

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 4:10 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Jack B. Clarke, Jr., Chair
Yammilette Rodriguez, Vice Chair
Diana Aguilar-Cruz
Diego Arambula
Raji Kaur Brar
Lillian Kimbell
Julia I. Lopez
Jack McGrory
Jose Antonio Vargas

- Consent** 1. Approval of Minutes, *Action*
- Discussion** 2. Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance, *Information*
3. 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 30, 2024

Members Present

Jack B. Clarke, Jr., Chair
Yammilette Rodriguez, Vice Chair
Diana Aguilar-Cruz
Diego Arambula
Raji Kaur Brar
Lillian Kimbell
Julia I. Lopez
Jack McGrory
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Wenda Fong, Chair of the Board
Mildred García, Chancellor

Trustee Clarke called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 8, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted.

Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance

Trustee Clarke expressed that the CSU has caused Native American tribes real harm. The CSU is committed to moving forward in true collaboration and consultation; this is both a moral and legal imperative for the CSU.

Steve Relyea, executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer also acknowledged that the CSU has fallen short on its responsibilities. He stated that the CSU is committed to meaningful consultation with both California's Native American tribes and the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) to repatriate all NAGPRA collections that are in the possession of a CSU

campus. In order to respect the government to government role of tribal relations and bring more focus to NAGPRA efforts, last year NAGPRA responsibilities were shifted from Academic and Student Affairs to Advocacy and State Relations.

Executive Secretary Raymond Hitchcock of the NAHC shared that the Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) is a federal law passed in 1990 that established requirements for the repatriation, or return, of Native American ancestor remains and cultural items back to tribes by those who receive federal funding, which include all CSU campuses. The law recognizes that these items do not belong to the institutions; they rightfully belong to the associated Native American tribes and lineal descendants where they were stolen or unearthed and not returned.

In 2001, the legislature passed AB 979, which expanded NAGPRA in order to cover gaps in the federal law as it applies to California and made the NAHC responsible for tracking, monitoring, facilitating mediation and dispute resolution, and levying fines regarding the repatriation of ancestral collections from institutions who receive state funding. In September 2023, AB 389 was passed and was directed at the CSU for its lack of compliance outlined in the June 2023 audit of the CSU system. Some of the requirements of AB 389 include creating a systemwide policy, systemwide and campus committees, and utilizing the NAHC for assistance with these actions.

Nathan Dietrich, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, offered an update and overview from the Chancellor's Office. The June 2023 state audit found that the CSU system had almost 5,804 ancestor remains and 692,400 cultural objects in its possession; had repatriated just 6% of its collections to tribes since 1990; campuses lack the policies, funding and staff to support repatriation; and the Chancellor's Office has not provided guidance and oversight to ensure repatriation. The audit found that some campuses had previous successes in repatriating portions of their collections, including San Diego State and Cal State Long Beach. Cal State San Marcos and Cal Maritime have no ancestors or cultural items in their possession. Some of the audit recommendations include creating a Systemwide Oversight Committee, drafting a systemwide NAGPRA policy in consultation with Tribes and the NAHC, and hiring a full-time repatriation coordinator at each university.

Secretary Hitchcock shared that he is committed to working closely with CSU leadership to give support and technical advice to carry out the duties outlined in the statute, but he reiterated that the CSU has caused real harm and trauma by not complying with returning their ancestors.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich shared that AB 389 also prohibits the use of remains or cultural items for research or teaching purposes. This prohibition will be in the systemwide policy and is supported by an Academic Senate resolution. He also highlighted other recent actions, including the hiring of Adriane Tafoya as the CSU's CalNAGPRA Project Manager, the appointment of President Tomás Morales as Presidential Advisor on Native American Affairs, and the

reassignment of Maryann Reyes as Director of External and Tribal Relations; systemwide trainings; the development of a systemwide implementation plan; and collaboration with the NAHC on repatriation procedures and best practices.

He shared that next steps include hiring experienced, full-time coordinators; setting up systemwide and university committees; and forming a working group to develop the systemwide policy. The CSU will be hosting a series of listening sessions this year and is committed to incorporating feedback from tribal communities across the state.

President Tomás Morales shared updates from the CSU's universities, including that in November, Chico State returned the 80-acre Eagle Lake Field Station to the Susanville Indian Rancheria. This follows the return of the 93-acre Butte Creek Ecological Preserve to the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria. Chico State also had a significant repatriation last year of 532 ancestors and more than 85,000 cultural items to a consortium of six local tribes. Also in 2023, Sacramento State repatriated 112 ancestors and more than 23,000 cultural items to local tribes; Cal Poly Humboldt hired their full-time experienced NAGPRA coordinator; and, just this month, Cal State LA returned two ancestors and 45 cultural items to the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California tribe. These examples and others not mentioned—as well the work presented by Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich and Secretary Hitchcock—show the CSU's commitment to doing this important work in open and honest consultation and collaboration with California Native American tribes. The CSU is deeply committed to meaningful tribal relations; in doing so, the CSU hopes to restore justice and trust with the Native American tribes that have been harmed.

Chancellor García wholeheartedly agreed that the CSU needs to issue a formal and authentic apology to the Native American community and tribes. Chair Fong said the CSU is fully committed to returning the ancestral remains and cultural items and will establish dates for regular updates to the board. Trustee McGrory was surprised and embarrassed and said this should be the highest priority. Trustee Yee-Melichar had questions regarding the systemwide policy and the recommendation regarding budget and funding. Lt. Governor Kounalakis was alarmed by the auditor's report and had requested that this be an agenda item for the board. She emphasized how important it is to have experienced coordinators due to the complex repatriation process. Trustee Rodriguez had a question on the make-up of the committees. Secretary Hitchcock shared that the systemwide and campus membership is vetted by the NAHC to make sure they have the right people on these committees. Trustee Adamson asked if there is a timeline for completion. Secretary Hitchcock shared that there is no timeline because it needs to be done right and respectfully with tribal consultation. Trustee Arambula asked how the board can support in their oversight capacity and when they will hear the next progress update. Chancellor Garcia shared that this will be a report at every board meeting. President Morales shared that this is also a standing item on every Executive Leadership Team agenda. Trustee Gilbert-Lurie asked about best practices. Secretary Hitchcock said that best practices will be in systemwide policy, and this input should come from tribal leaders.

Sponsored State Legislation for 2024

Executive Vice Chancellor Relyea shared that they believe that these legislative proposals will show that the CSU is prepared to think and act boldly in order to serve its students, support the talented staff and faculty, and be a forward-thinking partner in advancing the state's workforce.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich introduced three legislative proposals for the board's consideration: change the state law that prohibits the CSU from offering in-state tuition to members of the armed services who are stationed in California for the express purpose of seeking a degree; extend the recent expansion of the eligibility of low-income housing tax credits to projects on CSU-owned land for staff and faculty housing; and increased flexibility for the CSU's Professional and Continuing Education (PaCE) program that will allow greater support of workforce priorities.

He shared that this is the second year of the two-year legislative session, and there will be continued attention and focus on Title IV, athletics and intersegmental policy issues. Also, given the condition of this year's state budget, a statewide facilities bond remains the best option to address the CSU's facility needs.

Trustee Lopez had a question on the PaCE legislative proposal. Trustee McGrory expressed his support for the armed services proposal. He also emphasized that we need a facilities bond and would like to go to Sacramento to advocate for it. Chair Fong assured the board that they are going to be engaged in Sacramento.

The committee recommended approval by the board of the proposed resolution (RGR 01-24-01) that the state legislative proposals described in this item are adopted as the 2024 Board of Trustees' sponsored legislation.

Trustee Clarke adjourned the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance

Presentation By

Greg Saks
Vice Chancellor
External Relations and Communications

Nathan Dietrich
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

This agenda item provides an update on systemwide compliance in relation to federal and state laws that require the repatriation of Native American ancestral remains and cultural items that are in a university's possession.

Background

The January 2024 Board of Trustees meeting included a discussion on systemwide and university compliance in relation to the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (CalNAGPRA), AB 389, and the 2023 state audit. The Board of Trustees has requested updates at future meetings on progress made towards meeting our responsibilities under state and federal law. The next update to the State Auditor on progress made implementing their recommendations is due in June 2024.

Systemwide Policy Development and Listening Sessions

AB 389 requires, and the 2023 state audit recommends, that the Chancellor's Office adopt systemwide policies and procedures related to NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA, consultation, and repatriation. AB 389 requires that this policy must be done in consultation with Tribes and the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). A draft is due to the NAHC by July 1, 2024, and the systemwide policy must be implemented by July 2025. The Chancellor's Office has established a working group that includes university officials, Tribal voices, and those with NAGPRA expertise. The working group has begun meeting and nine listening sessions have been scheduled for April and May of this year. Formal Tribal consultation opportunities will also be ensured throughout the policy development process.

While details of the future systemwide policy will be determined in consultation with Tribes and the NAHC, it will likely include a variety of topics, including:

- Culturally appropriate treatment of Native American ancestral remains and cultural items;
- Culturally appropriate best practices and training concerning repatriation;
- Protocol for processing and implementing claims for repatriation and dispute resolutions;
- Tribal research and testing requests;
- Prohibition on the use of Native American remains or cultural items for the purposes of teaching or research;
- Campus reporting requirements to the Chancellor's Office, the NAHC, and/or the legislature;
- Roles and terms of systemwide and campus committees;
- Request by Tribes for a campus to hold their ancestral or cultural items until they are prepared to accept them;
- Best practices on collection storage and access;
- Campus NAGPRA coordinator roles and responsibilities.

Systemwide policy listening sessions will be held on the following dates:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Long Beach	April 3
Sonoma	April 11
San Diego	April 17
Bakersfield	May 2
Sacramento	May 9
East Bay	May 15
Chico (Paskenta-Rolling Hills)	May 22/23 (tentative)
Humboldt	May 30

In addition to the locations noted above, a listening session will be scheduled in the Inland Empire and a virtual session will also be scheduled.

Campus Coordinators

Hiring qualified coordinators must remain a top priority for each university. AB 389 states that “on or before July 1, 2024, to ensure that campuses pursue timely repatriation, require campuses with Native American remains and cultural items to have full-time, experienced repatriation coordinators.” The state audit also recommends having full-time coordinators hired by June 2024. Suggested position descriptions have been shared with universities. As of March 2024, nine of 21 universities have or are in progress of hiring full-time experienced coordinators. Chancellor's

Office staff are working with the remaining universities to ensure they have the right personnel in place by July 2024.

Systemwide Committee and Campus Committees

AB 389 requires the creation of systemwide and campus-based NAGPRA Committees and the state audit also recommends it. In consultation with the NAHC, the priority deadline for applicants was extended to February 2, 2024, to give Tribes and universities additional time to nominate members. To date, more than 110 individuals have applied to be on either the systemwide committee or a campus committee (154 total committee positions.) The NAHC has begun reviewing applications and will nominate committee members to the chancellor for appointment. Each systemwide and campus-based committee will include at least four voting Tribal representatives and three university voting members.

Prohibition on Teaching, Research, and Display

AB 389 and the new federal regulations place an additional emphasis on prohibiting the use of ancestral remains or cultural items that are in a university's collection in teaching, research or on display. A memo from the chancellor has been sent to each president reinforcing the new state law and federal regulations. Each university must adhere to these laws and regulations, which clearly disallow the continued use and display of collections and items that have not processed through the legal repatriation requirements that are within NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA. This includes a prohibition on using items that have yet to be repatriated in teaching and research. The memo reinforced that the best practice is not to make assumptions and consult with the associated Tribe(s) if there are questions about any material.

Status of Inventories

The state audit requires campuses to review their collections and complete inventories by December 2024. To ensure that campuses assess all campus areas, campuses must conduct campuswide assessments of departments and storage facilities including off-site or satellite locations. Progress on campuses' review and inventories was part of the Campus Repatriation Implementation Plans that were due to the Chancellor's Office in December 2023. The assessment of university collections and inventories are under review by the Chancellor's Office and feedback will be given to each presidential designee.

Fiscal Planning

The CSU's 2024-2025 operating budget request includes \$4.25 million for NAGPRA compliance. Funds have been requested to create 30 university and three systemwide positions, as well as for operational costs. Desired campus budgets have been submitted to the Chancellor's Office and are

under review. Specific budgeting decisions and guidance will be made later this spring when the state's budget becomes clearer.

AB 389 also requires each campus to identify and estimate the funding needed to complete repatriations in a timely manner. That estimate is due by January 2025 and is to then be shared with the NAHC and legislature. The campus budgets that were included in the Campus Repatriation Implementation Plans provided to the Chancellor's Office in December 2023 will help inform this estimate.

NAGPRA Training

Existing law and federal regulations require consultation with Tribes throughout the repatriation process. To support universities in fulfilling their legal consultation obligations, a training was held at Fresno State in September and the full CSU Learn module has been posted and made available to all universities. An additional two-day training is scheduled for April 24 and 25 at Cal State San Bernardino. Campus NAGPRA coordinators and presidential designees have been encouraged to attend in order to remain current on state and federal legal responsibilities and best practices. Topics will likely include the prohibition on teaching and research, Tribal requests for research/analysis, examples of collaborations, and a session on CalNAGPRA and the new federal regulations.

Chancellor's Office Support

The state audit recommended that the Chancellor's Office formalize its administrative structure in relation to NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA. Recognizing the unique government to government role, duties were assigned to the Office of Advocacy and State Relations in the fall of 2023 and the Chancellor's Office continues to build out its administrative structure and support for campuses. Rachel McBride-Praetorius of Chico State will also now assist the Chancellor's Office and legal support contracts are in development. Additionally, a full-time administrative support for Adriane Tafoya, NAGPRA Project Manager, has been hired. Further modifications to the Chancellor's Office administrative structure that supports universities, provides systemwide guidance, and ensures proactive and Tribal consultations are being considered.

Raymond Hitchcock, executive secretary of the NAHC, addressed presidents directly at the February 28, 2024, Executive Leadership team on the importance of repatriation and consultations. Presidential NAGPRA designees have begun monthly meetings with the Chancellor's Office. The role of the presidential designees is to monitor and proactively support campus compliance and implementation efforts.

Systemwide Report

AB 389 requires a systemwide report to be submitted to the legislature on “systemwide progress in reviewing its collection of Native American human remains and cultural items” by December 31, 2024. This report will be completed before the deadline.

University Progress

Over the last six months, a number of universities have made progress on coordinator hiring, repatriating ancestors and cultural items, and improving tribal relations. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Chico State repatriated 532 ancestors and more than 85,000 cultural items to a consortium of six Tribes in late 2023.
- Sacramento State repatriated 112 ancestors and more than 23,000 cultural items to Tribes in late 2023.
- Sonoma State repatriated more than 5,000 cultural items to United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria in December. They also have facilitated 16 consultation meetings with various Tribes and participated in more than 30 consultation meetings with government agencies that currently house collections at Sonoma State since August.
- Cal State LA repatriated 2 ancestors and 45 cultural items to the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California tribe in January 2024.
- Cal Poly Humboldt hired their full-time experienced NAGPRA coordinator.
- CSU Channel Islands, Fresno State, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State LA and Cal State San Bernardino have posted their NAGPRA coordinator positions for hiring. Cal State San Bernardino has also posted their Director of Tribal Relations position for hiring.
- Sacramento State opened a new Native American Student Success Center, called the Esak'timá Center, in March.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

State Legislative Update

Presentation by:

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Nathan Dietrich
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The State Senate and Assembly's legislative bill introduction deadline was February 16. In total, 2,124 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
- Active bills introduced in 2023
- Bills introduced in 2023 that are no longer eligible to advance

All bill summaries and positions are accurate as of March 11, 2024.

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

AB 2005 (Ward) – California State University: Faculty and Employee Housing

This bill would allow the California State University (CSU) development partners to utilize Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to develop affordable housing for faculty and staff on university-owned land.

- **CSU Position:** Sponsor
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Housing Committee on March 20.

AB 2395 (Quirk-Silva) – California State University: Extension Programs, Special Session, and Self-Supporting Instructional Programs

This bill would provide CSU campuses flexibility in the use of professional and continuing education funds so they can be used to develop and expand innovative academic programs to improve student access and workforce preparation.

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

Higher Education Committee Omnibus Bill

Among a variety of items, this bill will create an exemption from out-of-state tuition fees for members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have been specifically stationed in California for the purpose of pursuing educational goals at a state-supported institution of higher education.

- **CSU Position:** Sponsor
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting introduction.

ACTIVE BILLS

Senate Bills

SB 895 (Roth) – Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

This bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges (CCC) to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes 15 select community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on April 3.

SB 906 (Skinner) – Collegiate Athletics: Student Athlete Compensation

This bill would require specified reporting including a report by an entity that provides compensation to a student athlete, or the student athlete's family, to report such compensation to the student athlete's postsecondary educational institution.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on March 20.

SB 916 (Seyarto) – Waiver of Tuition and Fees: Veterans: Extended Education Courses

This bill would prohibit campuses of the three segments of public postsecondary education from charging tuition or fees for students who are veterans, along with their dependents, who choose to enroll in an extended education course if certain requirements are satisfied and the extended education course is being used to meet the requirements of undergraduate degree program.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on March 20.

SB 984 (Wahab) – Public Agencies: Project Labor Agreements

This bill would require state agencies, including the CSU, to adopt a mandatory Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for any public works projects in excess of \$35 million for those contracts awarded after July 1, 2025.

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

SB 995 (Padilla) – CSU: Teacher Recruitment and Retention

This bill requires the CSU Chancellor in consultation with the California Community College Chancellor to create a 5-year pilot program starting with the 2025-2026 school year for students to complete a baccalaureate degree in teacher credentialing in four years.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on March 20.

SB 1015 (Cortese) – Nursing Schools and Programs

This bill would require the Nursing Education and Workforce Advisory Committee, within the Board of Registered Nursing, to study and recommend to the legislature how schools of nursing can coordinate clinical placements.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Business and Professions Committee.

SB 1023 (Wilk) – CSU: Antelope Valley or Victor Valley Campus

This bill would authorize the CSU Chancellor’s Office to conduct and submit to the Board of Trustees (BOT) a study on the feasibility of an independent CSU campus in the Antelope Valley or Victor Valley.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on March 20.

SB 1042 (Roth) – General Acute Care Hospitals: Clinical Placements: Nursing

This bill would require health care facilities to meet with public and private schools who provide nursing education to annually discuss their clinical placement needs and impose specified reporting requirements, which in turn should be used to help prioritize the clinical placement needs of approved schools of nursing, including the CSU.

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

SB 1200 (Glazer) – CSU: California Promise: Finish in Four and Through in Two

This bill changes the name of the California Promise Program to ‘Finish in Four and Through in Two,’ eliminates the 2026 sunset of the program, and requires annual reporting to the legislature on program participation.

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

SB 1411 (Ochoa Bogh) – Instructional Quality Commission: Membership: Appointments by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates

This bill would add six public members to the Instructional Quality Commission, which would be appointed by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates with each segment appointing two members.

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

Assembly Bills

AB 1790 (Connolly) – CSU: Sexual Harassment: Implementing California State Auditor Recommendations

This bill would require the CSU to implement the recommendations of State Auditor Report 2022-109 and report to the legislature by July 1, 2025, and December 1, 2026, on the status of implementation, including summarized results from campus compliance reviews and identification of any systemic issues that need to be addressed.

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

AB 1818 (Jackson) – Public Postsecondary Education: Homeless Students: Parking

This bill would require the CSU, CCC and request the University of California (UC) to allow overnight parking by students who use their vehicles as housing provided they have a valid parking permit and are parked in a campus owned parking facility. It would further prohibit the segments from penalizing or citing the students for doing so.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 12.

AB 1841 (Weber) – Student Safety: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication: Student Housing Facilities

This bill would require the CSU and the CCC to require each university or college-affiliated student housing facility to stock federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication, to train all residential staff members at each student housing facility on the administration of the opioid overdose reversal medication, and to distribute the opioid overdose reversal medication to all university or college-affiliated Greek-life housing facilities.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 12.

AB 2015 (Schiavo) – Nursing Schools and Programs: Faculty Members, Directors, and Assistant Directors

This bill would require the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to display an individual's faculty approval status through an online search tool and require CSU nursing programs to use the online search tool to verify that the applicant has an active license in good standing and is approved to teach in the level and content areas relevant to the open position or assignment before extending an offer of employment. The bill would also require CSU nursing programs to report to the BRN changes in the nursing program's director and assistant director of nursing positions.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

AB 2070 (Cervantes) – Trustees of the CSU: Faculty Appointees

This bill would add an additional faculty member to the Board of Trustees to be appointed by the governor, and also require the Academic Senate to provide four names, rather than two, to the governor for consideration.

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

AB 2104 (Soria) – Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

This bill would require the CCC to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes 15 select community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

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

AB 2116 (Grayson) – Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account: UC & CSU: Reports

This bill would require the CSU and UC, on or before January 1 of each year, to each submit a report to the Transportation Agency and specified legislative committees detailing its expenditures of moneys from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account for the previous fiscal year, including, but not limited to, research activities and administration.

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

AB 2152 (McCarty) – CSU & UC: Graduation Requirements: Service-Learning Pilot Program

This bill requires that commencing with students graduating in the 2033-2034 academic year, the CSU and the UC, for at least three campuses each, shall, as a pilot program, adopt the completion of a service-learning program as an undergraduate graduation requirement. This bill also requires the CSU and requests the UC, commencing with the 2026-2027 academic year, to provide information on service-learning programs and opportunities for undergraduate students on campus websites.

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

AB 2193 (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 19.

AB 2275 (Fong, Mike) – Trustees of the CSU: Appointees

This bill would require that members selected to serve on the CSU Board of Trustees should be inclusive and representative of the demographic groups of California and that the board reflect diversity of race, gender, and among other things disabled persons and veterans.

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

AB 2305 (Fong, Mike) – Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program

This bill makes changes to the timeline requirements for community colleges to apply for a baccalaureate degree program and for applications to be approved.

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

AB 2398 (Kalra) – CSU: Audits

This bill would require an external financial audit of each campus of the CSU to be conducted once every three years and the results of those audits to be made available to the public.

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

AB 2407 (Hart) – Sexual Harassment Complaints: State Audits

This bill requires the California State Auditor to, on or before January 1, 2026, and every three years thereafter, conduct an audit of the CSU, CCC and UC regarding their respective handling and investigation of sexual harassment complaints, and would require the findings of those audits to be reported to the legislature.

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

AB 2458 (Berman) – Public Postsecondary Education: Student Parents

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to post additional information on student parent webpages on campus websites; to develop and implement a campus policy for estimating and adjusting cost of attendance information for student parents; to establish a data field in the campus's data management information system to identify student parents; and to update its campus net price calculator to include a baseline student parent cost estimate.

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

AB 2516 (Santiago) – Trustees of the CSU: Bargaining Unit Representative

This bill requires a bargaining unit representative to be added to the Board of Trustees for a two-year term to be selected by the California State University Labor Council.

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

AB 2586 (Alvarez) – Public Postsecondary Education: Undocumented Student Employment

This bill prohibits the CSU, CCC and UC from disqualifying a student for employment at a campus due to failure to provide proof of federal work authorization, except where proof is required by federal law or when proof is required as a condition of a grant that funds the work position for which the student has applied.

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

AB 2608 (Gabriel) – Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment: Training

This bill requires public and private postsecondary institutions to update their annual sexual violence and sexual harassment training to include additional topics, such as how to recognize if someone is at risk of drug-facilitated sexual assault and where to access additional confidential resources on- and off-campus.

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

AB 2821 (Grayson) – Postsecondary Education: Students with Disabilities

This bill requires public postsecondary institutions to provide training with information regarding disability access and compliance to all personnel during onboarding. It would also require the CSU, UC and CCC to report program cost and budget breakdowns for disabled student programs at each campus every five years.

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

AB 2852 (Gracia) – Public Postsecondary Education: California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program

This bill would establish an exchange program of 400 students who attend a CSU, UC or CCC to attend universities in Mexico, and 400 students who attend a university in Mexico to attend a CSU, UC or CCC each year. This bill would also establish a fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of funding this program.

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

AB 2936 (Jackson) – Higher Education Reconciliation Master Plan

This bill would require the CSU and CCC, and request the UC, to each develop a reconciliation master plan to address cultural and political conflicts that arise on campus, which will include a forum for the purpose of students' voices being heard while feeling safe.

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

AB 3015 (Ramos) – Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition and Fees: Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

This bill entitles a student to resident classification for the purpose of determining tuition and fees if the student is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe whose tribal land lies across the state border of California and Arizona, Nevada or Oregon, and the student has a residence in the bordering state.

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

AB 3112 (Essayli) – Tuition Increases: Consumer Price Index

This bill would prohibit all segments of public and private postsecondary education in the state, commencing with the 2029-2030 academic year, from increasing their tuition by an amount greater than the percentage increase in the United States Consumer Price Index.

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

TWO YEAR BILLS

Senate Bills

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 ballot for K-16, that if approved by the voters, would allocate \$2 billion for the CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Appropriation 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 awaiting referral in the Assembly Rules Committee.

SB 295 (Dodd) – Vehicles: Regulations on Public Property

This bill would authorize public agencies, including the UC and the CSU, to restrict the use of certain electronically powered modes of transportation including scooters, pocket bicycles, low speed vehicles and utility terrain vehicles under their jurisdiction.

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

SB 307 (Ashby) – Middle Class Scholarship Program: Community Colleges: Current and Former Foster Youth

This bill expands access to the Middle Class Scholarship program for community college students who are current or former foster youth.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.
- *Note:* *Components of this measure were incorporated into the Budget Act of 2023.*

SB 856 (Glazer) – CSU Students: 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 opting 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 a hearing in the Assembly Appropriation Committee.

Assembly Bills

AB 25 (McCarty) – Student Financial Aid: Middle Class Scholarship Program

This bill amends the rules of the Middle-Class Scholarship Program to remove basic needs emergency aid from consideration in the awarding or adjusting of scholarship amounts. It also requires the Department of Finance to fully fund the program over five years, provided general fund revenues increase for two consecutive years.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Appropriation Committee.

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 I schools to provide degree completion fund payments to student athletes that receive athletic grants.

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

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

This bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the California State University, on or before January 1, 2026, to develop a plan to make a campus mental health hotline that is operated by an organization with expertise in student mental health available to students on their respective campuses, and to report to the legislature on this plan by January 1, 2026.

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

AB 506 (Fong, Mike) – CSU: Ethnic Studies Course Approvals

This bill requires the CSU to collaborate with the ASCSU, 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. It also suspends the current approval by one year and states that courses approved through 2023 will no longer satisfy the requirement.

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

AB 810 (Friedman) – Athletics Department: Misconduct Database

This bill requires the CSU, UC, and CCC to require applicants for an academic, athletic, or administrative position to disclose any administrative or judicial finding that the applicant committed sexual harassment. The applicant would also be required to sign a release form that authorizes their former employer to release information regarding any substantiated allegations of misconduct.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a referral in the Senate Rules 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 an independent state agency with the authority to provide statewide postsecondary education oversight, coordination and planning.

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

AB 1160 (Pacheco) - Postsecondary Education: Debt Collection

This bill expands the Educational Debt Collection Practices Act to prohibit tax offset for debts owed to postsecondary institutions, creates new regulations for institutions utilizing third-party debt collection agencies, prohibits the withholding of a diploma or certificate or placing holds on a student's registration or reenrollment because of institutional debts, and requires biennial reporting to the legislature on the amounts and types of debts owed by students to each institution.

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

AB 1393 (Calderon) – Student Aid Commission: California Dream Act: Food Support Pilot Program

This bill would establish the Food Support Pilot Program within the Student Aid Commission, which would provide food support grants to qualifying students who complete a California Dream Act application and receive financial assistance under the California Dream Act.

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

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

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

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

AB 1575 (Irwin) – Postsecondary Education: Designated Advocates: Notification

This bill requires public postsecondary institutions to advise students involved in disciplinary procedures that they are allowed to select a respondent adviser to assist them in navigating the adjudication procedures.

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

BILLS NO LONGER ADVANCING

Senate Bills

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

This bill requires the CSU to maintain a ratio of one mental health counselor per 1,500 students at each campus and establishes the CSU Mental Health Professionals Act to provide incentives for CSU students to become mental health counselors.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose unless amended

SB 574 (Wahab) – Public Agencies: Project Labor Agreements

This bill prohibits a state agency from entering into a public works project in excess of \$35 million dollars, unless that project is governed by a project labor agreement (PLA). This would apply to the CSU if state bond funds are used in the construction of the public works project.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

Assembly Bills

AB 266 (Boerner) – 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

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:** Tracking

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, UC and CCC.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

AB 1062 (Santiago) – Public Postsecondary Education: California State University: Tuition

This bill requires, upon appropriation, that the CSU not charge tuition or mandatory systemwide fees to any community college transfer student with financial need and an ADT for up to two years. Additionally, such students who receive financial aid to cover their tuition and fees must receive an institutional grant in the commensurate amount of what otherwise would have been waived by the CSU to help cover their nontuition costs.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

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 2032-2033 academic year. The CSU and UC are prohibited from increasing the number of units needed to graduate because of this requirement.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose unless amended

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, or determines the individual poses an immediate threat, the campus shall impose interim measures to ensure school and student safety.

- **CSU Position:** Pending