

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: **2:45 p.m., Tuesday, September 19, 2017**
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

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

Consent Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of July 18, 2017

Discussion 1. Legislative Update, *Information*

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

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

July 18, 2017

Members Present

Douglas Faigin, Vice 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
Lateefah Simon
Timothy P. White, Chancellor

Trustee Faigin called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 23, 2017, were approved as submitted.

Legislative Update

Mr. Garrett Ashley, vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, reported that the legislature has until September 15 to take final action on all bills.

Ms. Kathleen Chavira, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, provided an update on budget advocacy efforts and legislation that could impact the CSU.

Trustee Faigin adjourned the meeting.

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Legislative Update

Presented By

Garrett P. Ashley
Vice Chancellor
University Relations and Advancement

Nichole Muñoz-Murillo
Director, State Relations
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

Upon their return from Summer Recess on August 21, the Legislature was actively engaged in its final review of legislation, working to meet various committee and procedural deadlines. Last week, September 15 marked the final day for each house to pass any legislation for the first half of the 2017-2018 legislative session. The business of the Legislature has now concluded until they reconvene on January 3, 2018. This report provides an update on those bills being monitored by Advocacy and State Relations that were still active as of our last report in July.

This report is organized as follows:

- Board of Trustees Sponsored Legislation
- Numeric listing of Senate Bills followed by Assembly Bills

All bill summaries are accurate as of August 23, 2017.

Governor Brown has until October 15 to act on legislation passed by the Legislature. Our November report will include an update on the final disposition of legislation of interest to the CSU.

Board of Trustees Sponsored Legislation

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

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

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

AB 819 (Medina) – CSU Regulatory Authority

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

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

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

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

- **CSU Position:** BOT Sponsored
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee – Recommended Consent.

Active Senate Bills

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

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

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

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

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

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

SB 169 (Jackson) – Education: sex equity

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

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

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

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

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

SB 318 (Portantino) – CSU: Personal Service Contracts

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

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

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 178, Statutes of 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SB 769 (Hill) – CCC Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

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

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

Active Assembly Bills

AB 10 (Garcia) – Feminine Hygiene Product Availability

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

- **CSU Position:** From Watch to Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

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

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

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

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Support if amended
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 214 (Weber) – Postsecondary education: student hunger

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

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 134, Statutes of 2017.

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill was ordered to the Senate inactive file.

AB 453 (Limon) – Postsecondary education: student hunger

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

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

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

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

- **CSU Position:** From Watch to Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 766 (Friedman) – Foster Youth

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

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill was ordered to the Senate consent calendar.

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

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

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

AB 847 (Bocanegra) – Academic senates: membership

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

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

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

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

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

AB 1062 (Levine) – Trustees of the CSU

The bill allows the second non-voting student member of the Board of Trustees the right to vote as a full member of the Board. The bill was then subsequently amended to also add an additional faculty member to the Board.

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

AB 1064 (Calderon) – Cost of living for students

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

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

AB 1178 (Calderon) – Postsecondary Education: Student Loans

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

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

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

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

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