

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 11:55 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Jack Clarke, Jr., Chair
Yammilette Rodriguez, Vice Chair
Diana Aguilar-Cruz
Diego Arambula
Raji Kaur Brar
Lillian Kimbell
Julia Lopez
Jack McGrory
José Antonio Vargas

Consent 1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of May 24, 2023, *Action*
Discussion 2. State Legislative Update, *Information*

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

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

May 24, 2023

Members Present

Douglas Faigin, Chair
Maria Linares, Vice Chair
Yammilette Rodriguez
Romey Sabalius

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

Trustee Faigin called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 22, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted.

State Legislative Update

Steve Relyea, executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer, reported that the Advocacy and State Relations (ASR) team has been very busy as they continue to support measures that benefit students, prepare for policy and fiscal committee hearings, and engage with legislative offices seeking amendments to problematic bills. They have also continued to execute the budget advocacy strategy for the year, which will be vital to the CSU's overall success.

Nathan Dietrich, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, provided an update on the board's sponsored legislation, highlighted bills that impact the CSU and shared details about recent advocacy efforts in Sacramento.

AB 656 gives the CSU broader authority to establish practical doctoral programs, provided that they do not duplicate the University of California's doctoral degrees and meet the workforce

demands in the state. On April 25, it was heard in the Assembly Higher Education Committee and passed unanimously. He thanked San Diego State President Adela de la Torre and Executive Vice Chancellor Sylvia Alva for offering clear and convincing testimony at the hearing.

He also thanked the campuses for securing a number of co-authors and more than 20 letters of support, all of which demonstrated why the bill is needed to address the state's workforce demands and assist in the CSU's accreditation needs.

AB 840, the alcohol sponsorship exemption proposal, was heard in committee in April and passed unanimously. He thanked Dru Zachmeyer from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for testifying in support of the bill and explaining why it is important to all its universities.

Both bills are now in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Highlighted bills included those that address a facilities bond (SB 28, AB 247), the travel ban (SB 447), mental health services (SB 11), a post-secondary education coordinating commission (AB 1142), service learning (AB 1390), college athletics (AB 252, SB 661), employment policies (AB 1123, SB 640), and Title IX (SB 808).

Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich acknowledged President Teniente-Matson and San José State for hosting a virtual briefing of more than 30 local, state and federal offices in April in which they shared the successes of the university while also highlighting the additional state support needed to advance the CSU goals and support its employees.

On June 2, ASR will be partnering with the CSU Alumni Council to host a Sacramento alumni networking event. CSU alumni who live or work near the Capitol are invited for coffee and donuts on National Donut Day.

Trustee Faigin thanked the ASR team for their hard work. He congratulated Trustee Linares on her graduation day and acknowledged her work as committee vice chair.

Trustee Faigin adjourned the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

State Legislative Update

Presentation By

Steve Relyea
Executive Vice Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Nathan Dietrich
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The Legislature returned from summer recess on August 14 and quickly resumed committee hearings to wrap up the legislative year. Fiscal committees met during the final weeks of August, which was followed by floor session in both houses. Bills must be passed by September 14 in order to be considered by the Governor. For those bills that advance, the Governor will have until October 14 to take action. Upon adjournment, the Legislature will remain in recess until January 2024.

This report is organized as follows:

- Board of Trustees sponsored legislation
- Active bills
 - Senate Bills
 - Assembly Bills
- Bills no longer advancing
 - Senate Bills
 - Assembly Bills
- Governor's Actions
 - Assembly Bills

All bill summaries and positions are accurate as of August 29, 2023.

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

AB 656 (McCarty) – California State University: Doctoral Programs

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

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

AB 840 (Addis) – Tied-House Exemptions: Advertising

This bill creates an exception to tied-house laws that will allow several venues on CSU campuses to enter into sponsorship agreements with alcohol beverage suppliers.

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

ACTIVE BILLS

Senate Bills

SB 11 (Menjivar) – CSU: Mental Health Services: Contracting Out

This bill requires the CSU to maintain a ratio of one mental health counselor per 1,500 students at each campus and establishes the CSU Mental Health Professionals Act to provide incentives for CSU students to become mental health counselors.

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

SB 28 (Glazer) – Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2024

This bill would place a \$15.5 billion facilities bond on the March 2024 ballot for K-16, that if approved by the voters, would allocate \$2 billion for the CSU.

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

SB 234 (Portantino) – Opioid Antagonists: Schools, College Campuses, Stadiums, Concert Venues, and Amusement Parks

This bill requires the CSU and other higher education segments, as well as concert venues and stadiums, to maintain unexpired doses of naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist onsite.

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

SB 447 (Atkins) – GO-Biz

This bill would repeal the state’s travel ban, which currently prohibits state funded travel to certain states that have enacted anti-LGBTQ policies. It would instead authorize GO-Biz to promote social equity, civil rights and antidiscrimination via a non-partisan, nationwide advertising campaign known as the Building and Reinforcing Inclusive, Diverse, Gender-Supportive Equity Project (BRIDGE Project)

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

SB 633 (Gonzalez) – California DREAM Loan Program: DREAM Grants

This bill authorizes institutions participating in the DREAM Loan Program to offer unawarded funds from their revolving fund as DREAM Grants to eligible students.

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

SB 640 (Portantino) – CSU: Food Service Contracts and Hotel Development Projects

This bill requires the CSU or CSU auxiliaries to include a labor peace agreement as part of any food service or hotel development contract.

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

SB 661 (Bradford) – Student Athlete Bill of Rights

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

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

SB 791 (McGuire) – Postsecondary Education: Academic and Administrative Employees: Disclosure of Sexual Harassment

This bill requires the CSU and California Community Colleges (CCC), and requests the UC, to require as part of the hiring process for an appointment to an academic or administrative position that the applicant disclose any final judicial or administrative decision determining that the applicant committed sexual harassment.

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

SB 808 (Dodd) – CSU: Annual Report: Sexual Harassment Reports: Formal Sexual Harassment Complaints

This bill requires the CSU Board of Trustees to include additional oversight for approving sexual harassment settlements; to report annually on the number of sexual harassment complaints and the disposition of those cases to the Legislature; and to prohibit retreat rights for senior administrators who have violated Title IX policy.

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

SB 856 (Glazer) – CSU Students: California Promise: Finish in Four and Through in Two

This bill requires the California Promise program to be renamed the ‘Finish in Four and Through in Two’ program. It also requires incoming students to opt out of participating rather than opting into the program, with each campus required to have at least five percent of each incoming class participating in the program.

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

Assembly Bills

AB 25 (McCarty) – Student Financial Aid: Middle Class Scholarship Program

This bill amends the rules of the Middle Class Scholarship Program to remove basic needs emergency aid from consideration in the awarding or adjusting of scholarship amounts. It also requires the Department of Finance to fully fund the program over five years, provided general fund revenues increase for two consecutive years.

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

AB 255 (Alanis) – Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Registration for First Responders

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to grant priority for registration to first responders.

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

AB 299 (Holden) – Hazing: Educational Institutions: Civil Liability: Resources

This bill establishes civil liability for an education institution, which includes the CSU, if the institution had direct involvement in or knew of, dangerous hazing practices of the student organization involved in hazing.

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

AB 322 (Mathis) – Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act of 2023

This bill would require the CSU and the CCC, and requests the UC, to develop and include within first-year student orientation a supplemental module of services and resources available for students who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of the California National Guard.

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

AB 389 (Ramos) – Native American repatriation: California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001: CSU

This bill establishes annual reporting to the Legislature by the CSU pertaining to requirements under the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act and establishes accountability provisions to ensure compliance with those requirements.

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

AB 447 (Arambula) – Public Postsecondary Education: Students with Disabilities: Inclusive College Pilot Programs

This bill requests the CSU, and the UC, to develop inclusive college programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to pursue an educational credential, upon appropriation from the Legislature.

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

AB 461 (Ramos) – Student Safety: Fentanyl Test Strips

This bill requires the CSU to include information about the use and location of fentanyl test strips at new student orientations and requires that each campus health center stock and distribute fentanyl test strips.

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

AB 504 (Reyes) – State and Local Public Employees: Labor Relations: Strikes

This bill would establish a statutory right for all public employees to take part in a sympathy strike.

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

AB 506 (Fong, Mike) – CSU: Graduation Requirement: Ethnic Studies

This bill suspends the process for approving GE ethnic studies courses for one year during 2024 so that a new process can be developed in collaboration with the ASCSU, the ASCCC, the CCC Ethnic Studies Faculty Council, and the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies. It specifies that ethnic studies courses approved through 2023 will no longer satisfy the CSU ethnic studies GE requirement (area f) until they are re-reviewed under the new process.

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

AB 603 (Cervantes) – Public Postsecondary Education: Diversity: Report

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to annually report to the Legislature on the diversity of their student body and of their governing board.

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

AB 607 (Kalra) – Public Postsecondary Education: Course Materials

This bill would require the CSU, CCC, and request the UC, to display the estimated costs for each digital course of all required course materials and fees directly related to those materials. This requirement would be phased in over a five-year period to require up to 75% of the total number of courses on the online campus course schedule for which a faculty member has been assigned.

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

AB 624 (Grayson) – Postsecondary Education: Disabled Student Services: Assessments

This bill requires public and private postsecondary educational institutions to provide and cover the costs of diagnostic assessments needed by students for academic accommodations. State funds will be provided to reimburse institutions on an actual-cost basis.

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

AB 659 (Aguiar-Curry) – Cancer Prevention Act

This bill declares the public policy of the state that students who are 26 years of age or younger are recommended to be fully immunized against HPV before first-time enrollment at an institution of the CSU, UC or CCC.

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

AB 746 (Sanchez) – Learning-Aligned Employment Program: Eligibility

This bill changes the requirements of the Learning-Aligned Employment Program to make it available to more students while still prioritizing those from underrepresented backgrounds.

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

AB 760 (Wilson) – CSU and UC: Records: Affirmed Name and Gender Identification

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

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

AB 789 (Berman) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Satisfactory Academic Progress

This bill requires postsecondary institutions to align their satisfactory academic progress standards to the minimum federal standards to qualify for participation in the Cal Grant program, among other changes.

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

AB 1082 (Kalra) – Authority to Remove Vehicles

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

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 28.
 - *Note:* This bill was recently amended and no longer applies to higher education institutions.

AB 1123 (Addis) CSU: Employees: Paid Parental Leave of Absence

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

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

AB 1138 (Weber) – Postsecondary Education: Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence Prevention: Transportation Services

This bill requires the CSU and UC to provide students free transportation to and from a rape crisis center to administer Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) Kits if such kits are not already administered on campus.

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

AB 1524 (Lowenthal) Postsecondary Education: On-Campus Access to Drug Testing Devices and Antitampering Devices

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to stock devices that detect the presence of drugs such in a central and accessible location on campus and offer them free of charge.

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

AB 1540 (Fong, Mike) – Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition: Exemption

This bill would simplify the financial aid application process for undocumented students by authorizing institutions to accept an affidavit provided to the Student Aid Commission rather than requiring multiple affidavits.

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

BILLS NO LONGER ADVANCING

Senate Bills

SB 59 (Skinner) – Menstrual Product Accessibility Act

This bill increases the number of bathrooms in state-owned buildings that must be stocked with menstrual products, which are to be provided to members of the public free of charge.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

SB 574 (Wahab) – Public Agencies: Project Labor Agreements

This bill prohibits a state agency from entering into a public works project in excess of \$35 million dollars, unless that project is governed by a project labor agreement (PLA). This would apply to the CSU if state bond funds are used in the construction of the public works project.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

Assembly Bills

AB 252 (Holden) – The College Athlete Protection Act

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

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 266 (Boerner) – Legislative Internship Program

The bill would establish the Legislative Internship Program under the administration of the CSU's Center for California Studies.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

SB 307 (Ashby) – Middle Class Scholarship Program: Community Colleges: Current and Former Foster Youth

This bill expands access to the Middle Class Scholarship program for community college students who are current or former foster youth.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
 - *Note:* Components of this measure were incorporated into the Budget Act of 2023.

AB 456 (Maienschein) – Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Mental Health Hotlines

This bill requires each campus of the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to establish a campus mental health hotline for students to access mental health services remotely during working hours and to include this phone number on the back of all student ID cards.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 644 (Jones-Sawyer) – Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Safety: Hate Crimes: Surveys

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to work with students to develop questions related to hate crimes, campus climate and safety to be added to the biennial online campus climate survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Education and to report the campus-level results to the Legislature.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 680 (Rubio, Blanca) – Public Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition: Exemption

This bill expands the provisions of AB 540 and exempts certain students from paying nonresident tuition at the CSU, UC and CCC.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

AB 810 (Friedman) – Athletics Department: Misconduct Database

This bill requires a postsecondary education institution to contact a potential employee's past employer to verify they did not violate any employment policies of the former employer.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

AB 1062 (Santiago) – Public Postsecondary Education: California State University: Tuition

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

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 1142 (Fong, Mike) – Postsecondary Education: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California

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

- **CSU Position:** Pending

AB 1390 (McCarty) – CSU: UC: Graduation Requirements: Service Learning

This bill specifies that the CSU and UC institute a service-learning requirement for students graduating by the 2032-33 academic year. The CSU and UC is prohibited from increasing the number of units needed to graduate because of this requirement.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose unless amended

AB 1558 (Gallagher) – Postsecondary Education: Safety: Credible Threats

The bill would require each campus after receiving a threat to student, faculty or staff safety to determine, through a third-party risk assessment, whether the threat is credible. If the campus determines the threat is credible, to determine whether the individual poses an immediate threat and impose interim measures to ensure school and student safety.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

AB 1575 (Irwin) – Postsecondary Education: Designated Advocates: Notification

This bill requires the segments of postsecondary education to notify students of their ability to opt into selecting a designated advocate, who will receive notifications about specified administrative, academic, health and disciplinary notices.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

GOVERNOR’S ACTIONS

Assembly Bills

AB 569 (Garcia) – CSU: Veterans: Cybersecurity Regional Alliances and Multistakeholder Partnerships Pilot Program

This bill would require the CSU Chancellor’s Office to submit a report to the Legislature on the Cybersecurity pilot program funded in the 2022 budget by July 1, 2028.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 117, Statutes of 2023.

AB 1311 (Soria) – Public Postsecondary Education: Allied Health Programs: Assessment

This bill requires the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) to assess the effectiveness of existing programs in allied health jointly offered between the CSU, CCC and UC.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 126, Statutes of 2023.