

## AGENDA

### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**Meeting:** 12:45 p.m., Wednesday, September 25, 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  
Sam Nejabat  
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**

**July 24, 2024**

**Members Present**

Yammilette Rodriguez, Chair  
Raji Kaur Brar, Vice Chair  
Douglas Faigin  
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie  
Lillian Kimbell  
Jonathan Molina Mancio  
Darlene Yee-Melichar

Jack B. Clarke, Jr., Chair of the Board  
Mildred García, Chancellor

Before calling the meeting to order, Trustee Rodriguez thanked all of the CSU partners and stakeholders for their advocacy efforts and sharing the CSU story in their districts and at the Capitol.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the May 21, 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.

As shared in the one-year report to the State Auditor, the CSU has completed two of the eight recommendations and the remaining six are in progress. Much of the work this spring has focused

on developing a systemwide NAGPRA policy. To prioritize Tribal input, ten listening sessions were held across the state, which were attended by representatives from more than 50 Tribes. A working group, led by CalNAGPRA Project Manager Adriane Tafoya, completed a draft policy for consultation purposes and shared it with the Tribes and the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) earlier this month. The draft policy addresses a number of requirements and best practices. In consultation with the NAHC, the CSU will have a formal consultation period with Tribes from September 1 to November 30. After the consultation period, the draft policy will be refined and shared with the NAHC, Tribes and across the Chancellor's Office.

As of July 1, 18 of the 21 universities that are required to have a NAGPRA coordinator have a full-time coordinator; the remaining three are in the hiring process. An Office of Tribal Relations will be created within the Chancellor's Office. The office will be located within the Division of External Relations and Communications and the executive director will report directly to the vice chancellor; a search for the executive director is currently underway. The office's responsibilities will include government to government tribal relations, the creation of tribal partnerships, oversight of NAGPRA and other legal requirements, as well as coordination with the various divisions of the Chancellor's Office and the universities.

AVC Dietrich shared a number of updates from campuses.

Trustee Brar asked if the CSU is updating legislators on the progress being made. AVC Dietrich shared that a status report is sent every other month to the governor, lieutenant governor, the NAHC, Assembly Member Ramos and other legislators and stakeholders. Trustee Rodriguez thanked the staff for all the hard work being done to rebuild trust and thanked the stakeholders for their commitment and dedication to ensure that the CSU is on the right path and treating this process with urgency, respect and dignity. Chancellor García recognized President Tomás Morales for his work with his fellow presidents and his partnership with Secretary Hitchcock.

### **State Legislative Update**

Vice Chancellor Saks shared that the legislature is more than halfway through their session, which will end on August 31. The Advocacy and State Relations (ASR) team and colleagues across the system continue to represent the CSU in order to secure a favorable outcome on the many bills making their way through the legislature.

AVC Dietrich shared that all three of the board's sponsored bills have passed the first house and await action by the appropriations committee of the second house. He highlighted a handful of bills that address the facilities bond, nursing programs, undocumented student employment, Title IX, campus climate, and board expansion. Unfortunately, the legislature has declined to include higher education in a facilities bond that will be on the ballot in November. AVC Dietrich thanked Senator Glazer and Pro Tem McGuire for their support as well as Senate President pro Tempore Emeritus Atkins and Senator Min for their strong comments of support on the Senate floor. He

also thanked the trustees, presidents and staff for their active engagement with meetings, phone calls and campus tours highlighting the needs facing so many of the universities.

SB 895 (Roth) and AB 2104 (Soria) would establish pilot programs authorizing community colleges to offer BSN degrees, which would duplicate CSU programs and not result in an increased number of nurses in the state. He shared that the ADN to BNS model, operated in partnership with the community colleges, is the right answer for the state as the programs have been highly successful—helping students graduate in three to four years rather than five or six years.

AB 2586 (Alvarez) would prohibit the UC, CSU and community colleges from disqualifying a student for employment at a campus due to their immigration status. Similar to the UC, the CSU remains concerned that an untested legal theory will result in significant litigation against the CSU for violating federal law, but that the CSU is not in opposition to the bill.

The CSU has been able to move to a support position on a number of Title IX bills. As noted in May, many of these bills align with the recommendations included in the state audit and Cozen O'Connor reports. Working with the authors on the specifics of the bills shows the legislators that the CSU is committed to improving Title IX efforts and changing the culture across the system.

Many legislators, including leaders of the Jewish Caucus, have introduced bills aimed at ensuring a safe environment for all students. After working with the Assemblymember Laura Friedman, the CSU is now supporting AB 2925. Additionally, AB 2516 (Santiago) and AB 2070 (Cervantes) would have added additional members to the Board of Trustees, but these bills will no longer be advancing this year.

He also gave a recap on recent advocacy activities and shared highlights from the upcoming legislative calendar.

Trustee Brar asked for more details on AB 2586 and the CSU's position. AVC Dietrich shared that while the CSU is supportive of its undocumented students, if this bill is legally challenged as violating federal law, this could put federal funding at risk. Trustee Rodriguez asked how the CSU is supporting undocumented students. AVC Dietrich shared that many of the CSU campuses have Dreamer Resource Centers and offer fellowships and legal aid resources. Trustee Steinhauer asked if the CSU has explored the ability to put a bond on the ballot in a local election. AVC Dietrich stated that no other state agency has the ability to place a bond for consideration in a local, county or state election. Trustee Arambula wants it to be clear that the CSU has concerns about AB 2586 but is deeply committed to all undocumented students. He believes the CSU should be proactively communicating all the things the universities are doing to support them. Chancellor García asked the presidents to provide an inventory of everything they are doing on their campuses. Trustee Gilbert-Lurie asked staff, when ready, to provide several dates for the next Trustee

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Advocacy Day in 2025 so the trustees can be polled for availability. Trustee Faigin asked why the legislators introduced AB 1790.

Trustee Rodriguez 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.

#### *State Audit Update*

As previously reported, at the July Board Meeting, the Chancellor's Office submitted its one-year response 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.

On August 6, an oversight hearing about the CSU and University of California's NAGPRA compliance was held by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and Assembly Select Committee on Native American Affairs. Chancellor García and Chico State President Steve Perez both testified and offered updates from the Chancellor's Office and the progress that has been made at Chico State. The hearing was attended by 10 legislators. Also testifying was California State

Auditor Grant Parks, Native American Heritage Commission Executive Secretary Raymond Hitchcock, UC officials and several Tribal leaders. Issues raised at the hearing included providing funding to universities, creating the systemwide and campus committees, the future systemwide policy, timelines to complete repatriation, how the state can hold the CSU and UC accountable, and the roles of archaeology departments and field schools. Legislators will continue to be informed about the progress being made by the CSU and each university.

*Systemwide Policy Development and Listening Sessions*

AB 389 requires, and the 2023 state audit recommends, that the Chancellor's Office adopt a systemwide policy 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). In July, the Chancellor's Office shared the working draft policy for consultation purposes with California Tribes and the NAHC. A formal 90-day consultation period for Tribes will run from September 1 through November 30. Several one-on-one Tribal consultation meetings have already been scheduled. The Chancellor's Office will also hold consultation sessions at San Diego State and Chico State, and three virtual sessions (September 18, October 16 and November 20).

The remaining schedule for the systemwide policy development process is below:

September 1 – November 30, 2024	90-day Tribal consultation period
December 1 – December 31, 2024	Tribal feedback to be incorporated into the Draft Policy for NAHC review
January – April 2025	Draft Policy to be submitted to NAHC and they conduct formal review
April – May 2025	Internal CSU review
May – June 2025	Additional 30-day Tribal consultation period in order to allow for consultation and discussion on subsequent changes
July 2025	Adoption and implementation by CSU

### *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 universities pursue timely repatriation. The state audit also recommends having full-time coordinators hired by June 2024. As of September 1, 2024, 19 of 21 universities have hired their full-time experienced coordinator. The remaining two universities had to repost the position for hiring after not attracting a qualified candidate earlier this year. 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 four voting Tribal representatives and three university voting members. At the NAHC's July 16 meeting, 18 committee members were nominated, and the Chancellor has appointed each to their campus committee. In total, 29 committee members have been appointed to committees at 13 universities.

The NAHC will continue to take applications for nominations for committee members throughout the year until they are 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.



An upcoming required report to the legislature will detail the progress made by each campus in meeting this requirement. 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. The Chancellor's Office is working with universities to ensure any issues surrounding their inventory status is resolved in time to report the update to the legislature.

### *Fiscal Planning*

The CSU 2024-2025 operating budget request included \$4.25 million for NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA compliance. On August 5, as part of the annual budget allocation process, the Chancellor's Office allocated \$3.4 million to the 21 universities with collections. Each university was allocated between \$200,000 and \$115,000, with the universities with the largest collections receiving the larger amount. This is the first time the CSU has allocated funding to universities for their repatriation efforts. Universities may use funds to support repatriation-related costs, including, but not limited to hiring and training staff, supporting university committees, engaging in Tribal consultation, and fulfilling Tribal requests. \$550,000 was allocated to the Chancellor's Office to support the systemwide efforts that the auditor has recommended, and AB 389 requires. University allocations are listed below.

Bakersfield	\$175,000
Channel Islands	150,000
Chico	200,000
Dominguez Hills	175,000
East Bay	200,000
Fresno	150,000
Fullerton	200,000
Humboldt	150,000
Long Beach	200,000
Los Angeles	150,000
Maritime	-
Monterey Bay	150,000
Northridge	175,000
Pomona	150,000
Sacramento	200,000
San Bernardino	150,000
San Diego	200,000
San Francisco	200,000
San Jose	200,000
San Luis Obispo	150,000
San Marcos	-

Sonoma	200,000
Stanislaus	175,000
<b>University Total</b>	<b>\$3,700,000</b>

Chancellor's Office	550,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,250,000</b>

Additional funding will be requested in the 2025-2026 operating budget.

#### *Chancellor's Office Support*

In June, the Chancellor's Office announced that it will establish an Office of Tribal Relations (OTR). 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. The Chancellor's Office is in the process of hiring an executive director to lead the OTR. The position has been posted, a hiring committee has been established, and the goal is to have the office established before the end of the year.

During the 2024-2025 year, the Chancellor's Office will be implementing a collection management software program to assist campuses with managing their inventories. The pilot project for the collections management software will take place at Chico State this fall.

#### *University Progress*

Since July 2024, our universities have continued to make progress on hiring NAGPRA coordinators, focusing on Tribal consultations, surveying university collections, repatriating ancestors and cultural items to the respective Tribes, and planning to implement the collection management software program, among other activities. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Cal State Los Angeles hired the university's NAGPRA coordinator in August.
- San Francisco State held 13 consultation session with 10 Tribes; and was awarded a \$100,000 federal grant from the U.S. National Park Service to support its university's repatriation efforts.
- Sacramento State conducted consultations with seven Tribes, submitted a number of notices and repatriation statements to the U.S. Department of Interior's National NAGPRA Program office and physically transferred a collection to the Konkow Valley Band of Maidu for reburial.
- Cal State Fullerton committed more than \$200,000 to advance NAGPRA compliance and inventory efforts.

## **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**

The Legislature returned from summer recess on August 5 and quickly resumed committee hearings to finish the legislative year. Fiscal committees met during the first weeks of August, which was followed by floor session in the Assembly and Senate. August 31 was the final deadline for bills to advance to the Governor and marked the end of the two-year session. For those bills that advanced, the Governor has until September 30 to take action. Upon adjournment, the Legislature will remain in recess until November 30 when they adjourn *sine die*.

The Board of Trustees sponsored legislation on faculty and staff housing (AB 2005), PaCE flexibility (AB 2395), and in-state tuition for members of the military (AB 3290) have all passed the legislature and await action by the Governor.

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 September 10, 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 action by the Governor.

#### **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 action by the Governor.

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

While AB 3290 is not a formally sponsored bill, it includes the Board sponsored legislation that allows members of the military who are serving in the United States Armed Forces to receive in-state tuition if they are stationed in California for the express purposes of furthering their education. This bill is also used to provide clarifying and conforming changes to various provisions of the Education Code affecting higher education.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting action by the Governor.

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

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting action by the Governor.

**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 action by the Governor.

**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 (that includes prevailing wage) and require the Department of General Services to report on any community benefit goals.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose Unless Amended
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting action by the Governor.

**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 awaiting action by the Governor.

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

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to report 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 action by the Governor.

**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 action by the Governor.

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

This bill would establish the Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions (BSI) to recognize campuses of these segments that excel at providing academic resources to Black and African American students. The CSU is designated as the managing entity for BSI designations.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting action by the Governor.

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

This bill would require the commission to ensure that the associated curriculum framework and evaluation criteria committee includes representation from higher education faculty with relevant subject matter expertise, and would authorize the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates to nominate two faculty from California public institutions of higher education for consideration to serve on the relevant curriculum framework and evaluation criteria committee.

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

**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 action by the Governor.

**Assembly Bills**

**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 action by the Governor.

**AB 1205 (Bauer-Kahan) – CSU Students: 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, requires each campus to implement outreach techniques to promote the program to students, and requires annual reporting to the legislature on program participation. *Note: This was an end of session gut-and-amend that inserted the provisions of SB 1200 (Glazer) into AB 1205.*

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting action by the Governor.

**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 in a health center located on each campus and offer them free of charge.

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

**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 action by the Governor.

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

This bill requires a health facility or clinic to meet with the community college or California State University and work in good faith to meet the needs of the community college or California State University program.

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

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

This bill requires that the CSU and CCC mandate 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:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting action by the Governor.

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

This bill requires public postsecondary institutions to adopt a written policy prohibiting a supervisor or administrator from providing an official letter of recommendation if the employee is determined in a final administrative decision to have committed sexual harassment, resigns from their position during an investigation before a final decision is reached, or enters into a settlement before a final decision is reached.

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

**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 unless the nursing program is actively accredited.

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

**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 action by the Governor.

**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 awaiting action by the Governor.



**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 action by the Governor.

**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. Reasonable steps to stop hazing include instituting a comprehensive prevention and outreach program to inform students on the prohibition on hazing.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill 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 action by the Governor.

**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 awaiting action by the Governor.

**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 \$25,000 on a website available to the public on or before July 2026.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting action by the Governor.

**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 awaiting action by the Governor.

**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 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 awaiting action by the Governor.

**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 action by the Governor.

**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 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 awaiting action by the Governor.

**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 awaiting action by the Governor.

**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 awaiting action by the Governor.

**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 action by the Governor.

**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 action by the Governor.

**FAILED TO ADVANCE**

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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 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, 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

**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 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

**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

**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

**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 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

**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 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

**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 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

**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 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

**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 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

**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 2578 (Flora) – Nursing: Students in Out-of-State Nursing Programs**

This bill permits students who reside in California but are attending an institution out of California for a nursing degree, to be allowed to have clinical placements at California hospitals.

- **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 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

**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

**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 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:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 86, Statutes of 2024

#### **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
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 5, Statutes of 2024

#### **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:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 103, Statutes of 2024

#### **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:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 110, Statutes of 2024

#### **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:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 205, Statutes of 2024