

## **AGENDA**

### **COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**Meeting:**      **10:45 a.m., Tuesday, March 23, 2021**  
**Virtually via Teleconference**

Debra S. Farar, Chair  
Maryana Khames, Vice Chair  
Silas H. Abrego  
Diego Arambula  
Douglas Faigin  
Jack McGrory  
Krystal Raynes  
Romey Sabalius  
Lateefah Simon

**Consent**      1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of January 26, 2021, *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**

**January 26, 2021**

**Members Present**

Debra S. Farar, Chair  
Maryana Khames, Vice Chair  
Silas H. Abrego  
Diego Arambula  
Douglas Faigin  
Jack McGrory  
Krystal Raynes  
Romey Sabalius  
Lateefah Simon

Lillian Kimbell, Chair of the Board  
Joseph I. Castro, Chancellor

Trustee Farar called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of July 22, 2020, were approved as submitted.

**State of State Legislative Principles for 2021 and 2022**

The committee approved the proposed resolution (RGR 01-21-01) on consent adopting the Statement of Legislative Principles for 2021 and 2022.

**\*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 January 26-27, 2021 meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees was conducted entirely virtually via Zoom teleconference.**

### **Sponsored State Legislation for 2021**

Mr. Garrett Ashley, vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, reported that Governor Newsom presented his budget proposal on January 8 and the legislature reconvened on January 11. The Office of Advocacy and State Relations has organized numerous, substantive virtual interactions between legislative staff, the Legislative Analyst's Office and campuses. CSU staff have met with newly elected legislative members and continued to keep lawmakers apprised of the CSU's response to the pandemic.

Ms. Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, presented one legislative proposal for consideration and provided an update on Sacramento advocacy efforts, including the upcoming CSU Advocacy Week and virtual campus tours for key legislative staff that were hosted by San Francisco State and CSU Bakersfield.

The legislative proposal would allocate ongoing funding from the Proposition 63 Administrative Fund to the CSU, the California Community Colleges and the University of California to bolster student mental health services. Student well-being and mental health are central to the systemwide Basic Needs Initiative, a critical component of Graduation Initiative 2025. The expansion of mental health services is an identified priority of campus and systemwide leadership, the California State Student Association, the Academic Senate and the California Faculty Association.

The committee recommended approval by the board of the proposed resolution (RGR 01-21-02) adopting the Sponsored State Legislation for 2021.

### **Federal Agenda for 2021 and 2022**

Mr. Ashley reported that federal funds for minority-serving institutions, student aid and research are all vital to CSU's success. In addition, CSU students and campuses have received critical federal resources in response to the ongoing pandemic, most recently through significant relief legislation passed at the end of December.

Mr. Jim Gelb, assistant vice chancellor for federal relations, presented recommendations for the 2021-2022 Federal Agenda, which are the same six categories prioritized in the last session, with a few minor adjustments to the details:

- Improve college access and completion through aid to students;
- Prepare students for college success;
- Foster degree completion for California's diverse population;
- Educate students for tomorrow's workforce;
- Solve societal problems through applied research; and
- Enhance campus health, safety and infrastructure

The three top priorities for additional proactive advocacy efforts are:

- Placing renewed emphasis on support for Dreamers, including by granting them access to the full range of federal student aid programs;
- Adding a new priority focused on obtaining additional relief and flexibilities related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Promoting enhancement of the Pell Grant program by seeking both a significant increase in the maximum grant and a restoration of the automatic annual cost-of-living increase.

Opportunities and challenges in the upcoming year include building relationships with the new Biden administration and 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, as well as continued advocacy in the virtual environment.

Trustee Sabalius requested that support for a robust investment in the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) be added to the details under Educate Students for Tomorrow's Workforce. There were no objections from the board, and staff agreed it was appropriate to add the NEH to the list.

Trustee Abrego asked for a future report on the DC Scholars program to learn about the impact of the program and how the trustees can support its possible expansion.

The committee recommended approval by the board of the proposed resolution (RGR 01-21-03) adopting the Federal Agenda for 2021 and 2022.

Trustee Farar adjourned the meeting.

## **COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

### **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**

The legislative bill introduction deadline was February 19. In total, 2,479 measures were introduced this year, and the Advocacy and State Relations staff has identified more than 500 bills for further review or monitoring. The Senate suspended the California Constitution and Joint Rule to allow measures to be acted upon prior to the 30 days in print, allowing for bills to be heard immediately. This presentation highlights bills of interest to the CSU community.

This report is organized as follows:

- Board of Trustees sponsored legislation
- Senate bills
- Assembly bills

All bill summaries are accurate as of March 10, 2021.

### **Sponsored Legislation**

#### **AB 940 (McCarty) – College Mental Health Services Program**

This bill appropriates funds from the Mental Health Services Fund to expand student mental health services at the California Community Colleges (CCC), the CSU and the University of California (UC).

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

### **Senate Bills**

#### **SB 22 (Glazer) – Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022**

This bill enacts a school facilities bond act for 2022, which if approved by voters, would authorize \$15 billion in bonds for K-16, of which \$4 billion would be divided equally between the UC and the CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill was passed by the Senate Education Committee.

#### **SB 26 (Skinner) – Collegiate Athletics: Student Athlete Compensation and Representation**

This bill accelerates current law allowing compensation for student athletes for name, image and likeness from Jan 1, 2023, to Jan. 1, 2022 and adds a private right of action.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill was passed by the Senate Education Committee.

#### **SB 367 (Hurtado) – Student Safety: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication**

This bill requires the CSU and the CCC, and requests the UC, to maintain opioid overdose reversal medication in all campus first-aid kits. Additionally, campuses must provide educational and preventative information about opioids during new student orientations as well as instruct students on the use and location of opioid overdose reversal medications on campus.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on March 17.

#### **SB 387 (Portantino) – Peace Officers: Certification, Education and Recruitment**

This bill requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to work with stakeholders in law enforcement from the CCC, the CSU, the UC and community organizations to develop a list of courses to include as requirements for obtaining a basic certificate.

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

**SB 416 (Hueso) – Corrections: Educational Programs**

This bill requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to offer college programs provided by the CCC, the CSU, the UC and non-profit colleges to California inmates with a GED or a high school diploma.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Public Safety Committee on March 23.

**SB 566 (Leyva) – CSU: Support Staff Employees: Merit Salary Adjustments**

This bill requires the CSU to use existing resources to provide a five-percent annual step in salary to each support staff employee and incorporate similar language into collective bargaining agreements, and sunsets this provision on July 1, 2032.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill was passed by the Senate Education Committee.

**SB 701 (Committee on Education) – CSU Open Meetings: Teleconferences: Protection of Personal Information**

This is the higher education omnibus bill, which makes noncontroversial, clarifying amendments, including protecting student privacy regarding teleconferencing meetings.

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

**SB 747 (Hurtado) – Central Valley Medical School Endowment Fund**

This bill creates the Central Valley Medical School Endowment Fund to support a CSU medical school in the central valley.

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

**SB 785 (Glazer) – California Promise Program: CSU Students**

This bill requires, commencing with the 2022-2023 academic year, that at least five percent of each incoming class at each participating campus of the CSU be a participant in the California Promise program, and that at least 70 percent of those participating students be either low-income, first-generation or from communities that are underrepresented in higher education.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on March 24.

**SB 787 (Hurtado) – CSU Program in Medical Education**

This bill requires the CSU to establish Doctor of Medicine degree programs.

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

### **Assembly Bills**

#### **AB 29 (Cooper) – State Bodies: Meetings**

This bill amends the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act to require that all materials and writings provided to board members of a state agency, board or commission be posted on the website the same day the materials were given to board members or at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, whichever is earlier. The bill prohibits distribution, discussion or action on writings or materials that do not meet this posting requirement.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee.

#### **AB 99 (Irwin) – Statewide Longitudinal Data System: California Cradle-to-Career Data System: Governance and Support**

This bill establishes the mission and governing structure for the statewide longitudinal data system.

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

#### **AB 104 (Gonzalez, Lorena) – K-12 Education: Learning Recovery Opportunities: COVID-19**

Among the bill's provisions, for the 2020-2021 school year, this bill requires a school to allow a student to request a change in their letter grade to a pass or no pass on the student's transcript and requires the CSU and encourages the UC and private higher education institutions to accept the transcript for admissions purposes.

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

#### **AB 245 (Chiu) – Student Records: Name and Gender Changes**

This bill requires the CCC, the CSU and the UC to reissue specified documents if a former student provides documentation that their legal name or gender has been changed. Additionally, commencing with the 2023-2024 graduating class, the bill requires the segments to provide an option to allow a graduating student to change the name on their diploma without legal documentation.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 24.



**AB 251 (Choi) – Admission by Exception**

This bill prohibits a senior campus administrator who is a member of the campus development, fundraising, external affairs or alumni relations offices from approving a student's admission by exception.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 24.

**AB 288 (Bonta) – California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 2021**

This bill prohibits public and private higher education institutions from reducing certain students' institution-based financial aid awards below their financial need.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 24.

**AB 295 (Jones-Sawyer) – Pilot Program for Free Tuition and Fees: Working Group**

This bill establishes a working group with representatives from the Department of Education, Board of Governors of the CCC, Trustees of the CSU and Regents of the UC to consider the creation of a pilot program that provides free postsecondary education.

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

**AB 367 (Garcia, Cristina) – Menstrual Products**

This bill requires all public agencies, K-12, public colleges, and requests private universities and the UC, to stock 50 percent of restrooms with free menstrual products.

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

**AB 396 (Gabriel) – CalFresh: Educational Programs**

This bill requires the CSU and other educational institutions to apply to the Department of Social Services to certify that their educational programs increase employability and meet eligibility standards for CalFresh.

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

**AB 403 (Kalra) – Fair Access to College Textbooks Act**

This bill places restrictions on postsecondary educational institutions to assess automatic charges (commonly known as “opt-out” programs) and bulk access programs for instructional materials.

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

**AB 524 (Rodriguez) – Campus-Affiliated Sorority and Fraternity Transparency Act**

The bill requires higher education institutions to annually collect information from each sorority and fraternity and post it online.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 24.

**AB 543 (Davies) – Student Orientation: CalFresh**

This bill requires the CSU and requests the UC to provide educational information about CalFresh and the eligibility requirements to all incoming students during orientation.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 24.

**AB 595 (Medina) – CSU and UC: Student Eligibility Policy**

This bill requires the Trustees of the CSU and Regents of the UC to coordinate with other segments, commission an independent study and present the policy change to the legislature before making any change in undergraduate student eligibility policy that adds new eligibility requirements.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 24.

**AB 609 (Kamlager) – College Athlete Race and Gender Equity Act**

This bill requires that specified sports provide a royalty fee to student athletes, suspends the athletic director for three years for Title IX violations, reduces athletic administrative personnel compensation by 50 percent and prohibits building new athletic facilities for ten years except for health and safety reasons.

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

**AB 737 (Santiago) – CSU: Tuition**

This bill prohibits the CSU from charging tuition or mandatory systemwide fees for enrollment for any academic year, for up to two academic years, to a CCC resident transfer student who completed an associate degree, has received a fee waiver under the California College Promise and is at least 28 years of age.

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

**AB 815 (Rivas, Luz) – School Nurses: Credentialing**

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

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

**AB 914 (Irwin) – CSU: Proficiency Level of Entering Students**

This bill updates and adds reporting requirements on student placement in general education courses and shifts the current annual reporting deadline from February 1 to April 1.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 24.

**AB 927 (Medina) – Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program**

This bill allows the statewide CCC baccalaureate degree pilot program to operate indefinitely and removes the limit on the number of programs. It maintains the current prohibition on CCC baccalaureate degrees that duplicate CSU and UC programs.

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

**AB 1002 (Choi) – Course Credit for Prior Military Education, Training, and Service**

This bill requires the CSU and requests the UC, in collaboration with their respective academic senates, to develop a policy to award course credit to military personnel and veterans who have an official Joint Services Transcript similar to the policy of the CCC.

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

**AB 1097 (Santiago) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Fraud, Abuse and False Advertising**

This bill expands Cal Grant eligibility to California residents attending a branch of a public postsecondary educational institution established by a jurisdiction other than California and that is located within the state.

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

**AB 1113 (Medina) – Exemption from Tuition and Fees: Qualifying Survivors of Persons Providing Medical or Emergency Services Deceased During COVID-19 California State of Emergency**

This bill requires the CCC and the CSU, and requests the UC, to not collect systemwide tuition and fees from any qualifying spouse or child of a California licensed physician, nurse or first responder who died of COVID-19 during the pandemic state of emergency in California.

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

**AB 1115 (Choi) – Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program**

This bill extends the sunset date for the existing CCC baccalaureate degree pilot program by one year to July 2027.

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

**AB 1185 (Cervantes) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program**

This bill extends the Cal Grant eligibility requirements related to time out of high school and community college as well as age of the recipient until July 1, 2023, in response to the COVID-19 state of emergency.

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

**AB 1377 (McCarty) – Student Housing: California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2021: Community College Student Housing**

This bill appropriates an unspecified amount of funds to the California School Finance Authority to provide loans to the CCC, the CSU and the UC for the purpose of building student housing.

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

**AB 1421 (Nguyen) – Refunds of Student Campus Fees**

This bill requires the CCC and the CSU, and requests the UC, to identify the students who were obliged to stay away from their respective campuses due to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years and ascertain the amounts of campus fees collected from each of these students. The bill appropriates this unknown amount from the General Fund to be refunded to those students through their respective institutions.

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

**AB 1456 (Medina) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Reform Act**

This bill enacts the Cal Grant Reform Act, which revises the current structure and eligibility requirements of the state financial aid program.

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