

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3204-15/FGA
March 19-20, 2015

**INITIAL 2015 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POSITIONS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) adopt the positions on bills currently under consideration in the California Legislature as identified in the document titled **Academic Senate of the California State University, Positions on Proposed Bills in the California State Legislature – 2015**; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That these adopted positions guide ASCSU advocacy activities during the 2015 legislative calendar; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That if a change in the ASCSU position on a bill is warranted and, due to time or other constraints, consultation with the Academic Senate is not possible, the ASCSU Executive Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Senate, in accordance with resolution AS-3148-13/FGA (Rev) (<http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/Records/Resolutions/2013-2014/documents/3148.pdf>) and the ASCSU Bylaws, while exercising due diligence to keep the Academic Senate informed of such actions; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution and document to the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Office of the Chancellor, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, CSU Emeritus & Retired Faculty Association (ERFA), California Faculty Association (CFA), Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges, Academic Senate of the University of California, California State Student Association (CSSA), and California Governor Brown.

***RATIONALE:** This resolution is part of the 2015 ASCSU Legislative Advocacy strategy developed by the Senate in accordance with its advocacy guidelines adopted in Fall 2013. Its purpose is to assist the Academic Senate and its members to be effective and to respond quickly to proposed legislation during the key March-May period of the legislative calendar. During this period, bills are heard in committee in their House of origin, and efforts to shape and influence the bills are likely to be most effective at this time.*

Under the California state legislative calendar, proposed legislation is not introduced until late February. It has been the practice of ASCSU to establish its position on legislation by means of resolutions addressing individual bills, which limits the number of bills to which the Academic Senate can respond meaningfully. In addition, Senate legislative positions have not been established until the May plenary due to our practice of first and second readings. By that time, important discussion on the bills in the legislative committees has already

occurred. This resolution establishes official ASCSU positions on a wide range of bills early in the legislative process in order to enable the Academic Senate to participate more effectively in bill development.

Approved Unanimously – March 20, 2015

**Academic Senate California State University
Initial Positions on Legislative Bills – March 20, 2015**

Priority Bills

- SB 8 (Hertzberg – D) Taxation.
Position: Support
- SB 114 (Liu-D) Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016.
Position: Support
- AB 1433 (Gray-D) Recombitment to Higher Education Bond Act of 2016.
Position: Support

Senate Bills

- SB 15 (Block-D) Postsecondary Education, Financial Aid.
Position: No Position/Watch
- SB 42 (Liu-D) California Commission on Higher Education Performance and
Accountability.
Position: No Position/Watch
- SB 69 (Leno-D) Budget Act of 2015.
Position: No Position/Watch
- SB 247 (Lara-D) Dream Centers.
Position: Support
- SB 418 (Morrell-R) Attendance and Military Service.
Position: Support
- SCA 1 (Lara-D) University of California.
Position: No Position/Watch

Assembly Bills

- AB 5 (Nazarian-D) Foster Youth: Transition from High School to Postsecondary Education.
Position: Support in Concept
- AB 6 (Wilk-R) Reallocation of High-Speed Rail Funds.
Position: No Position/Watch
- AB 13 (Chavez-R) GI Bill Exemptions from Nonresident Tuition.
Position: Support
- AB 25 (Gipson-D) Financial aid: Cal Grant program: renewal.
Position: Support in Concept
- AB 27 (Chavez-R) Exemption from nonresident tuition.
Position: Support
- AB 38 (Eggman-D) Act relating to California State University: Stockton Campus.
Position: No Position/Watch

AB 42 (Kim-R)	Mandatory Student Fees. <i>Position: Oppose</i>
AB 103 (Weber-D)	Budget Act of 2015. <i>Position: No Position/Watch</i>
AB 147 (Dababneh-D)	Adoption of Research Animals. <i>Position: Support in Concept</i>
AB 176 (Bonta-D)	Data Collection. <i>Position: No Position/Watch</i>
AB 206 (Stone-D, Medina-D)	Student Financial Aid: California DREAM Work-Study Program. <i>Position: Support</i>
AB 340 (Weber-D)	Postsecondary education: campus climate: report. <i>Position: No Position/Watch</i>
AB 456 (Patterson-R)	Electronic Texts. <i>Position: No Position/Watch</i>
AB 716 (Low-D)	California State University, Special Sessions. <i>Position: Support</i>
AB 798 (Bonilla-D)	Open Course Materials. <i>Position: No Position/Watch</i>
AB 801 (Bloom-D)	Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act. <i>Position: Support</i>
AB 949 (Gonzalez-D)	Non-Resident Tuition. <i>Position: No Position/Watch</i>
AB 967 (Williams-D)	Sexual Assault. <i>Position: Support</i>
AB 1000 (Weber-D)	Student Success Fees. <i>Position: Support</i>
AB 1317 (Salas-D)	Executive Officer Compensation. <i>Position: Oppose</i>
AB 1349 (Weber-D)	California First Act. <i>Position: No Position/Watch</i>
AB 1361 (Burke-D)	Cal Grant Program; Veterans. <i>Position: Support</i>
AB 1370 (Medina)	Student Residency Requirements. <i>Position: No Position/Watch</i>