

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BILLS NO LONGER ADVANCING

The following bills were introduced in 2021 and were still considered active at the beginning of 2022. However, in January, they failed to meet legislative deadlines and are now considered dead for the session.

Senate Bills

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

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Support

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

SB 787 (Hurtado) – CSU Program in Medical Education

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

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

Assembly Bills

AB 29 (Cooper) – State Bodies: Meetings

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

- **CSU Position:** Pending

AB 53 (Low) – Election Day Holiday

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

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Support

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 737 (Santiago) – CSU: Tuition

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

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 940 (McCarty) – College Mental Health Services Program

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

- **CSU Position:** Sponsor

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Pending

AB 1306 (Arambula) – Health Professions Careers Opportunity Program

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

- **CSU Position:** Pending

AB 1421 (Nguyen) – Refunds of Student Campus Fees

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

- **CSU Position:** Tracking