

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2017**
 Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

J. Lawrence Norton, Chair
Maggie K. White, Vice Chair
Silas H. Abrego
Lillian Kimbell
Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana
Lateefah Simon
Steven G. Stepanek

Consent Item

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of January 31, 2017

Discussion Item

1. Legislative Update, *Information*

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

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

January 31, 2017

Members Present

J. Lawrence Norton, Chair
Maggie K. White, Vice Chair
Silas H. Abrego
Rebecca D. Eisen, Chair of the Board
Steven G. Stepanek
Timothy P. White, Chancellor

Trustee Norton called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 15, 2016, were approved as submitted.

Statement of State Legislative Principles for 2017-2018

The committee approved the proposed resolution (RGR 02-17-01) on consent adopting the Statement of Legislative Principles for 2017-2018.

Sponsored State Legislative Program for 2017

Mr. Garrett Ashley, vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, and Ms. Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, director of state relations, presented this item.

Mr. Ashley reported that there are 20 new members of the Assembly and 9 new members in the Senate. The Democrats captured two-thirds of seats in both chambers, giving them significant control over policy and budgetary items.

Ms. Muñoz-Murillo presented the two proposals for consideration for 2017:

CSU Doctor of Nursing Practice Authority: This proposal gives CSU permanent authority to offer the doctor of nursing practice degree. The pilot program is set to expire on July 1, 2018.

CSU Omnibus Proposal: This proposal would bundle together two separate administrative items related to international bank accounts and CSU regulatory authority.

Per California Government Code, state funds may be deposited in a bank, provided they are backed with collateral equal to 110 percent of the amount deposited. A state entity does not need to collateralize their deposit if the bank offers FDIC insurance or an equivalent. The impetus for this proposal is the fact that the CSU is unable to deposit operational funds in local accounts in certain foreign countries in which there is no FDIC insurance or an equivalent. The relatively minor amount of money in these accounts will generally cover operational activities such as stipends for local coordinator positions, transportation costs, material fees and museum tickets.

Extensive efforts have been undertaken to find bank accounts that could offer FDIC insurance; however, no accounts could be identified that would satisfy statutory requirements. The CSU was unable to find a solution within the existing government code and was advised by the State Treasurer's Office that the best course of action would be to change the code, paralleling the authority provided to the University of California. This proposal would extend the government code language that exempts the UC from these requirements to include the CSU.

Since 1996, the CSU has statutory authority to adopt, amend or repeal its own regulations instead of being required to follow the Administrative Procedures Act. This authority has been extended four times with the most recent extension set to expire on January 1, 2018. This proposal would permanently extend this authority to the CSU.

The committee recommended approval by the board of the proposed resolution (RGR 02-17-02) adopting the Sponsored State Legislative Program for 2017.

Federal Agenda for 2017

Mr. Ashley and Mr. Jim Gelb, assistant vice chancellor for federal relations, presented this item.

Mr. Ashley reported that the CSU has been a leading proponent of restoring the year-round Pell program, a central theme of the CSU's Washington, D.C. Hill Day in April.

Mr. Gelb presented an update on the current political climate and recommendations for the 2017 Federal Agenda:

- Improve college access and completion through aid to students
- Prepare students for college
- Foster degree completion for California's diverse population
- Educate students for tomorrow's workforce
- Solve societal problems through applied research
- Enhance campus infrastructure, health and safety

One key area for the CSU this year is the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The CSU is active in advocating for continuing the program, and specific language supporting DREAM Act students was added to the section in the federal agenda on fostering degree completion for California's diverse population.

The committee recommended approval by the board of the proposed resolution (RGR 02-17-03) adopting the Federal Agenda for 2017.

Trustee Norton adjourned the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Legislative Update

Presentation By

Garrett P. Ashley
Vice Chancellor
University Relations and Advancement

Kathleen Chavira
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The Legislative bill introduction deadline was February 17. In total, 2,516 measures were introduced and the Advocacy and State Relations staff has identified nearly 600 for further review or monitoring. The ASR staff is working diligently with colleagues in the Chancellor's Office to determine the potential impact of these bills on the CSU and its students, faculty and staff. This presentation will review Board of Trustees sponsored legislation and highlight bills of interest to the CSU community.

Board of Trustees Sponsored Legislation

AB 422 (Arambula) – CSU Authority: Doctor of Nursing Practice Degrees

This bill authorizes the CSU to permanently offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard on March 14 in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 819 (Medina) – CSU Regulatory Authority

This bill permanently grants the CSU system the authority to draft its own regulations. Since 1996, the CSU has been granted statutory authority to adopt, amend or repeal its own regulations instead of being required to follow the Administrative Procedures Act, which governs the regulatory process for state agencies (Education Code § 89030.1). The CSU's authority has been extended four times with the most recent extension set to expire on January 1, 2018.

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Senate Banking and Finance Omnibus Bill: CSU Foreign Bank Accounts

This bill provides a modification to the California Government Code that allows the CSU to deposit operational funds for study abroad programs in local accounts in certain foreign countries in which there is no FDIC insurance or an equivalent.

Status: The Committee plans to introduce the bill by the end of March. As a committee bill, it is not subject to the same legislative deadlines as other measures.

Legislative Trend: Master Plan Exceptions

SB 577 (Dodd) – Community College Districts: Teacher Credentialing Programs of Professional Preparation

This bill expands professional preparation for teacher credentialing programs to include professional preparation programs offered at campuses of California Community Colleges.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill has been referred to the Senate Education Committee.

SB 769 (Hill) – CCC Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

This bill removes the sunset for the California Community College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program; expands the number of pilot projects from 15 to 30; and modifies the duplication restriction to allow participating community colleges to offer bachelor's degrees similar to the CSU and UC if those programs are located over 100 miles away.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill is awaiting referral to a policy committee.

AB 80 (Arambula) – CSU Authority: Doctoral Program: Agricultural Education

This bill authorizes Fresno State to award an education doctorate in agricultural education.

CSU Position: Neutral

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard on March 14 in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 207 (Arambula) – CSU Authority: Doctor of Medicine Degrees

This bill authorizes Fresno State to award doctor of medicine degrees.

CSU Position: Neutral

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 209 (Mathis) – CSU Authority: Agricultural Education: Professional Doctorate Degrees

This bill authorizes the CSU to offer professional doctorate degrees in agricultural education.

CSU Position: Neutral

Status: The author has decided to make this bill a two-year effort.

AB 405 (Irwin) – CCC Baccalaureate Degree Cybersecurity Pilot Program

This bill authorizes the California Community Colleges to establish a baccalaureate degree cybersecurity pilot program at no more than 10 campuses. The bill includes a requirement that these colleges consult with the CSU and UC.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Legislative Trend: Affordability/Financial Aid

SB 68 (Lara) – Exemption from Non-resident Tuition

This bill enables two years at a California Community College to count towards AB 540 eligibility. The bill also allows the completion of an associate's degree or satisfaction of the minimum requirements to transfer to the UC or CSU to qualify for in-state tuition or financial aid.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard on March 22 in the Senate Education Committee.

AB 17 (Holden) – Transit Pass Program: Free or Reduced-Fare Transit Passes

This bill requires the Controller to allocate money to the Department of Transportation to provide free or reduced transit passes to specified students.

CSU Position: Support

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee.

AB 393 (Quirk-Silva) – CSU Tuition

This bill, sponsored by the California Faculty Association, freezes tuition and fees at the CSU and CCC until the completion of the 2019-2020 academic year. The bill requests the same of the UC.

CSU Position: Oppose

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard on March 14 in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 766 (Friedman) – Foster Youth

This bill allows foster youth or former foster youth to use existing dollars (i.e., Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care AFDC-FC Program) to be used for a minor dependent living in a university dorm or other university designated housing.

CSU Position: Support

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard on March 21 in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

AB 990 (Rodriguez) – CSU, UC Estimates of Off-campus Housing Costs

This bill requires each CSU and UC campus to post on its website the current cost of a one-bedroom apartment in the surrounding campus area.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1178 (Calderon) – Postsecondary Education: Student Loans

This bill requires each higher education institution to annually send a letter to students who take out loans regarding specified information on debt.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill is awaiting referral to a policy committee.

Other Bills of Interest

SB 1 (Beall) – Transportation Funding

This bill addresses road infrastructure and funding throughout the state. It includes a provision to direct \$2 million annually from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account to the CSU for transportation research and transportation-related workforce education, training and development.

CSU Position: Support

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard on March 8 in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

SB 244 (Lara): Privacy: Agencies: Personal Information

This bill restricts the manner in which any state entity, including the CSU, can utilize and keep personal information from an applicant for public services or programs.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

SB 318 (Portantino) – CSU: Personal Service Contracts

This bill mandates that the CSU must follow the State Civil Service Act for the purposes of contracting out. The CSU has historically been exempted from the Civil Service Act and addresses the issue of contracting out through collective bargaining.

CSU Position: Oppose

Status: This bill has been referred to the Senate Education Committee.

SB 319 (Nguyen) – Public Postsecondary Education: Remedial Coursework

This bill requires California Community Colleges and the CSU to provide entrance counseling and assessment or other suitable means to fully inform an incoming student of any remedial coursework they will be required to register for and complete, prior to registration, and the reasons for the requirement.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard on March 22 in the Senate Education Committee.

SB 331 (Jackson) – Domestic Violence Counselor-Victim Privileges

This bill expands the list of employees who enjoy privilege to include a domestic violence counselor who works for a public or private institution of higher education.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard on March 21 in the Senate Public Safety Committee.

SB 483 (Glazer) – Education Finance: Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018

This bill enacts the Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018, which, upon approval by voters, would authorize the issue of \$2 billion for CSU and UC education facilities.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill has been referred to the Senate Education Committee and the Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

SB 803 (Glazer) – The California Promise

This bill prohibits systemwide tuition fees being increased on a student who participates in a California Promise program.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill is awaiting referral to a policy committee.

AB 1 (Frazier) – Transportation Funding

This bill addresses road infrastructure and funding throughout the state. It includes a provision to direct \$2 million annually from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account to the CSU for transportation research and transportation-related workforce education, training and development.

CSU Position: Support

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Transportation Committee and the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

AB 10 (Garcia) – Feminine Hygiene Product Availability

This bill requires K-12 and higher education segments to supply feminine hygiene products to all female students in school bathrooms.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard on March 15 in the Assembly Education Committee.

AB 21 (Kalra) – Public Postsecondary Education: Access to Education for Every Student

This bill, sponsored by the California Faculty Association, requires the CSU and requests the UC to provide healthcare stipends for all students who are not eligible for Medicaid and unable to afford health insurance provided by the campus, provide housing or a stipend to students between academic terms who face a significant risk of being unable to return to the campus, and provide access to legal services without cost to students who may be impacted by federal agencies. If Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is reversed, this bill specifies that these students continue to receive financial aid, funding for research and that office space and designated staff be available to assist former DACA students. The bill requires the CSU and requests the UC to refrain from releasing the immigration status of students. The bill prohibits ICE officers from entering campus unless they provide written documentation 10 days prior to the proposed entry to campus.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard on March 28 in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 52 (Cooper) – Public Employees: Orientation

This bill requires public employers to allow unions to provide a presentation during an employee's orientation.

CSU Position: Oppose

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee.

AB 394 (Medina) – CSU: Assessment and Course Placement of Admitted Students

This bill requires the Trustees, as a condition of receipt of state funding for the Graduation Initiative 2025, to approve, by August 1, 2018, a pilot program where a minimum of 10 campuses use multiple measures for the assessment and course placement of admitted students.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 848 (McCarty) – Public Contracts: University of California: California State University: Domestic Workers

This bill restricts the CSU and UC from entering into contracts with contractors who use workers outside of the United States.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee and the Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee.

AB 856 (Levine) – Public Postsecondary Education: Hiring Policy: Geographic and Socioeconomic Diversity

This bill requires the CSU to interview at least one candidate from a geographic area or socioeconomic sector that is currently underrepresented at the segment or campus for a high-profile administrative position when such a position is available.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill has been referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 1231 (Weber) – CSU: Support Staff Employees: Merit Salary Adjustments

This bill mandates that a support staff employee of the CSU shall receive a merit salary intermediate step adjustment of an unspecified amount each year that they receive a satisfactory performance evaluation.

CSU Position: Oppose

Status: This bill is awaiting referral to a policy committee.

AB 1435 (Gonzalez Fletcher) – Student Athletes: The Athlete Protection Act

This bill creates the Athletic Protection Commission, a nine-member body appointed by the Assembly, Senate and the Governor with the goal of protecting student athletes. The commission would regulate athletic programs at all institutions of higher education in California using fees collected from the athletic conferences in which the institutions belong. The commission would have the ability to enact regulations and penalties that could include civil liability, temporary or permanent employment in higher education, or other penalties imposed by the commission.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill is awaiting referral to a policy committee.

AB 1464 (Weber) – CSU: Tenure Track Positions

This bill requires the CSU to increase the number of tenured faculty to 75 percent by mandating the system hire between 700 to 915 tenure tracked faculty positions each year over the next eight years, without displacing any lecturers in the process.

CSU Position: Oppose

Status: This bill is awaiting referral to a policy committee.

AB 1622 (Low) – Student Support Services: Dream Resource Liaisons

This bill requires the CCC and CSU and requests the UC to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of their respective campuses.

CSU Position: Watch

Status: This bill is awaiting referral to a policy committee.