

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: **11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2023**
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Douglas Faigin, Chair
Maria Linares, Vice Chair
Diego Arambula
Jack McGrory
Yammilette Rodriguez
Romey Sabalius
Lateefah Simon
Jose Antonio Vargas

Consent 1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of January 25, 2023, *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 25, 2023

Members Present

Douglas Faigin, Chair
Maria Linares, Vice Chair
Diego Arambula
Jack McGrory
Yammilette Rodriguez
Romey Sabalius

Jolene Koester, Interim Chancellor
Wenda Fong, Chair of the Board

Trustee Linares called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 14, 2022, meeting were approved as submitted.

Statement of State Legislative Principles for 2023 and 2024 and Sponsored State Legislation for 2023

Steve Relyea, executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer, reported that Governor Newsom presented his budget proposal on January 10 and the legislature reconvened last December, welcoming 33 new members to the legislature. The Office of Advocacy and State Relations has organized numerous educational opportunities for legislative staff, the Legislative Analyst's Office and the Department of Finance to illustrate the CSU budget priorities for the year ahead. The team has also been engaging with many new members who were elected to the Senate and Assembly in November.

Nathan Dietrich, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, presented the State Legislative Principles for the upcoming two-year legislative session, two legislative proposals for consideration, a report on fall advocacy activities and a preview of upcoming events.

The Legislative Principles provide the Office of Advocacy and State Relations with a framework by which they may represent the system and the board. These same principles were adopted by the board in January 2019 and again in 2021; however, similar principles have been adopted at the beginning of each legislative session for more than 30 years. Engagement with the governor and the legislature will be guided by these principles as staff consider positions on policy, legislative and budget issues.

The first legislative proposal would grant a statutory exception to the laws governing alcoholic beverage sponsorship to several venues on CSU campuses. This proposal seeks to replicate similar exceptions that have been authorized in recent years, including those at other CSU campuses. The ability to monetize sponsorship agreements will provide new revenue sources to campuses and help support various campus programs.

The second proposal would give the CSU broad authority to establish expanded doctoral offerings that do not duplicate the University of California's doctoral programs. The goal of this expanded authority is to allow the CSU to develop new programs to meet workforce demands across California in highly skilled areas.

Trustees had questions and comments regarding sponsored legislation, a deferred maintenance/facilities bond, a strategic plan to identify and leverage trustee relationships, and guidelines for individual board members when approached on critical issues.

The committee recommended approval by the board of the proposed resolution (RGR 01-23-01) adopting the Statement of State Legislative Principles for 2023 and 2024 and the Sponsored State Legislation for 2023.

Federal Agenda for 2023 and 2024

Executive Vice Chancellor Relyea 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 received in excess of \$3 billion in critical federal resources in the last Congress as a response to the pandemic, which proved to be a vital lifeline during a challenging time.

George Conant, assistant vice chancellor for federal relations, provided some context on the next Congress and presented recommendations for the 2023-2024 Federal Agenda, which is similar to past agendas but with some important areas of increased emphasis. The six strategic priorities are:

- 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 top priorities for additional proactive advocacy efforts are:

- Invest in student success by doubling the maximum Pell Grant and restoring annual cost-of-living increase to the program; and
- Support and protect Dreamers, including by providing them with a clear pathway to citizenship.

Opportunities and challenges in the upcoming year include strengthening relationships with the Biden administration, cultivating connections with the 118th Congress and building engagement with federal agencies.

Trustee Gilbert-Lurie asked for clarification on the top priorities for 2023-24, including double the Pell, and information on Hill Day on April 17.

The committee recommended approval by the board of the proposed resolution (RGR 01-23-02) adopting the Federal Agenda for 2023 and 2024.

Trustee Linares adjourned the meeting.

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State Legislative Update

Presentation by:

Steve Relyea
Executive Vice Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Nathan Dietrich
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The State Senate and Assembly's legislative bill introduction deadline was February 17. In total, 2,632 measures were introduced this year, and the Advocacy and State Relations staff has identified more than 400 bills for further review or monitoring. As bills in each house approach their 30 days in print, policy committee hearings will begin this month and continue through late April. This presentation highlights bills of interest to the CSU community.

This report is organized as follows:

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

All bill summaries and positions are accurate as of March 6, 2023.

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

AB 656 (McCarty) – California State University: Doctoral Programs

This bill would authorize the California State University (CSU) broad authority to establish expanded doctoral offerings that do not duplicate the University of California's (UC) doctoral programs and address workforce needs in California.

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

AB 840 (Addis) – Tied-House Restrictions: Advertising: California State University Campuses

This bill creates an exception to tied-house laws that will allow several venues on CSU campuses to enter into sponsorship agreements with alcohol beverage suppliers.

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

ACTIVE BILLS

Senate Bills

SB 11 (Menjivar) – CSU: Mental Health Services: Contracting Out

This bill requires the CSU to increase the number of full-time, permanent mental health counselors and prohibits contracting out for telehealth mental health services.

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

SB 28 (Glazer) – Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2024

This bill would place a \$15.5 billion facilities bond on the March 2024 for K-16, that if approved by the voters, would allocate \$2 billion for the CSU.

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

SB 59 (Skinner) – Menstrual Product Accessibility Act

This bill increases the number of bathrooms in state-owned buildings that must be stocked with menstrual products, which are to be provided to members of the public free of charge.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on March 14.

SB 234 (Portantino) – Opioid Antagonists: Schools, College Campuses, Stadiums, Concert Venues, and Amusement Parks

This bill requires the CSU and other higher education segments, as well as concert venues and stadiums, to maintain unexpired doses of naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist onsite.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on March 22.

AB 633 (Gonzalez) – California DREAM Loan Program: DREAM Grants

This bill authorizes institutions participating in the DREAM Loan Program to offer unawarded funds from their revolving fund as DREAM Grants to eligible students.

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

SB 640 (Portantino) – CSU: Food Service Contracts and Hotel Development Projects

This bill requires the CSU or CSU auxiliaries to include a labor peace agreement as part of any food service or hotel development contract.

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

SB 661 (Bradford) – Student Athlete Bill of Rights

This bill requires all athletic programs provide an equivalent scholarship for a student who suffers an injury and provide a scholarship for up to one year for a student that has exhausted their athletic eligibility. These requirements previously only applied to institutions with more than \$10 million in annual media rights income.

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

SB 808 (Dodd) – CSU: Terms of Employment: Settlements and Retreat Rights

This bill requires the CSU Board of Trustees to include additional oversight for approving sexual harassment settlements; to report annually on the number of sexual harassment complaints and the disposition of those cases to the Legislature; and to prohibit retreat rights for senior administrators who have violated Title IX policy.

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

SB 856 (Glazer) – CSU: California Promise: Finish in Four and Through in Two

This bill requires the California Promise program to be renamed the ‘Finish in Four and Through in Two’ program. It also requires incoming students to opt out of participating rather than self-selecting into the program, with each campus required to have at least five percent of each incoming class participating in the program.

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

Assembly Bills

AB 252 (Holden) – The College Athlete Protection Act

This bill establishes the College Athlete Protection (CAP) Act, for the purpose of providing various rights, benefits and protections to college athletes. The bill creates a 21-member panel to promulgate various regulations and requires National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1 schools to provide degree completion fund payments to student athletes that receive athletic grants.

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

AB 255 (Alanis) – Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Registration for First Responders

This bill requires the CSU and California Community College (CCC), and requests the UC, to grant priority for registration to first responders.

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

AB 266 (Boerner Horvath) – Legislative Internship Program

The bill would establish the Legislative Internship Program under the administration of the CSU's Center for California Studies.

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

AB 277 (Rodriguez) – Extreme Weather Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center

This bill would require the Department of Water Resources and Office of Emergency Services to establish an extreme weather research center to analyze extreme weather data and atmospheric conditions. The center shall be comprised of representatives from several organizations, including the CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Emergency Management Committee on March 13.

AB 299 (Holden) – Hazing: Educational Institutions: Civil Liability

This bill establishes civil liability for an education institution, which includes the CSU, if the institution had direct involvement in or knew of, dangerous hazing practices of the student organization involved in hazing.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Judiciary Committee on March 14.

AB 322 (Mathis) – Veteran and California National Guard Supplemental Orientation Act of 2023.

This bill would require the CSU and the CCC, and requests the UC, to develop and include within first-year student orientation a supplemental module of services and resources available for students who are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of the California National Guard.

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

AB 447 (Arambula) – Public Postsecondary Education: Students with Disabilities: Inclusive College Pilot Programs

This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to establish pilot non-degree education programs for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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

AB 456 (Maienschein) – Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Mental Health Hotlines

This bill requires each campus of the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to establish a campus mental health hotline for students to access mental health services remotely during working hours.

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

AB 461 (Ramos) – Student Safety: Fentanyl Test Strips

This bill requires the CSU to include information about the use and location of fentanyl test strips at new student orientations and requires that each campus health center stock and distribute fentanyl test strips.

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

AB 506 (Fong, Mike) – CSU: Graduation Requirement: Ethnic Studies

This bill requires the CSU to collaborate with the CCC Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), the CCC Ethnic Studies Faculty Council, and the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies to develop a process for CSU to approve CCC ethnic studies courses.

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

AB 569 (Garcia) – Veterans: Cybersecurity Apprenticeship Program

This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Technology, the CCCCCO and the CSU to develop a cybersecurity apprenticeship program for veterans.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

AB 603 (Cervantes) – Public Postsecondary Education: Diversity: Report

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to annually report to the Legislature on the diversity of their student body and of their governing board.

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

AB 607 (Kalra) – Public Postsecondary Education: Course Materials

This bill would require the CSU, CCC, and request the UC, to display the estimated costs for each digital course of all required course materials and fees directly related to those materials. This requirement would be applied to at least 75% of the total number of courses on the online campus course schedule.

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

AB 644 (Jones-Sawyer) – Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Safety: Hate Crimes: Surveys

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to work with students to develop questions related to hate crimes, campus climate, and safety to be added to the biennial online campus climate survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Education and to report the campus-level results to the Legislature.

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

AB 680 (Rubio, Blanca) – Public Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition: Exemption

This bill expands the provisions of AB 540 and exempts certain students from paying nonresident tuition at the CSU and CCC.

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

AB 760 (Wilson) – CSU and UC: records: Affirmed Name and Gender Identification

This bill requires CSU, and requests UC, by the 2024–25 academic year, to implement a system by which current students, faculty and staff can declare an affirmed name and/or gender be used in their records where a legal name is not required.

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

AB 810 (Friedman) – Athletics Department: Misconduct Database

This bill requires a postsecondary education institution to create a database for the institution to collect and store information on individuals working with or within athletic departments who have been convicted of a crime involving misconduct relating to their employment with the institution.

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

AB 1082 (Kalra) – Authority to Remove Vehicles

This bill would prohibit towing or immobilizing a vehicle due to unpaid parking tickets, increase the number of unpaid tickets from one to eight before the Department of Motor Vehicles can place a registration hold and implement new requirements for parking payment plans established by processing agencies.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Transportation Committee on March 27.

AB 1123 (Addis) CSU: Employees: Paid Parental Leave of Absence

This bill requires the CSU to grant paid parental leave to an employee for one semester of an academic year.

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

AB 1142 (Fong, Mike) – Postsecondary Education: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California

This bill would establish the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California as the statewide postsecondary education oversight, coordination, and planning entity. Among many duties and responsibilities, the Commission would be required to develop and publish an independent annual report on the condition of higher education in California.

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

AB 1390 (McCarty) – CSU: UC: Graduation Requirements: Service Learning

This bill specifies that the CSU and UC institute a service-learning requirement for students graduating by the 2027–28 academic year. The CSU and UC is prohibited from increasing the number of units needed to graduate because of this requirement.

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

AB 1524 (Lowenthal) Postsecondary Education: On-Campus Access to Drug Testing Devices

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to stock devices including test strips, stickers, and straws that detect the presence of drugs such as Ketamine in a central and accessible location on campus and offer them free of charge.

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

AB 1558 (Gallagher) – Postsecondary Education: Safety: Credible Threats

The bill would require each campus after receiving a threat to student, faculty or staff safety to determine, through a third-party risk assessment, whether the threat is credible. If the campus determines the threat is credible, to determine whether the individual poses an immediate threat and impose interim measures to ensure school and student safety.

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