

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: **2:45 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 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 March 23, 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**

March 23, 2021

Members Present

Debra S. Farar, Chair
Maryana Khames, Vice Chair
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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 January 26, 2021, were approved as submitted.

State Legislative Update

Mr. Garrett Ashley, vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, reported that he and the Advocacy and State Relations team met with the chair and vice chair of the Committee on Governmental Relations and presented the recommended positions and supporting analysis, as specified in the board's legislative principles. Nearly 2,500 bills have been introduced in the legislature this year.

***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 23, 2021 meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees was conducted entirely virtually via Zoom teleconference.**

Ms. Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, reviewed the bill positions, gave an update on the board sponsored legislation, highlighted bills that directly impact the CSU and shared details about the recent advocacy event in Sacramento. She thanked the campuses for all their hard work securing virtual meetings with their legislative delegations during CSU Advocacy Week. She also thanked Chancellor Castro and his delegation for meeting with Senate Pro Tem Toni Atkins and Speaker Anthony Rendon, as well as other key budget leaders. Chancellor Castro was joined by representatives from the Cal State Student Association (CSSA), the California Faculty Association (CFA), the California State University Employees Union (CSUEU), Academic Senate and the Alumni Council.

Trustee Sabalius shared that Academic Senate opposes (unless amended) AB 928 (Berman) and opposes AB 927 (Medina). He also expressed his interest in serving on the working group for AB 295 (Jones-Sawyer). Trustee Raynes had questions regarding AB 940 (McCarty) and AB 1456 (Medina). Trustee McGrory expressed his concerns about SB 22 (Glazer) since Proposition 13 was unsuccessful last year, and he believes the CSU should pursue its own bond with the University of California. Trustee Khames asked about the ability of the CSU to hire diverse counselors, given that Proposition 16 did not pass last year.

Trustee Farar adjourned the meeting.

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State Legislative Update

Presentation By

Larry Salinas
Vice Chancellor
University Relations and Advancement

Nichole Muñoz-Murillo
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The first major policy deadline has passed when policy committees needed to take action on bills. May 21 is the deadline for fiscal committees to take action on bills identified as having a fiscal impact. Bills must pass out of their house of origin by June 4 in order to continue to be active this legislative year. 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 May 4, 2021.

Sponsored Legislation

AB 940 (McCarty) – College Mental Health Services Program

This bill appropriates \$20 million 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 on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

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 is on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

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 prevailing attorneys' fees for student athletes.

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

SB 45 (Portantino) – Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022

This bill authorizes a \$5.6 billion bond to be placed on the November 2022 ballot to finance programs related to wildfire and water issues. It includes \$60 million to the CSU for fire research.

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

SB 228 (Leyva) – Support Services for Foster Youth: Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program

This bill changes the requirement for priority enrollment of foster youth and former foster youth to those whose dependency was established on or after an individual's 13th birthday.

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

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 student health centers. 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:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

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, CCC, the CSU, the UC and community organizations to develop a list of courses to include as requirements for obtaining a basic peace officer certificate.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 10.

SB 395 (Caballero) – Healthy Outcomes and Prevention Education Act: Excise Tax: Electronic Cigarettes: Health Careers Opportunity Grant Program

This bill imposes a tax on vape products to fund various programs to expand the numbers of underrepresented students in the health professions.

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

SB 416 (Hueso) – Corrections: Educational Programs

This bill requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to only 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 on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

SB 453 (Hurtado) – Agriculture: Biosecurity and Emerging Infectious Disease Fund

This bill creates the Biosecurity and Emerging Infectious Disease Fund and continuously appropriates \$700,000 to the Jordan Ag Research Center at CSU Fresno.

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

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 is on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

SB 701 (Committee on Education) – Federal GI Bill: Nonresident Tuition: Real Property

This is the higher education omnibus bill, which makes noncontroversial and clarifying amendments regarding postsecondary education.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

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:** Tracking
- **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 on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

SB 787 (Hurtado) – CSU Program in Medical Education

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

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **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 are 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 on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 53 (Low) – Election Day Holiday

This bill creates a state holiday for the general election in even numbered years, and requires state offices, public schools and public postsecondary campuses, including the CSU, to be closed.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Appropriations 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 Appropriations 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 in the Senate Rules Committee awaiting referral.

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:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting an Assembly floor vote.

AB 251 (Choi) – Admission by Exception

This bill prohibits a senior campus administrator who is associated with campus development, external affairs, fundraising, donor relations, alumni relations or alumni outreach from approving a student's admission by exception.

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

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 on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

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 failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 320 (Medina) – Teacher Preparation Programs: Regionally Accredited Institutions

This bill simplifies the process and lessens the burden for qualified individuals seeking a teaching credential.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Appropriations 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 all women's, gender-neutral, and one men's restroom with free menstrual products.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in Assembly Appropriations 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:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 5.

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:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 498 (Quirk-Silva) – Computer Science Access Initiative

This bill establishes the Computer Science Access Initiative which will award grants to local educational agencies for the purpose of increasing the number of computer science teachers.

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

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 Appropriations Committee on May 5.

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 in the Senate Rules Committee awaiting referral.

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 awaiting hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

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:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

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 on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

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 awaiting an Assembly floor vote.

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

This bill removes the sunset date on the statewide CCC baccalaureate degree pilot program and allows up to 30 programs to be approved each year. It maintains the current prohibition on CCC baccalaureate degrees that duplicate CSU and UC programs, and provides a structured consultation process on new programs between the CSU, UC and the CCC Chancellor's Office.

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

AB 928 (Berman) – Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021: Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee

This bill creates an intersegmental committee on the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT), consolidates the CSU and UC GE pathways into one pathway, and requires that CCC students automatically enroll in an ADT pathway.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Appropriations 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 consistent policy to award course credit to military personnel and veterans who have an official Joint Services Transcript.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Appropriations 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:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 1111 (Berman) – Common Course Numbering System

This bill requires the CCC Chancellor's Office to adopt a common-course numbering system.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 5.

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

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:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to meet committee deadlines and has become a two-year bill.

AB 1176 (Garcia, Eduardo) – Communications: Universal Broadband Service: California Connect Fund

This bill creates the California Connect Program to increase access to high-speed broadband service and subsidize households that meet certain requirements. The bill tasks the Public Utilities Commission with developing and implementing the program, with eligibility criteria that includes a low-income qualification and a student qualification.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Appropriations 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:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 5.

AB 1306 (Arambula) – Health Professions Careers Opportunity Program

This bill makes legislative findings regarding the creation of a statewide HCOP program office, the funding of 20 pilot programs at campuses, including five at CSU, and the funding of internships, fellowships and scholarships.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting an Assembly floor vote.

AB 1326 (Arambula) – Public Social Services: County Liaison for Higher Education

This bill requires a county human services agency to designate at least one employee as a staff liaison to serve as a point of contact for academic counselors and other professional staff at public higher education institutions within the county and to develop protocols for engagement.

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

AB 1407 (Burke) – Nurses: Implicit Bias Courses

This bill requires schools of nursing to include implicit bias coursework in its curriculum and specifies other requirements for a licensee when they renew their license.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 5.

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

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

AB 1467 (Cervantes) – Student Safety: Sexual Assault Procedures and Protocols: Sexual Assault Counselors

This bill requires procedures related to the hiring of campus sexual assault counselors and the annual review of executive orders related to Title IX.

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