

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2018
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
Romey Sabalius
Lateefah Simon

Consent 1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of January 30, 2018, *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 Conference Center
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, California**

January 30, 2018

Members Present

J. Lawrence Norton, Chair
Silas H. Abrego
Adam Day
Rebecca D. Eisen, Chair of the Board
Debra S. Farar
Jean P. Firstenberg
Lillian Kimbell
Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana
Jorge Reyes Salinas
Romey Sabalius
Lateefah Simon
Timothy P. White, Chancellor

Trustee Norton called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 20, 2017, were approved as submitted.

State Legislative Update

Mr. Garrett Ashley, vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, reported that the legislature recessed last September with 977 bills signed into law, including the three Board of Trustees sponsored bills.

Ms. Kathleen Chavira, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, provided an overview of budget advocacy activities and an update on legislation affecting the CSU and higher education.

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The trustees discussed budget advocacy strategies.

Federal Update

Mr. Ashley reported that the CSU was heavily engaged in advocacy in 2017 with the successful promotion of Year-Round Pell, fighting for Dreamers and dealing with tax reform.

Mr. Jim Gelb, assistant vice chancellor for federal relations, provided an update on CSU activities and higher education policy in Washington, including the FY 2018 federal budget, the status on DACA reform and the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

Trustee Norton adjourned the meeting.

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State 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 bill introduction deadline was February 16. In total, 2,293 measures were introduced this year and the Advocacy and State Relations (ASR) staff has identified nearly 436 for further review or monitoring. ASR staff are working diligently with colleagues in the Chancellor's Office to determine the potential impact of these bills on the CSU and its students, faculty and staff. In this presentation, we will provide highlights of legislative bill trends and review bills of interest to the CSU community.

The report is organized as follows:

- Newly introduced Senate bills
- Newly introduced Assembly bills
- Two-year bills

All bill statuses and positions are accurate as of March 6, 2018.

Newly Introduced Senate Bills

SB 940 (Beall) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Foster Youth

This bill increases access to the Cal Grant program for foster youth by 1) authorizing eligible foster youth to receive a Cal Grant if they submit a complete financial aid application by July 1 of the year they turn 26; 2) extending the length of time a foster youth is eligible for the Cal Grant B from four years to eight years; and 3) changing the deadline for the Cal Grant entitlement application from March 2 to September 2 for foster youth applying to community college.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is in the Senate Education Committee and will be heard on March 14.

SB 968 (Pan) – Mental Health Counselors

This bill requires all higher education institutions to have a ratio of one mental health counselor for every 1,000 students.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is in the Senate Education Committee and will be heard on March 21.

SB 1004 (Wiener) – Mental Health Services Act: Prevention and Early Diagnosis

This bill requires counties to spend Proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act funds on college mental health outreach, engagement and services.

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

SB 1225 (Glazer) – Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018

This bill places a bond on the November 2018 ballot, which if approved by the voters, would authorize \$4 billion in bonds to be equally divided between the UC and CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is in the Senate Education Committee and will be heard on March 21.

SB 1344 (Moorlach) – Education Expenses: Education Savings Account Act of 2020

Among other provisions, this bill prohibits the UC and CSU from admitting a nonresident applicant at the freshman or sophomore level unless and until the Regents/Trustees determine there are no resident applicants from specified groups who meet the eligibility requirements for admission to that segment. This provision would become operative January 1, 2019, pending the approval by voters of a Senate Constitutional Amendment.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is in the Senate Education Committee and will be heard on April 4.

SB 1351 (Hernandez) – California State University: Reports

The bill requires the CSU Chancellor's Office to submit an annual report to the Legislature on student success activities as well as hiring, wages and position classifications.

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

SB 1381 (Nielsen) – Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Free Expression Act

This bill mandates that outdoor areas of public colleges and universities are traditional public forums with certain free speech guarantees. The bill allows the Attorney General or any other person to seek a monetary award of up to \$5,000 for any violation of this law.

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

SB 1388 (Anderson) – Postsecondary Education: Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act

This bill guarantees the rights of freedom of speech at all public colleges and universities.

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

SR 84 (De Leon) – Relative to the California Dream Act

This resolution urges Dreamer students to apply for college and financial aid under the CA Dream Act.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill passed the Senate.

Newly Introduced Assembly Bills

AB 1803 (Choi) – Postsecondary Education: Career Placement and Job Search Services for Graduates

This bill requires postsecondary institutions that provide baccalaureate degrees to offer career and job placement services at no cost for five years after graduation.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is in the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will be heard on March 13.

AB 1887 (Medina) – Public Education Governance: Service on Boards and Commissions

This bill authorizes any AB 540 student attending a campus of the CCC, CSU or UC to serve on any board or commission established pursuant to the portion of the Education Code relating to higher education.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is in the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will be heard on March 13.

AB 1894 (Weber) – Postsecondary Education – Student Hunger

This bill authorizes the Department of Social Services to enter into a statewide memorandum of understanding with the chancellor so that campuses can participate in the California Restaurant Meals Program even if the county does not participate in the program.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is in the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will be heard on March 13.

AB 1895 (Calderon) – California DREAM Loan Program: Repayment, Deferment, and Forbearance

This bill requires each CSU campus to create an income-based repayment option for student recipients of DREAM loans by January 1, 2020.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is in the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will be heard on March 13.

AB 1896 (Cervantes) – Sexual Assault Counselors-Victim Privileges

This bill expands the definition of sexual assault counselor to include sexual assault counselors at public higher education institutions who meet specified criteria, thereby extending them the right of privilege regarding confidential disclosures.

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

AB 1961 (Choi) – Postsecondary Education: Student Housing and Meal Plans

This bill requires each institution of higher education to 1) separately list the cost of university-operated housing and meal plans on all websites and documents it provides to students regarding student costs of university-operated housing and 2) prohibits each institution from requiring students to have a campus meal plan in order to live in university-operated housing.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is in the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will be heard on March 13.

AB 2081 – (Melendez) Campus Free Speech Act

This bill requires higher education institutions to adopt a policy on freedom of speech utilizing specified guidelines.

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

AB 2220 (Bonta) – Student Athletes Bill of Rights

This bill expands existing law to require that all Division 1 and 2 schools offer scholarship replacements and other benefits (to be paid from media revenues) to student athletes who suffer an incapacitating illness or injury as a result of participation in the athletic program.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is in the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media Committee.

AB 2248 (McCarty) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program

This bill redefines “full-time” for purposes of Cal Grant eligibility to 15 or more semester units, or 30 or more units in an academic year, beginning in the 2022-2023 academic year.

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

AB 2306 (Santiago) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program

This bill increases the total award period for Cal Grant awards from four to six years for community college students who transfer to a four-year institution.

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

AB 2391 (Harper) – Student Health: Identification Cards: Suicide Prevention Telephone Numbers

This bill requires the CSU and the CCC, and requests the UC, to include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline phone number on the back of campus issued student identification cards.

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

AB 2408 (Weber) – California State University: Ethnic Studies

Commencing with 2019-2020 academic year, this bill requires 1) the CSU to offer courses in ethnic studies at each campus and 2) CSU students to complete one three-unit ethnic studies course as a graduation requirement.

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

AB 2477 (Rubio) – Student Support Services: Dream Resource Liaisons

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to designate a Dream Resource Liaison at each campus.

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

AB 2479 (Voepel) – Public Postsecondary Education: Income Share Agreement: Pilot Program

Commencing with the 2020-2021 academic year, this bill requires the University of California, Los Angeles and California State University, Sacramento to establish a pilot program to waive tuition for participating students who enter into an income share agreement with the university. Implementation of the pilot program is contingent upon the appropriation of funds in the annual Budget Act.

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

AB 2505 (Santiago) – California State University: Budget Oversight Policies

This bill requires each CSU campus to submit a report to the Chancellor's Office regarding its budget oversight policies, as well as its expenditures and state appropriations received in the 2017-2018 academic year. The Chancellor's Office is then required to submit a consolidated report to the Legislature and Department of Finance that includes specified information. The bill also requires the State Auditor to audit the CSU by December 30, 2019, and every three years thereafter.

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

AB 2563 (Patterson) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant B and Cal Grant C Awards: Financial Aid Book Advance Program

This bill requires each Cal Grant participating institution, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, to implement a financial aid book advance program. The program would provide credit to an institution's campus bookstore so that students receiving Cal Grant B or Cal Grant C awards are able to purchase books and educational materials before funds are disbursed to students.

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

AB 2771 (Eggman) – Education Finance: Higher Education Bond Act of 2018

This bill declares the intent of the Legislature to enact the Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018 to assist in meeting capital outlay needs for the CSU and UC, and specifies the intent that these funds be used for student housing, deferred maintenance and new campuses.

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

AB 2784 (Caballero) – California State University: Emergency Student Housing Loan Program

This bill establishes the Emergency Student Housing Loan Program, beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year, at three CSU campuses, subject to a state appropriation.

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

AB 3213 (Bonta) – Postsecondary Education: Cost of Attendance: Fiscal Matters

This bill expands the information CSU campuses must provide students as part of the calculation of student's cost of attendance, to include items such as the cost of a laptop computer, extracurricular activities and health care.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting referral in the Assembly.

Two-year bills

SB 183 (Lara) – State Buildings: Federal Immigration Agents

This bill prohibits federal immigration enforcement agents, officers, or personnel from entering a building owned by the state, including the CSU, in order to perform surveillance, effectuate an arrest, or question an individual, without a valid federal warrant.

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

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
- **Status:** This two-year bill is on the Assembly Inactive File.

SB 320 (Leyva) – Public Health: Postsecondary Education: On Campus Student Health Centers: Abortion by Medication Techniques

This bill requires the CSU and UC campuses' health centers to offer abortion by medication to its students by January 2022, if adequate private funding has been collected by the State Treasurer's Office. The Treasurer and a newly created council are responsible for ensuring training and medical equipment are provided to each campus that requests support through a grant proposal process. While community colleges and other private universities are not mandated to provide this service, they may seek a grant after the CSU and UC campuses are funded for this purpose.

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

SB 346 (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 the 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 in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

SB 573 (Lara) – Student Financial Aid: Student Service Programs

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

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This two-year bill is on the Assembly Inactive File.

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 two-year bill was set but never heard by the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

SB 691 (Lara) – Educational Equity: Immigration Status

This bill adds “immigration status” to the list of characteristics for which equal rights and opportunities are provided at postsecondary educational institutions in California.

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

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:** Neutral
- **Status:** This two-year bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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 two-year bill died on the Assembly Inactive file.

AB 809 (Quirk-Silva) – Veterans’ Priority Registration for Enrollment

This bill requires priority registration for enrollment for members and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States and the State Military Reserve be applied notwithstanding any other law.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This two-year 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 two-year bill was set but never heard by the Senate Education 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. The bill also adds an additional faculty member to the Board.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This two-year bill is on the Senate Inactive File.

AB 1231 (Weber) – California State University: Support Staff Merit Salary Adjustment

This bill requires the CSU to provide all eligible support staff employees with an automatic merit salary adjustment of five percent annually.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This two-year bill is awaiting referral in the Senate.

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 two-year bill was set but never heard by Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.