

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: **12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2020**
Virtually via Teleconference

Silas H. Abrego, Chair
Juan F. Garcia, Vice Chair
Douglas Faigin
Debra S. Farar
Jean P. Firstenberg
Jeffrey R. Krinsk
Jack McGrory
Romey Sabalius

Consent 1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of March 24, 2020, *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**

March 24, 2020

Members Present

Silas H. Abrego, Chair
Juan F. Garcia, Vice Chair
Douglas Faigin
Debra S. Farar
Jean P. Firstenberg
Jeffrey R. Krinsk
Jack McGrory
Romey Sabalius
Adam Day, Chair of the Board
Timothy P. White, Chancellor

Trustee Abrego called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 28, 2020, were approved as submitted.

State Legislative Update

Trustee Romey Sabalius asked for the item to be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

Mr. Garrett Ashley, vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, reported that staff met with the chair and vice chair of the governmental relations committee prior to this meeting and presented their recommended positions on pending legislation and supporting analysis, as specified in the board's legislative principles.

***PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Governor's proclamation of a State of Emergency resulting from the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 issued on March 12, 2020 and March 17, 2020, respectively, all members of the Board of Trustees may participate in meetings 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 March 24, 2020 meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees was conducted entirely virtually via Zoom teleconference.**

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More than 2,300 new bills have been introduced in the legislature since the January board meeting. The Advocacy and State Relations team has engaged with experts in the Chancellor's Office to produce this initial analysis, giving special attention to legislation that directly impacts the CSU.

Ms. Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, provided an explanation on the different positions.

In the interest of time, Chair Day asked Trustee Sabalius if he had a specific question. Trustee Sabalius asked for staff to comment on SB 1083, which he believes is a successor to SB 660. Chair Day asked for this to be brought back at a future meeting.

Trustee Abrego adjourned the meeting.

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State Legislative Update

Presentation By

Garrett P. Ashley
Vice Chancellor
University Relations and Advancement

Nichole Muñoz-Murillo
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

This report provides an update on the status of legislation that most directly impacts the CSU. This report is organized as follows:

- Bills introduced in 2020
- Bills introduced in 2019

All bill summaries are accurate as of April 28, 2020.

Background

On March 19, Governor Newsom issued a shelter-in-place order for all Californians to minimize the effects of COVID-19. In response to this action, the Senate and the Assembly recessed and members returned to their districts, cancelling policy and fiscal committee hearings. Consequently, few bills introduced in 2020 have been heard in policy committees.

The Assembly is expected to return from recess on May 4, while the Senate is expected to return on May 11. It is anticipated that when the Legislature reconvenes, they will adopt a modified legislative calendar and limit each policy committee to holding only one hearing to consider legislation introduced in 2020.

Legislative leaders have conveyed that the priority for this session will be the state's response to COVID-19 and a limited number of other immediate issues, such as wildfires and homelessness. Members have been requested to evaluate their bill list in light of these priorities. As a result, members are reviewing and prioritizing their bill package. It is anticipated that there will be a substantial reduction in the number of bills that will advance this year.

Bills Introduced in 2020

Senate Bills

SB 874 (Hill) – Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

This bill makes the community college baccalaureate degree pilot program permanent, removes the limit of 15 programs statewide, and expands community college requirements during the review consultation and approval process. It maintains the prohibition on duplication of programs and program curricula with the CSU and UC.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill was referred to the Senate Education Committee.

SB 1083 (Pan) – Postsecondary Education: Mental Health Counselors

This bill states legislative intent to require that every CSU and CCC campus maintain a ratio of one full-time mental health counselor with a valid license per 1,500 students enrolled.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill was referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SB 1211 (Glazer) – Public Postsecondary Education: California Promise Program: CSU Students

This bill requires campuses participating in the California Promise pilot program, effective 2021-2022, to have at least 5% of each incoming class participate in the CA Promise program and that 70% of participating students be either low-income, first-generation or from underrepresented communities.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** Hearing postponed by the Senate Education Committee.

SB 1444 (Durazo) – CSU: Food Service Contracts and Hotel Development Projects

This bill prohibits a CSU campus from entering into a contract for food services or with a hotel if the vendor does not have a labor peace agreement.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill was referred to the Senate Education Committee.

Assembly Bills

AB 1836 (Quirk-Silva) – Public Postsecondary Education: CSU: Reporting

This bill requires the CSU to annually report on specified parking and transportation-related information and discretionary account information.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** Hearing postponed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1862 (Santiago) – Public Postsecondary Education: CSU: Tuition

This bill prohibits the CSU from charging mandatory systemwide tuition or fees for two academic years to any California Community College transfer student who has completed an Associate Degree for Transfer or received a fee waiver under the California College Promise while at the CCC.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** Hearing postponed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1930 (Medina) – UC and CSU: Student Eligibility Policy

This bill requires the CSU and requests the UC to engage in a multi-step process when considering and/or changing the university's admissions requirements.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** Hearing postponed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1970 (Jones-Sawyer) – Public Postsecondary Education: Pilot Program for Free Tuition and Fees: Working Group

This bill establishes a working group to consider the creation of a pilot program that would provide free postsecondary education in the state. The working group would identify one or more public institutions for participation in the pilot program and determine a funding source that would be available for the first 15 to 20 years of the pilot program.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Hearing postponed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2023 (Chiu) – Education Equity: Student Records: Name and Gender Changes

This bill requires public universities to update a former student's records to include the student's updated legal name or gender if the student provides government-issued documents, and requires institutions to offer an option for graduating students to request their diploma be issued with a student's chosen name.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** Hearing postponed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2114 (Rodriguez) – Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act: Procedures Relating to Employee Termination or Discipline

This bill requires a higher education employer to provide a procedure for all non-probationary employees, who are not members of the academic senate, to challenge a termination of employment or disciplinary action by the employer.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill was referred to the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

AB 2175 (Gipson) – School Nurses: Credentialing

This bill authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to approve local education agencies (K-12) to offer school nurse credentialing programs.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** Hearing postponed by the Assembly Education Committee.

AB 2176 (Holden) – Free Student Transit Passes: Eligibility for State Funding

This bill requires a transit agency that receives specified state funding to provide free service to CCC, CSU or UC students. The bill also prohibits public postsecondary institutions from charging a student for any free transit service.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill was referred to the Assembly Transportation and Higher Education Committees.

AB 2495 (Choi) – Public Postsecondary Education: Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Systemwide Fees

This bill requires the CSU Board of Trustees, and requests the UC Board of Regents, to utilize a cohort tuition model by restricting tuition increases for at least six years for each incoming class.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** Hearing postponed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2578 (Irwin) – Public Postsecondary Education: CSU: Proficiency Level of Entering Students

This bill expands existing reporting requirements to include specified information that assesses levels of college readiness and the CSU's plan to address equity gaps.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** Hearing postponed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2584 (Holden) – Student Athletes: Transfer

This bill forbids an institution of higher education from upholding any rule, requirement, standard or other limitation that prohibits a student athlete who transfers to that institution from participating in intercollegiate athletic competition immediately upon the student's transfer.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media and the Higher Education Committee.

AB 2776 (Lackey) – Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

This bill grants permanent authority to the Antelope Valley Community College District to offer baccalaureate degree programs, including programs or curricula to meet local needs unmet by the same CSU or UC baccalaureate programs that are regularly at enrollment capacity.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** Hearing postponed by the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2972 (Limón) – Public Postsecondary Education: Undocumented Students

This bill states legislative intent to establish a systemwide training program for public higher education administrators related to undocumented students.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill was referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

ACA 5 (Weber) – Government preferences

This amendment to the State's Constitution repeals the provision that prohibits the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education or public contracting.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** Hearing postponed by the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

Active Bills Introduced in 2019 (i.e. two-year bills)

Active Senate Bills

SB 2 (Glazer) – Statewide Longitudinal Student Database

This bill, subject to an appropriation, establishes the Statewide Longitudinal Student Database to collect and store individual student P-20 and workforce data, and creates a review committee that includes the CSU and other education leaders to advise on its establishment and administration.

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

SB 3 (Allen) – Office of Higher Education Coordination, Accountability and Performance

This bill establishes the Office of Higher Education Coordination, Accountability and Performance for the purposes of statewide postsecondary education planning, oversight, data collection and coordination.

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

SB 148 (Glazer) – Public Postsecondary Education: The California Promise: Student Success and On-time Completion Fund

This bill authorizes the trustees to provide specified grants 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 on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

SB 461 (Roth) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Summer Term Students

This bill creates a Summer Cal Grant award for eligible students to take up to nine units of courses during the summer term.

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

SB 493 (Jackson) – Education: Sex Equity

This bill requires colleges to have specified protections from sexual harassment in place for their students.

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

SB 660 (Pan) – Postsecondary Education: Mental Health Counselors

This bill requires the CSU Board of Trustees and each community college district to adopt a goal of having a ratio of one mental health counselor per every 1,500 students. The bill also defines mental health counselor and contains reporting requirements.

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

SB 776 (Skinner) – College Admissions: Criminal History Inquiry: Prohibition

This bill prohibits colleges from inquiring about a prospective student's criminal history during the admissions process.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is at the Assembly Desk.

Active Assembly Bills

AB 313 (Frazier) – Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account: UC and CSU Reports

This bill requires the UC and the CSU to annually submit a report detailing expenditures for state funded transportation research to the Transportation Agency and legislature.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is in the Senate Rules Committee.

AB 369 (Weber) – CSU: Support Staff Employees: Merit Salary Adjustments

This bill requires the CSU to use existing resources to provide a 5% annual step in salary to each support staff employee and incorporate said provision into any pertinent collective bargaining agreement entered into or renewed by the CSU, and sunsets these provisions in July 2030.

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

AB 930 (Gloria) – CSU: Executive Compensation: Campus Budget Quarterly Reporting

This bill prohibits the CSU Board of Trustees from considering an increase in executive compensation in a year when student tuition has increased.

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

AB 1155 (Rodriguez) – Postsecondary Education: Campus-Affiliated Sorority and Fraternity Transparency Act

This bill requires each higher education institution to annually collect information from each sorority and fraternity and to make the information available on the institution's website.

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

AB 1229 (Wicks) – End Foster Youth Student Hunger in California Act of 2019

This bill establishes the Transition Age Foster Youth Meal Plan Program, to be administered by the Student Aid Commission, to provide foster youth enrolled at a public postsecondary educational institution with a monetary award equal to the cost of campus-based fees and a campus meal plan.

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

AB 1314 (Medina) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Reform Act

The bill enacts legislation, known as the Cal Grant Reform Act, to accomplish specified goals as it pertains to expanding the eligibility and duration of Cal Grant awards.

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

AB 1460 (Weber) – CSU: Graduation Requirement: Ethnic Studies

This bill requires CSU students to complete a 3-unit course in ethnic studies in order to graduate.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Floor.