

## AGENDA

### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**Meeting:** 9:50 a.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2024  
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Yammilette Rodriguez, Chair  
Raji Kaur Brar, Vice Chair  
Douglas Faigin  
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie  
Lillian Kimbell  
Julia I. Lopez  
Jonathan Molina Mancio  
Jose Antonio Vargas  
Darlene Yee-Melichar

- 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 THE  
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**Trustees of the California State University  
Office of the Chancellor  
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, California**

**May 21, 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  
Jose Antonio Vargas

Wenda Fong, Chair of the Board  
Mildred García, Chancellor

Trustee Clarke called the meeting to order.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the March 26, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted.

**Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance**

Greg Saks, vice chancellor for external relations and communications, and Nathan Dietrich, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, provided an update on the work being done at the systemwide level to comply with NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA and to implement AB 389.

The CSU has been working on the development of a systemwide NAGPRA policy, which is required by AB 389 and the state audit. A draft must be submitted to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) by July 1.

To prioritize Tribal views, ten listening sessions were held across the state. To date, more than 30 Tribes have been represented. Feedback has included the need to build trust; conduct routine inventory checks across each university; compensate Tribes for their time; and simplify the repatriation process while also respecting Tribal knowledge and desires. There has also been feedback about past failures; concerns about the role of academia; and research efforts that have utilized ancestors and cultural items without consent.

In consultation with the NAHC, the CSU will have a formal consultation period with the Tribes. A 60-day notice will be sent out on July 1, with a 90-day consultation period from September 1 to November 30. This will allow additional time for the Tribes to have their voices heard during the policy development process. The CSU will continue to draft the policy in December and then present a more formal draft to the NAHC in early 2024. The final deadline for systemwide adoption is July 1, 2025.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich shared additional key updates and priorities:

- NAGPRA campus coordinators must be hired by July 1, 2024. So far, 16 of the 21 universities that are required to have a coordinator either posted a position for hiring or already have a full-time coordinator.
- AB 389 requires the creation of systemwide and campus-based NAGPRA committees. On May 2, the NAHC formally appointed more than a dozen committee members at six universities. Committee members will continue to be nominated throughout the year as more than 150 individuals are needed in total.
- The CSU held a successful and well attended two-day training session at Cal State San Bernardino in April, with approximately 100 participating in person and another 100 online.
- Advocacy & State Relations (ASR) staff have been working with each campus's NAGPRA coordinator and presidential designee to review their implementation plans. They are also working with Audit and Advisory Services to submit the one-year report to the State Auditor as well as two legislatively mandated reports.
- Chancellor García met with Assemblymember James Ramos in April to share progress and listen to any concerns from the legislature.

President Tomás Morales shared recent examples of the progress being made by the universities. Chico State continues to do stellar work as they repatriated 13 ancestors to the United Auburn Indian Community. Campuses have also hosted dozens of consultation meetings with Tribes; over time, these consultation meetings will lead to repatriations.

Since the last board meeting, NAGPRA coordinators have been officially hired at Fresno, Sonoma and San Bernardino, while Pomona and Stanislaus have posted their NAGRPA coordinator positions for hiring. In order to improve Tribal relations, Sonoma, Fresno and San Bernardino have posted Tribal relations director positions for hiring. These positions will help deepen the

government to government relationship between Tribes and the universities, while also leading to greater student and Tribal opportunities.

Cal State San Bernardino hosted the Native American/Indigenous Education Summit in late March with 300 people in attendance. The goal of the summit was to have purposeful conversations with state, federal and Tribal governments in order to examine institutional operations, academic commitments and cultural responsiveness to Native American students in higher education—especially around the topics of access, inclusivity and preparedness.

Trustee Yee-Melichar asked about the challenges of hiring full-time experienced repatriation coordinators. Trustee Rodriguez asked how the CSU is keeping legislators informed on the progress being made. Trustee Lopez asked about additional challenges besides hiring. In the next report, Trustee Clarke would like to see an example of the qualifications for an experienced repatriation coordinator.

### **State Legislative Update**

Vice Chancellor Saks shared that the ASR team has continued to engage with legislative offices seeking amendments to important bills, support measures that benefit our students, prepare for policy and fiscal committee hearings, and execute various advocacy strategies.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich provided an update on the board's sponsored legislation. AB 2005 (Ward) passed the Assembly Housing and Assembly Higher Education Committees and passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee last week. AB 2395 (Quirk-Silva) also passed the Assembly Higher Education Committee and passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee late last week. The third sponsored bill was incorporated into the Higher Education Omnibus bill (AB 3290) and has also passed committee.

He highlighted a handful of bills that address the facilities bond, nursing programs, and Title IX. Two facilities bond measures are still active – SB 28 (Glazer), which includes \$2 billion each for the CSU and UC, and AB 247 (Muratsuchi), which does not include higher education. He noted that there is skepticism within the Capitol about the prospect of any bond measure passing in November, following the slim margins produced by Proposition 1 during the March primary. There is also concern that there may be three competing bond measures this November.

For nursing programs, there is a strong push by community college districts to duplicate the CSU nursing programs. SB 895 (Roth) and AB 2104 (Soria) would establish pilot programs authorizing community colleges to offer BSN degrees that would duplicate 20 nursing programs the CSU currently offers. The number of clinical placements available and the limited number of faculty to teach these programs continue to be the largest challenges for the state in its attempt to increase the number of nurses. The proposed bills will not increase the number of nurses, but simply change

a nurse's final degree from an ADN to a BSN, thus leaving the number of nurses in the state the same.

The Chancellor's Office hosted a recent workforce summit on how to grow the nursing pipeline that was attended by more than 150 stakeholders. He thanked President Beck and CSUN for hosting the summit and Academic and Student Affairs for organizing it.

Title IX has seen additional legislative advocacy this year following the State Auditor's report and the Cozen O'Conner recommendations. In all, the legislature has introduced 13 bills this session, and many align with the recommendations by the State Auditor.

He also gave a recap on recent advocacy activities. He thanked President Conoley for testifying in support of the sponsored PACE legislation and President Parham for hosting Assemblymember Muratsuchi and highlighting the significant needs facing all of the universities. Universities hosted a number of "Impact Day" events with elected officials and their staff, which focused on partnerships with community colleges. Chancellor García spent another day in Sacramento in late April. Her time included a meet and greet with the Latino Caucus, a meeting with Assemblymember Ramos, and meetings with other legislators.

He thanked the trustees who have called and met with legislators in support of the bond and other items. He also thanked the presidents for being so proactive in their communications with the Governor's Office and legislatures during this challenging time on many of the campuses.

Trustee Lopez had questions about outside support for the bond and the risks if it fails. Trustee Yee-Melichar asked about the key strategies to advocate for the passage of the sponsored bills. Trustee Gilbert-Lurie shared appreciation for the trustees being mobilized as advocates for the CSU and shared feedback and concerns she has received from legislators on higher education being included in the bond. Trustee Arambula had questions about the nursing bill and the barriers to increasing the number of nurses. Trustee Adamson thanked staff for being more proactive about bill positions. Trustee Vargas asked about conversations the CSU is having with the UC and the California Community Colleges regarding AB 2586. Trustee Clarke thanked Vice Chancellor Saks and Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich for keeping him and Trustee Rodriguez informed and up to date on bill analysis and positions.

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 (Ramos), 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.

#### *State Audit Update*

On June 28, the Chancellor's Office submitted its one-year response update to the California State Auditor, which details the progress made on the auditor's eight recommendations. The State Auditor has determined that the recommendations associated with the Chancellor's Office administrative structure and budget estimates have been fully implemented, while the remaining items are still in progress. These remaining items include drafting a systemwide policy, creating systemwide and campus committees, and hiring of campus coordinators, among other actions.

An oversight hearing is scheduled to take place on August 6 in Sacramento. This hearing will be conducted by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and Assembly Select Committee on Native American Affairs. The oversight hearing is likely to focus on the progress of the recommendations

outlined in the one-year update, particularly those that have yet to be completed. It may also address any challenges encountered and plans for completing the remaining actions to ensure accountability.

### *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, meaningful consultation, and repatriation. AB 389 requires that this policy must be done in consultation with Tribes and the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC).

The Chancellor's Office has prioritized Tribal perspectives and feedback in the policy development process. Throughout April, May and June, 10 Tribal listening sessions were held to hear firsthand concerns that Tribes have had and what they believe should be in the systemwide policy. The final listening session was held at Cal State San Bernardino's Palm Desert Campus on June 18. Overall, approximately 60 Tribes were represented in the listening sessions.

In accordance with AB 389, the Chancellor's Office has shared the draft policy for consultation purposes with California Tribes and the NAHC. At the same time, a 60-day notification period began, which will be followed by a formal 90-day consultation period for Tribes. The consultation period is September 1 through November 30. The NAHC will begin its review of the draft policy after the tribal consultation period ends, as AB 389 requires the CSU to "make best efforts to adopt the commission's recommendations."

The draft policy for consultation purposes includes a variety of topics, including:

- Culturally appropriate treatment of Native American ancestral remains and cultural items;
- Protocol for processing and implementing claims for repatriation and dispute resolution;
- Prohibition on the use of Native American remains or cultural items for the purposes of teaching or research;
- Tribal research and testing requests;
- Campus reporting requirements to the Chancellor's Office;
- The role of systemwide and campus committees;
- Requests 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 coordinators' role and responsibility.

### *Campus Coordinators*

AB 389 requires campuses with Native American remains and cultural items to have full-time, experienced repatriation coordinators on or before July 1, 2024, to ensure that campuses pursue

timely repatriation. The state audit also recommends having full-time coordinators hired by June 2024. Coordinators are to have experience working with Tribes and with the repatriation process, and their positions should be primarily NAGPRA-related and not be assigned other prominent work that would limit their time devoted to repatriation efforts.

As of July 1, 2024, 18 of 21 universities have hired their full-time experienced coordinator. Of the remaining three, Cal State Los Angeles is interviewing final candidates this month, CSU Bakersfield had to repost the position for hiring after not attracting a qualified candidate, and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo has extended their application period in order to attract a qualified candidate.

The Chancellor's Office staff and university leadership will continue to work with all coordinators as they begin, or continue, their work on conducting campus inventories, consulting with tribes and undertaking the repatriation process.

#### *Systemwide Committee and Campus Committees*

AB 389 requires the creation of systemwide and campus-based NAGPRA committees; the state audit also recommends it. The law requires the NAHC to review applicants and nominate them to the chancellor for appointment. Each systemwide and campus-based committee will include at least four voting Tribal representatives and three university voting members. At NAHC's May 3 commission meeting, the NAHC formally voted to nominate 11 individuals to serve on campus committees; and more than 30 applications will be considered at the NAHC's July 16 meeting. The NAHC will continue to take applications for nominations for committee members throughout the year until filled. The CSU will continue to encourage qualified applicants to apply for committee positions and the NAHC will continue to review and nominate committee 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. On March 18, 2024, Chancellor García issued a memorandum directing university presidents to ensure the prohibition of the use of any ancestral remains or cultural items that are in the university's collection in teaching, research or on display as required by state law and federal regulations. The future systemwide policy will formalize this prohibition.

#### *Status of Inventories*

AB 389 requires the CSU to report to the legislature on the progress that each university has made reviewing its collections of Native American ancestors and cultural items by December 31, 2024. To ensure comprehensive assessment, universities are required to conduct campuswide



assessments, encompassing departments and storage facilities including off-site or satellite locations.

During the spring, it became evident that although some universities within the system had initiated inventory searches and updates, not all had completed this process. AB 389 underscores the importance of universities conducting thorough reviews of their collections related to Native American ancestors and cultural items, with the ultimate goal of ensuring appropriate preservation, respect and repatriation of these items. The upcoming report to the legislature will detail the progress made by each campus in meeting these requirements. Chancellor García has directed each university to complete an inventory search and report findings to the Chancellor's Office by November 4, 2024. Information from the surveys will be shared with the legislature in December.

### *Fiscal Planning*

The CSU 2024-2025 operating budget request includes \$4.25 million for NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA 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. The final 2024-2025 state budget only allocated the CSU a net increase of \$165 million, less than half of the \$385 million requested. The Chancellor's Office is reviewing options on how to best fund NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA efforts and provide campus budget allocations.

### *Chancellor's Office Support*

The state audit recommended that the Chancellor's Office formalize its administrative structure in relation to NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA. Since Fall 2024, as part of the Division of External Relations and Communications (ERC), the Office of Advocacy and State Relations (ASR) has been leading NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA systemwide efforts.

To acknowledge Tribal sovereignty, demonstrate its unwavering commitment to repatriation, and to build and restore trust with California Tribes, the Chancellor's Office announced that it will establish an Office of Tribal Relations (OTR). Like ASR, the OTR will be located within the Division of External Relations and Communication and its leadership will report to the Vice Chancellor. ASR will continue to lead the Chancellor's Office repatriation efforts until the OTR is fully formed and operational. A primary objective of the OTR is to oversee and ensure that the CSU timely and respectfully repatriates all ancestors and cultural items. The Chancellor's Office will hire an Executive Director to lead the OTR. Priority will be given to candidates with extensive experience working with Tribes, a deep understanding of Native American history and indigenous cultures, and knowledge of the repatriation process. These qualifications will ensure effective leadership and meaningful engagements with Tribal communities in California.

*University Progress*

Since May 2024, universities have been making progress on hiring NAGPRA coordinators, consulting with Tribes, repatriating ancestors and cultural items to the respective Tribes and improving relationships with Tribes. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Chico State facilitated reburials of 2,567 ancestral remains (representing at least 549 ancestors) and more than 97,000 cultural items belonging to a tribal consortium that includes the Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California, Konkow Valley Band of Maidu, Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California, Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria, California, Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California, and Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians of California.
- Cal State Fullerton and Cal State Long Beach are coordinating their efforts to create a unified joint repatriation plan for their collections that originate from a single site in Southern California.
- Cal State Long Beach moved their non-ancestral collections to a single locked site on campus.
- San Francisco State completed a held-in-trust agreement with the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians to complete all repatriations within Tehama and Glenn Counties. The collection will be physically transferred once all Notices are completed.
- Cal State Los Angeles, San Diego State, San Francisco State and San José State have updated Federal Notices for a number of their collections.
- Chico State's leadership and the Chancellor's Office participated in a roundtable discussion with a variety of state legislators and Tribal leaders on May 28, 2024, about the progress being made at Chico State.

## **COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

### **State Legislative Update**

#### **Presentation By**

Greg Saks  
Vice Chancellor  
External Relations and Communications

Nathan Dietrich  
Assistant Vice Chancellor  
Advocacy and State Relations

#### **Summary**

In June, the State Legislature passed their house of origin deadline to move introduced bills to the second house for consideration. The months of May and June were filled with policy committee hearings to meet the next legislative deadline on July 3. The legislature has now recessed for summer and will return on August 5, at which time the fiscal committee hearings will begin. All bills must be passed by August 31, when the legislature will adjourn the session.

This report is organized as follows:

- Board of Trustees sponsored legislation
- Active bills
  - Senate Bills
  - Assembly Bills
- Bills that Failed to Advance
  - Senate Bills
  - Assembly Bills
- Governor's Actions

All bill summaries and positions are accurate as of July 3, 2024.

### **SPONSORED LEGISLATION**

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

This bill would allow the California State University (CSU) residential 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 awaiting a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

#### **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 and require annual reporting on the use of these funds.

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

### **ACTIVE 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. This bill has been amended to address battery electric vehicles and no longer applies to the CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill has been amended to address battery electric vehicles and no longer applies to the CSU.

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

This bill removes prohibitions on expenditures above specified limits and would expressly authorize any funds that remain in the account after any collections or expenditures to be expended in or carried over to any subsequent fiscal years. This bill has been amended to address the board of pilot commissioners and no longer applies to the CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill has been amended to address the board of pilot commissioners and no longer applies to the CSU.

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

**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:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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

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

This bill would require the CSU to identify, by January 2027, three projects in excess of \$35 million that will utilize a project labor agreement and require the Department of General Services to report on any community benefit goals.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose Unless Amended
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations 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 five-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:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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

**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:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**SB 1116 (Portantino) – Unemployment: Trade Disputes: Eligibility for Benefits**

This bill would provide unemployment insurance benefits to employees who remain on strike for more than two weeks.

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

**SB 1166 (Dodd) – Annual Report: Sex Discrimination**

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to report annually to the legislature with a summary of the activities undertaken by each campus and by the systemwide Title IX office to ensure campus programs and activities are free from sex discrimination.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations 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 sunseting of the program, requires each campus to implement outreach techniques to promote the program to students, and requires annual reporting to the legislature on program participation.

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

**SB 1287 (Glazer) – Equity in Higher Education Act: Prohibition on Harassment, Intimidation, and Discrimination**

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to adopt a policy within their student code of conduct to prohibit violence, harassment, intimidation, and discrimination that create a hostile environment on campus and to develop a mandatory training program to educate students on how to exchange views in an atmosphere of mutual respect and civility, among other requirements.

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

**SB 1348 (Bradford) – Postsecondary Education: California Black-Serving Institutions Program**

This bill would establish the California Seal of Excellence in Serving Black and African American Postsecondary Students to recognize campuses of these segments that excel at providing academic resources to Black and African American students.

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

**SB 1411 (Ochoa Bogh) – Instructional Quality Commission: Curriculum Framework and Evaluation Criteria Committee: Higher Education Faculty Representation**

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:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**SB 1491 (Eggman) – Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act**

This bill requires the CSU and CCC to designate a non-responsible employee at each campus to be a point of contact for the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, pansexual, transgender, gender-nonconforming, intersex and two-spirit faculty, staff and students.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations 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 was held under submission in the Senate Appropriations 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 to ensure compliance with various health and safety standards and training programs.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Appropriations 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 and other mental health hotlines available to students by January 1, 2026.

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

**AB 810 (Friedman) – Hiring Practices: Academic, Athletic, and Administrative Appointments**

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

**AB 1142 (Fong, Mike) – Community Colleges: Costs for Using Facilities or Grounds**

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. This bill has been amended to address CCC and no longer applies to the CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill has been amended to address CCC and no longer applies to the CSU.

**AB 1160 (Pacheco) - Postsecondary Education: Debt Collection**

This bill prohibits tax offset for debts owed to postsecondary institutions for two years after debt is incurred, creates new regulations for institutions utilizing third-party debt collection agencies, prohibits the withholding of a diploma or certificate because of institutional debts, allows for a one-time exemption from class registration or re-enrollment holds due to the student having a debt to the institution, 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 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: Students Codes of Conduct: Advisers**

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

**AB 1577 (Low) – Health Facilities and Clinics: Clinical Placements: Nursing**

This bill requires hospitals to report clinical placement data for nursing students and requires community college nursing programs to report clinical placement needs. Requires hospitals to offer pre-licensure clinical training slots to CCC and CSU nursing programs.

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

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

This bill would require the CSU to implement the recommendations of the 2023 state audit on Title IX and report to the Legislature on the status of implementation.

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

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

This bill would require the CSU and CCC to develop a pilot program to allow overnight parking by students who use their vehicles as housing, provided that they have a valid parking permit and are parked in a campus-owned parking facility. By July 1, 2025, the CSU shall select five campuses to participate in the pilot program that would sunset on January 1, 2029.

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

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

This bill would require the CSU, UC and the CCC to distribute Naloxone to university-affiliated sorority and fraternity housing facilities; to maintain a supply of Naloxone at on-campus housing facilities' front desks; and to require residential advisors to carry Naloxone while on duty.

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

**AB 1905 (Addis) – Employment: Settlements, Informal Resolutions, and Retreat Rights**

This bill prohibits an employee of a public postsecondary educational institution from being eligible for retreat rights and from receiving a letter of recommendation if the employee is determined in a final administrative decision to have committed sexual harassment.

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

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

This bill would authorize the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to approve an individual to serve as a member of the faculty, director or assistant director of an approved school of nursing program.

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

**AB 2033 (Reyes) – Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards: Basic Needs Services and Resources**

This bill would require the CSU and request the UC to establish a Basic Needs Center and employ a Basic Needs Coordinator at every campus who would perform specified duties.

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

**AB 2047 (Fong, Mike) – Discrimination Prevention: Systemwide Offices of Civil Rights**

This bill requires the CSU and UC to maintain Title IX offices on every campus and a systemwide Office of Civil Rights and outlines the responsibilities of each office.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 5.

**AB 2048 (Fong, Mike) – Community College Sexual Harassment and Title IX Working Group**

This bill establishes a working group led by the Chancellor of the CCC to evaluate sexual harassment and Title IX policies in community colleges. The group will review current policies and practices and submit a report to the Legislature by February 1, 2026. The bill has been amended to remove the CSU from its requirements.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill has been amended and no longer applies to the CSU.

**AB 2076 (McCarty) – California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022: State Fund Loan**

This bill would require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the transfer of \$200 million to the California Student Housing Revolving Loan Program from the Surplus Money Investment Fund and other funds in the Pooled Money Investment Account to fund the program in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

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

**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 10 select community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

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

**AB 2193 (Holden) – Hazing: Educational Institutions: Civil Liability**

This bill establishes civil liability for an education institution, including the CSU, if the institution had direct involvement in or knew of dangerous hazing practices and failed to take reasonable steps to stop the hazing practices of the organization.

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

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

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

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill has passed the legislature and is awaiting action by the Governor.

**AB 2326 (Alvarez) – Equity in Higher Education Act: Discrimination, Compliance, Regulations, and Reports**

This bill states that the leader of the system shall have responsibility for monitoring the compliance of each campus in ensuring that programs are free from discrimination. The Chancellor's Office shall annually submit a report to the Board of Trustees and to the legislature detailing efforts to prevent and respond to discrimination, and the Chancellor shall testify annually before the legislative budget subcommittees on the state of the system in responding to all forms of discrimination.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a set for hearing in the Senate Appropriation Committee on August 5.

**AB 2398 (Kalra) – CSU: Audits**

This bill would require a single external financial audit of each campus of the CSU to be conducted by January 2028 and the results of those audits to be made available to the public.

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

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

This bill requires the California State Auditor to, on or before January 1, 2028, and every five years thereafter until January 1, 2044, 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:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

**AB 2447 (Valencia) – Fiscal Transparency: Internet Website**

This bill, known as the California State University Transparency Act of 2024, would require the university to report any expenditures of state dollars over \$10,000 on a website available to the public on or before July 2026.

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

**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 systemwide policy for estimating and adjusting cost of attendance information for student parents; to establish a data field in the campuses 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:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

**AB 2492 (Irwin) – Sex Discrimination Complaints: Advocates and Coordinators**

This bill requires the CSU, CCC, and requests the UC, to designate at each campus a confidential student advocate, a confidential staff and faculty advocate, and a confidential respondent services coordinator to assist students, faculty or staff who have experienced or are accused of sex discrimination.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 5.

**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 Senate Appropriations 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:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting action by the Governor.

**AB 2633 (Alvarez) – Joint Degrees: International Institutions of Higher Education**

The bill would authorize the CSU to award undergraduate and graduate degrees jointly with international institutions of higher education and offer doctoral degrees with international institutions of higher education only if the doctoral degree does not duplicate University of California doctoral degrees.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriation Committee on August 5.

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

**AB 2834 (Rendon) – Part Time Faculty**

This bill would require, when possible, that the names of part-time community college faculty be listed in the class schedule and bulletin once they are assigned to a class and extend the same preferences to part-time faculty at California State University campuses, including other specified requirements.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 5.

**AB 2883 (Low) – Lunar New Year Holiday**

This bill will allow the CSU, and would request each campus of the UC, to observe Lunar New Year as a paid holiday in place of another prescribed holiday.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 5.

**AB 2925 (Friedman) Equity in Higher Education Act: Prohibition on Discrimination: Training and Notice**

This bill specifies that California’s postsecondary educational institutions have an obligation to combat hate-based discrimination and requires that universities include training to address discrimination against the five most targeted groups in the state as part of any antidiscrimination or diversity, equity and inclusion training that is offered by the institution for students, faculty or staff.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 5.

**AB 2936 (Jackson) – Higher Education Reconciliation Act**

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. This bill also requires each campus to develop individual reconciliation plans.

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

**AB 2953 (Alvarez) – UC And CSU: First-Generation Students: Outreach and Admission**

This bill would require the CSU, and request the UC, to develop and implement a 4-year accountability plan for outreach to, and admission of, first-generation students.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriation Committee on August 5.

**AB 2987 (Ortega) – Sex Discrimination Complaints: Status Updates and Notices**

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to provide updates to parties involved with a Title IX case every thirty days upon request and to provide notice of disciplinary action to the respondent in a complaint of sex discrimination within five days of a decision being made.

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



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

**AB 3034 (Low) – Waiver of Tuition and Fees: California Conservation Corps**

This bill would prohibit the CSU and UC, if adopted by resolution, from charging tuition or fees for students who are low or moderate income, and who meet certain requirements, including having completed one year in the California Conservation Corps.

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

**AB 3290 (Committee on Higher Education) Postsecondary Education: Omnibus Bill**

This bill will be used to provide clarifying and confirming changes to various provisions of the Education Code affecting higher education.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 5.

**FAILED TO ADVANCE**

**Senate Bills**

**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 a study on the feasibility of an independent CSU campus in the Antelope Valley or Victor Valley.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

**SB 1235 (Gonzalez) – Artificial Intelligence and Deepfake Working Group**

This bill would require Cal State Long Beach to establish the Artificial Intelligence and Deepfake Working Group and develop a scoping plan to establish topics that may be addressed by the working group.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

**SB 1378 (Min) – Pupil and Student Safety: Identification Cards: Federal Title IX Assistance Telephone Number**

This bill requires all schools that serve pupils in grade seven through 12 as well as all higher education institutions to list contact information for their school’s Title IX Coordinator and the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights on their student identification cards.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

**Assembly Bills**

**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

**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:** Tracking

**AB 1942 (Cervantes) – Students: Paid Opportunities**

This bill would require all students attending the CSU or CCC, regardless of immigration status, to be eligible to apply for and accept paid opportunities at the CSU or CCC, including, but not limited to, employment, fellowships, residencies, apprenticeships, and contract work.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

**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:** Oppose

**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:** Tracking

**AB 2150 (Arambula) – Public Social Services: Higher Education**

This bill requires a county human services agency to receive input from campus basic needs directors when developing protocols for engagement between the agency and institutions of higher education located within the county. This bill also requires the Department of Social Services to consult with staff liaisons and basic needs directors to develop training related to determining student eligibility for public social services and to convene a workgroup to identify barriers to enrollment in public social services.

- **CSU Position:** Support

**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:** Oppose unless amended

**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:** Support

**AB 2404 (Lee) – State and Local Public Employees: Labor Relations: Disputes**

This bill allows public employees to strike in solidarity with other employee groups.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

**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. The bargaining unit representative is to be selected by the California State University Labor Council.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

**AB 2852 (Garcia) – 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:** Tracking

**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:** Oppose

**GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS**

**Assembly Bills**

**AB 1887 (Cervantes) – Student Financial Aid: Application Deadlines: Extension**

This bill moves the deadline for students to apply for state financial aid from April 2, 2024, to May 2, 2024.

- **CSU Position:** Support