

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: **2:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 24, 2013**
 Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Steven M. Glazer, Chair
Douglas Faigin, Vice Chair
Debra S. Farar
Margaret Fortune
Lupe C. Garcia
Peter G. Mehas
J. Lawrence Norton
Cipriano Vargas

Consent Items

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 23, 2013

Discussion Items

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**

July 23, 2013

Members Present

Steven M. Glazer, Chair
Douglas Faigin, Vice Chair
Debra S. Farar
Margaret Fortune
Lupe C. Garcia
Bob Linscheid, Chair of the Board
Peter G. Mehas
Henry Mendoza
J. Lawrence Norton
Cipriano Vargas
Timothy P. White, Chancellor

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 21, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Legislative Update

Garrett P. Ashley, vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, introduced the legislative update. He reported that May 31 was the deadline for measures introduced this year to advance out of their house of origin. Bills typically face a more careful examination in the second house.

Mr. Ashley also reported the legislature is in the middle of summer recess. Legislators return in August to tackle which measures advance to the Governor's desk before adjourning for the year on September 13.

Karen Y. Zamarripa, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, congratulated the four trustees who were confirmed by the full Senate and Trustee Faigin who successfully completed a hearing in front of the Senate Rules Committee. She also recognized and welcomed the new Student Trustee Talar Alexanian.

Ms. Zamarripa confirmed the schedule for the final phase of the 2013 legislative session. She noted that bills not moved out of their house of origin are either dead or are two-year bills pending possible action after January.

Ms. Zamarripa provided updates on the following bills:

- Assembly Bill 386 (Levine) Public Postsecondary Education: Cross-Enrollment: Online Education at California State University
- Senate Bill 520 (Steinberg) California Virtual Campus: Leadership Stakeholder Meetings: Representatives
- Senate Bill 440 (Padilla) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act
- Assembly Bill 46 (Pan) California State University: Trustees
- Assembly Bill 447 (Williams) California State University: Student Trustees

Ms. Zamarripa reported the CSU is working with the California State Student Association, California State University Employees Union, California Faculty Association, the Academic Senate and the Campaign for College Opportunity to seek additional funding to enroll fully eligible upper division transfer students in spring 2014.

This commitment to students and their success is being advanced in context of the State Controller's recent confirmation of at least \$2 billion more in General Fund revenue than projected in the 2013-14 budget. The CSU is working with community partners and several legislators to secure this additional funding in the last four weeks of the legislative session.

Trustee Glazer adjourned the committee.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Legislative Update

Presentation By

Garrett Ashley
Vice Chancellor
University Relations and Advancement

Karen Y. Zamarripa
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

This item contains an update on legislation being tracked by the California State University (CSU) during the first year of the 2013-2014 session.

Background

The legislature returned from summer recess in August and had until September 13, 2013 to pass legislation before they adjourned for the year. The Assembly's policy committees completed their work mid-August and both houses faced a fiscal deadline of August 30, 2013.

At this juncture, most bills have been amended to significantly limit their impact and cost so that they could move forward, while the rest were either held in the fiscal committees or deferred until next year. The CSU is tracking a handful of remaining issues described in this report; however, as with every legislative year, there will be a great deal of activity in the last several weeks that may or may not have emerged to date.

Over the course of the year, there was a great deal of talk and hope for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reforms, but few expect any real reforms before the session concludes. Other issues that are likely to arise in the last month of session will include: (1) negotiations between the Governor and legislature on new prison spending in response to court orders to release prisoners due to overcrowding; (2) investments in the state's water infrastructure to be funded through a statewide water bond for voter action next year, and; (3) continued pressure to build the high-speed rail in the face of ongoing litigation and skepticism about the project.

Accountability

SB 195 (Liu) California Postsecondary Education: State Goals: This measure creates a process to develop statewide goals and metrics associated with the performance outcomes defined in the final budget.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This bill passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is now headed to the Assembly floor.

Compensation

SB 495 (Yee) Postsecondary Education Employees: Physicians: The measure as amended encourages the CSU and the University of California (UC) to increase funding for their campus health centers and increase compensation for their doctors.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: The measure is a two-year bill.

Financial Aid

AB 1285 (Fong) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Current law allows only two percent of Cal Grant B recipients to receive their full aid package in the first year of college. This measure increases the grant up to 25 percent and phases in the increases over the next three years.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure passed out of the Assembly but became a two-year bill in the Senate Education Committee.

AB 1241 (Weber) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: The measure extends the Cal Grant Entitlement program period of eligibility from one to two years, effective January 1, 2015.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure was held by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1287 (Quirk-Silva) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Eligibility: This measure establishes a process by which Cal Grant recipients, who are determined to be ineligible for a renewal award because they exceed the income and asset ceilings for the program, can receive a Cal Grant renewal award in a subsequent year if they once again meet all of the eligibility requirements.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure was passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee and is now headed to the Senate floor.

AB 1318 (Bonilla) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: This measure establishes a formula for determining the maximum Cal Grant award for students attending nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions and thus provides a threshold amount for institutional financial aid.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure passed out of the Assembly and was made a two-year bill in the Senate Education Committee.

AB 1364 (Ting) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: This proposal creates a statutory formula to annually adjust the maximum Cal Grant B award amount by the percentage increase, if any, in California per capita personal income.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure was held by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 285 (De León) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: This proposal increases the submission award for the Cal Grant B program up to \$5,000 per year using funds established in companion measure SB 284 by the same author.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure was passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is now headed to the Assembly floor.

Governance

AB 46 (Pan) California State University: Trustees: The measure was reintroduced on behalf of the California Faculty Association (CFA) to allow ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees to designate an alternate to attend board meetings and vote in their absence. It also included a provision sought by CSU students last year – to allow the student designee to vote should the current student Board of Trustees member be unable to attend a meeting.

CSU Position: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
Status: This measure was made a two-year bill at the request of the author. Assembly Member Das Williams has amended AB 447 to pursue the student trustee provisions for the California State Students Association (CSSA).

AB 447 (Williams) California State University: Trustees: This measure allows the second student trustee to vote should the voting trustee be unable to attend a meeting due to medical needs and/or illness.

CSU Position: SUPPORT
Status: The measure passed out of the legislature and is now with the Governor.

AB 736 (Fox) California State University: Antelope Valley Campus: This measure requires the CSU to conduct a feasibility study for a campus in the Antelope Valley using non-state funds.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure passed out of the Assembly but was made a two-year bill in the Senate Education Committee.

AB 1348 (Pérez) Postsecondary Education: California Higher Education Authority: This measure establishes a 13-member panel called the California Higher Education Authority to replace the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC), which has not been funded for two years. This entity would be responsible for developing, presenting and monitoring postsecondary education goals for the state. Unlike CPEC, this new board would not include segmental representatives, who can play an important role in the coordination and collaboration between the segments and the Authority.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure was made a two-year bill.

SB 325 (Block) Trustees of the California State University: Student Members: This measure allows students who are sophomores in good standing, instead of the now required juniors, to seek appointment to the Board of Trustees by the Governor based on nominations from the CSSA. The bill also waives systemwide mandatory tuition fees for student trustees, so they can focus on their academic studies and work as a board member.

CSU Position: SUPPORT
Status: The measure, which is sponsored by CSSA, was approved by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor. (Chapter 175, Statutes of 2013.)

Online Learning/Alternative Pathways

AB 386 (Levine) Public Postsecondary Education: Cross-enrollment: Online Education at California State University: This measure requires the CSU to create a convenient means by

which students can find and enroll (including cross enrollment within the system) in online courses offered by the 23 campuses.

CSU Position: SUPPORT
Status: The measure was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee and is now headed to the Senate floor. The measure is linked to the \$10 million apportioned in the CSU's 2013-2014 final budget.

SB 520 (Steinberg) California Virtual Campus: Leadership Stakeholder Meetings: Representatives: This measure creates an incentive grant program to encourage CSU, UC and California Community Colleges (CCC) faculty to develop online and hybrid courses that would be available to students across systems.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure was made a two-year bill.

Proposition 39/ Energy Efficiency

SB 267 (Pavley) Proposition 39 Implementation: Higher Education Projects: This measure requires the Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop and administer a financial assistance program to assist the CCCs, the CSU and the UC with energy efficiency and onsite clean energy generation projects.

CSU Position: SUPPORT
Status: The measure is now a two-year bill.

Revenues

SB 284 (De León) Income Tax: Contribution to Education Fund: This proposal allows an individual taxpayer or corporate donor to contribute a tax credit towards the College Access Tax Credit Fund, with a total annual cap of \$500 million. Per SB 285, these funds would then be tied to increased Cal Grant B subsistence awards.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is now headed to the Assembly floor.

Transfer

SB 440 (Padilla) Public Postsecondary Education: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act: This measure implements changes to the current law regarding the CCC transfer pathway created

three years ago in partnership with the CSU and CCC. The bill requires the CSU to develop an admission redirection process and both systems to develop a marketing strategy to ensure students are aware of the SB 1440 pathways. The measure also reinforces efforts underway by the CSU and CCC faculty to develop areas of emphasis pathways for students who may not have designated a major but are seeking transfer to the CSU.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure was passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee with a technical amendment and is now headed to the Assembly floor.

Veterans Services

AB 13 (Chavez) Nonresident Tuition Exemption: Veterans: This measure allows any member of the military who was discharged or released from active duty to receive a waiver for the non-resident fee in undergraduate programs regardless of whether or not they were ever stationed in the state or a California resident. Current law only provides this waiver for members of the military who were stationed in California while on active duty.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure was passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendments to narrow the scope of the bill in a manner similar to SB 290 (below).

SB 290 (Knight) Nonresident Tuition Exemption: Veterans: This proposal exempts a veteran who was stationed in this state on active duty for more than one year immediately prior to being discharged from paying nonresident tuition at the CSU or UC for up to one year. This exemption must be used within two years of being discharged.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: The measure passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is now headed to the Assembly floor.