

## AGENDA

### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**Meeting:** 1:40 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2025  
Glenn S. Dumke Conference Center

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

- Consent** 1. Approval of Minutes, *Action*  
2. Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance, *Information*
- Discussion** 3. State Legislative and Budget Advocacy Update, *Information*

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

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

**January 29, 2025**

**Members Present**

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

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

Trustee Rodriguez chaired and called the meeting to order.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the November 21, 2024 meeting of the Committee on Governmental Relations were approved as submitted.

**Item 2 – Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance**

Trustee Rodriguez gave a warm welcome to Samantha Cypret, the new executive director for tribal relations.

Executive Director Cypret provided an update on the Office of Tribal Relations, the state audit and AB389. She expressed her gratitude to Nathan Dietrich, Maryann Reyes, and CalNAGPRA Project Manager, Adriane Tafoya, who has been overseeing the systemwide policy development and all other systemwide NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA compliance. There are also three contractors

retained to support the office: the Honorable Christine Williams from the Yurok Tribe assists with the development and implementation of campus coordinator trainings and forms; Judge Terrie Robinson provides legal guidance for the systemwide policy and related procedures; and Chico State's Director of Tribal Relations Rachel McBride-Praetorius provides practical guidance for campus coordinators and assists with policy development.

The CSU has made significant progress on implementing the remainder of the state audit and AB389 compliance. As of November, each campus has hired a full-time, experienced NAGPRA coordinator. The next audit report will be due in June 2025.

In the fall, an initial working draft for the systemwide policy was circulated to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) and California Indian Tribes for input and comment. The Chancellor's Office held six outreach sessions and completed government-to-government consultations with any Tribal Nation who made a request. All feedback received was reviewed and integrated as much as possible into version two of the draft policy, which was presented at the NAHC meeting on January 17. Physical and digital copies have been sent to all California Indian Tribes and the draft is available on the Chancellor's Office website with a comment form.

Executive Director Cypret shared the upcoming systemwide policy development and outreach schedule. There will be six review sessions in total; four in-person where they will visit Tribal lands in Northern, Central, Southern and Eastern California, and two virtual sessions, including one Saturday session. A new draft will be released in May, with an additional opportunity for comment and review prior to a final round of amendments before policy implementation in July 2025.

All 23 campuses are working to fill their seven-person NAGPRA committees. The CSU has worked in cooperation with the NAHC to prioritize campus committees in 2024 and will now prioritize creating the systemwide committee.

The CSU has made substantial progress on the campus inventories. The 2023 state audit found that only 11 CSU campuses had completed a review of their NAGPRA collections by the end of 2023. In 2024, 18 campuses reported completing their reviews, three campuses reviews remain ongoing and should be completed soon, and two campuses—Maritime and San Marcos—continue to report that they do not have any NAGPRA collections. In 2023, the California State Auditor reported 5,804 ancestral remains and 692,400 cultural items across 21 CSU campuses. As of November 2024, the campuses have identified 2,245 Native American ancestral remains and over 1.9 million cultural items. While the ultimate goal is full repatriation, this increase is positive as it shows that the campus searches are working and yielding results.

Five CSU campuses (Chico, Los Angeles, Sonoma, Sacramento and San Francisco) have made significant progress in repatriating both ancestor remains and cultural items. Chico State has facilitated the repatriation and reburial of 2,567 ancestral remains and more than 97,000 cultural items belonging to a Tribal consortium that includes six Tribes. This represents approximately 94% of the ancestral remains and 86% of the cultural items. The scope of this project has taken Chico State more than five years.

Rafik Mohamed, provost and vice president, academic affairs at Cal State San Bernardino, highlighted recent systemwide and university outreach. During the 57<sup>th</sup> annual California Native American Day at the State Capitol in September, the Chancellor publicly apologized for the system's past inaction and made a strong commitment to meaningful partnerships moving forward. Several campuses participated in the event.

In November, individual campuses celebrated Native American Heritage Month through a variety of events and programs, demonstrating their commitment to honoring Native American cultures and histories. These celebrations reflect the system's dedication to fostering deeper connections with Native communities and creating more inclusive spaces across all campuses.

Vice Chancellor Saks thanked Nathan Dietrich and Maryann Reyes for all the work they did on NAGPRA compliance and welcomed Samantha Cypret to the CSU. Trustee Rodriguez expressed her gratitude to the presidents for their authentic and intentional work with the Tribes. Trustee Yee-Melichar asked how the CSU will address the remaining NAGPRA committee vacancies. Executive Director Cypret shared that outreach is key and her office is ready to support the campuses with any questions on Tribal outreach. Trustee Adamson asked about the two speakers during public comment regarding the CSU's interpretation of the NAGPRA policy. Vice Chancellor Saks shared that staff will reach out to them. Trustee Fong asked for clarification on the one million cultural items, including how these items are counted. Executive Director Cypret replied that they will be streamlining the inventories for more consistency in reporting with the implementation of a systemwide collections software. Chancellor García thanked the presidents for their campus inventory searches and welcomed Executive Director Cypret. Chair Clarke expressed that although the item is called "Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance," this is a moral issue and let Executive Director Cypret know she has the full backing of the board. Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis acknowledged the significant progress that has been made since the State Auditor's report.

### **Item 3 – Statement on State Legislative Principles for 2025 and 2026**

Trustee Rodriguez expressed her concerns about the cuts that have already been made at the campuses. The possibility of an 8% cut with a compact deferral will be catastrophic to the system, its stakeholders and the economy. She hopes that legislators are listening and understand the impact this will have on the entire state. The Chancellor and the Board of Trustees are fully committed to advocacy, and she thanked the presidents for their engagement with local legislators. She thanked the Alumni Council for mobilizing CSU alumni with a district advocacy plan.

Greg Saks, vice chancellor, external relations and communications, shared that every two years, the Board approves a set of legislative principles that help guide decision making during the legislative session. These principles, in addition to the annual review of bills with the chair and vice chair, provide the framework for work with legislative partners. Considering that in December the legislature swore in 37 new members, a significant amount of time from the ASR team has also been spent engaging new members.

Nathan Dietrich, vice chancellor, advocacy and state relations, presented the proposed State Legislative Principles for the upcoming two-year legislative session. Legislative Principles 1, 2 and 3 reinforce the role of the trustees for internal governance, collective bargaining and the budget process. Principles 4, 5 and 6 reiterate the focus on issues that directly and uniquely affect the CSU and ensure that the CSU is represented on any governmental body that impacts the system. Principle 7 addresses the process for adoption of positions on legislative matters.

Legislative proposals were solicited from campuses in the fall; however, none of the proposals were ready for consideration this year. Instead of having a board-sponsored bill, the CSU will be prioritizing its full engagement on the budget and other issues of consequence. On federal issues related to Title IX, DEI, research funding and undocumented students, the CSU will be working with the governor and state legislature to protect its students, programs and values.

Other areas of focus for the legislature may include the creation of a statewide coordinating body; the state's workforce needs, including health care, teacher preparation and artificial intelligence; and capital infrastructure. Assemblyman David Alvarez introduced AB 48 that would place a higher education bond on 2026 ballot and specifics are to be determined. The deadline to introduce bills is February 21, and a comprehensive update will be provided at the March Board of Trustees meeting.

Vice Chancellor Dietrich also provided a preview of advocacy efforts:

- Implementation has begun on an advocacy plan that integrates communications efforts with advocacy efforts in Sacramento and Washington.
- Chancellor García had a number of meetings with legislators over the fall and winter, including meetings with the Latino Caucus, Speaker Rivas, and Governor's Office leaders. She also spent time earlier this month meeting with new and veteran legislators in Sacramento.
- Trustees met with the Governor's Office and Department of Finance leaders in November regarding the state budget.
- Chancellor García will be testifying on the CSU budget request in front of the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees in the coming weeks.
- CSU Advocacy Day will be March 19 in Sacramento, with an alumni event the evening before.
- Trustee Advocacy Day will be April 29 in Sacramento, which will give trustees that chance to meet with legislators before the May Revision is released.

Trustee Gilbert-Lurie asked if there could be an overriding principle of "First do no harm," or "Support the fundamental needs of the university." She asked about the possibility of combining CSU Advocacy Day with Trustee Advocacy Day. Chancellor García and Vice Chancellor Saks shared that they find it is more effective to have multiple groups go to Sacramento at different times to be a consistent reminder to the legislators.

The action item was approved by roll call vote with 11 in favor (Trustees Rodriguez, Brar, Faigin, Guajardo, Kimbell, Lopez, Molina Mancio, Vargas and Yee-Melichar, Chair Clarke and Chancellor García), zero opposed and one abstention (Trustee Gilbert-Lurie) (RGR 01-25-01).

#### **Item 4 – Federal Agenda for 2025 and 2026**

Vice Chancellor Saks shared that every two years with the start of a new Congress, the CSU develops a set of federal priorities to serve as a guide for the Office of Federal Relations (OFR). These priorities help decision-makers and CSU supporters in Washington understand what matters most to the CSU. As part of this process, the Chancellor makes a call to the CSU community asking for suggestions that can be incorporated into the federal agenda. Because OFR historically received only a few suggestions, a working group of government relations and research professionals representing ten universities and the Chancellor's Office developed a new structure that would more actively solicit recommendations. As a result, OFR received over 41 suggestions from 11 universities that were considered and largely incorporated into this year's federal priorities. He welcomed and introduced Jeff Cullen, assistant vice chancellor for federal relations, to provide an update on the political landscape and outline recommendations for the 2025-2026 Federal Agenda.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Cullen shared that the new power dynamics in Washington give the Republican party unified control of the executive and legislative branches. Congressional leaders have vowed to cut federal spending; however, with the margins in the House and Senate already narrow, threats of sweeping cuts may be moderated by political realities.

Since taking office, President Trump has signed 37 Executive Orders with eight focused on immigration enforcement and five aimed at eliminating federal DEI programs. Additionally, the Trump Administration has vowed to take decisive actions on tariffs, impoundments and sweeping changes to the federal workforce.

The current administration will also have to work through the legal process of negotiated rulemaking to make any changes to executive interpretations, such as Title IX. The Federal judiciary could potentially hear several cases with an impact on higher education involving transgender rights, Dreamers, the First Amendment on college campuses and other topics. The Chancellor and the attorneys in the Office of the General Counsel will represent the CSU and its positions in any legal matters and the Office of Federal Relations will support and magnify the efforts with federal and non-federal stakeholders throughout Washington.

The draft systemwide federal priorities for 2025–2026 state the values and advocate for the mission of the CSU. These goals build on and expand advocacy around Title IV funding, including Pell Grants and other financial assistance programs for CSU students, such as Federal Work-Study and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant. The CSU will continue to advocate for robust funding for pipeline programs, such as GEAR UP and TRIO.

The CSU is a catalyst for California's diverse population and federal capacity funding for Minority Serving Institutions, and specifically Hispanic Serving Institutions and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander–Serving Institution designated campuses, are vital to help shorten time to completion and close lingering equity gaps.

It is important to ensure CSU graduates are well-rounded educated individuals with hands-on experiences in research in STEM, arts and humanities and that global diversity adds richness to the campus communities. These draft priorities underscore the needs for federal programs that enhance campus safety, health and wellness to assist campuses with addressing sexual violence and other threats to campus wellbeing.

Trustee Vargas asked about the CSU's presence in Washington. Assistant Vice Chancellor Cullen noted that the CSU is the largest and most consequential system in the country, and he looks forward to elevating the leadership of Chancellor García and the presidents. He also stressed the importance of local politics—meeting members in their districts and having them visit the campuses. Chancellor García encouraged the presidents to visit the media when they are in DC to share the powerful CSU stories. Trustee Faigin asked what the budget is for the Federal Relations Office and why the CSU needs an office in DC. Vice Chancellor Saks discussed the importance of organizing the office to focus on both governmental affairs and building a network of advocates. He emphasized the need to engage with associations, media and the nonprofit sector. The goal is to ensure the CSU can secure necessary funds, protect existing resources and expand its influence nationally. Vice Chancellor Saks expressed confidence in Assistant Vice Chancellor Cullen's role and vision. Assistant Vice Chancellor Cullen views the Office of Federal Relations as an association for 23 campuses, focusing on how federal developments affect the CSU system. His office works with campus partners to communicate these impacts and provide actionable information. He emphasized the importance of coordination and clear communication to ensure all campuses and partners are aligned, especially with the new administration's numerous policies and priorities. Chair Clarke welcomed and expressed his appreciation for Assistant Vice Chancellor Cullen.

The action item was approved by roll call vote with 11 in favor (Trustees Rodriguez, Faigin, Gilbert-Lurie, Guajardo, Kimbell, Lopez, Molina Mancio, Vargas and Yee-Melichar, Chair Clarke and Chancellor García), zero opposed and zero abstentions (RGR 01-25-02).

Trustee Rodriguez adjourned the meeting of the Committee on Governmental Relations.

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**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

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**Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance**

**Presentation By**

Greg Saks  
Vice Chancellor  
External Relations and Communications

Samantha Cypret  
Executive Director  
Office of Tribal 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 or control.

**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, 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. In December 2024, the Chancellor's Office reported to the State Auditor that Recommendation #5, concerning each university having a full-time and experienced coordinator, has been fulfilled. The Chancellor's Office is currently working with State Auditor staff to mark Recommendation #8, concerning campus financing, as implemented. The next report to the State Auditor is due in June 2025.

*Systemwide Policy Development and Listening Sessions*

AB 389 requires, and the 2023 state audit recommends, that the Chancellor's Office adopt a systemwide policy to better implement the state and federal NAGPRA laws that includes conducting meaningful consultation and timely repatriation. AB 389 requires that this policy must be done in consultation with Tribes and the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). A formal 90-day consultation period for Tribes to offer feedback on the working draft policy concluded on November 30. During that period several one-on-one Tribal consultation meetings took place, as well as virtual consultations. Open forum discussion sessions were held with Tribes in the San Diego, Lemoore and Chico areas. More than 35 Tribes provided feedback, either verbal or written, during this formal consultation period. Following the conclusion of the consultation period on November 30, 2024, feedback was reviewed and incorporated into the draft systemwide policy.

The draft systemwide policy was shared at the NAHC meeting on January 17, 2025. Following the meeting, the draft policy was sent digitally to all contacts on the NAHC CalNAGPRA contact list. A physical copy was also sent to all Tribes on the NAHC Contact List. The policy is also available on the [department website](#), along with a feedback form. Any interested party is welcome to offer feedback. Any California Indian Tribe may also request one-on-one Tribal consultation.

The Chancellor's Office held its first in-person Tribal outreach session on February 12, 2025, in Eastern California at the Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribe in Lone Pine, California. The first virtual session was held on March 3, 2025. This was followed by the Northern California outreach session hosted by the Yurok Tribe in Eureka, California on March 6, 2025. Later this month, the Chancellor's Office will hold outreach sessions in Southern and Central California before the final virtual session on Saturday, March 22, 2025.

The remaining schedule, with additional descriptions, for the systemwide policy development process is below:

Through March 31, 2025	Draft Systemwide NAGPRA Policy released for review by all stakeholders including Tribes, NAHC, CSU faculty and staff, and the public; six Tribal outreach sessions offered; feedback form available on the <a href="#">NAGPRA website</a>
April 2025	Review and incorporate stakeholder feedback to develop the final draft of the Systemwide NAGPRA Policy
May – June 2025	Final draft of the Systemwide NAGPRA Policy stakeholder review period. Additional feedback received will be incorporated.
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. The state audit also recommended that universities employ full-time coordinators. As previously reported, at the conclusion of 2024, all 21 of the universities required to have a full-time experienced coordinator have hired one. Across the CSU, the Chancellor's Office staff and university leaders continue to work with all coordinators as they conduct campus inventories and consult with Tribes to advance repatriation efforts. The Chancellor's Office hosted a training session in February for all Campus Coordinators (more information below).

#### *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 voting university members.

At the NAHC's January 2025 meeting, six committee members were nominated, and the Chancellor has appointed each to their campus committee. As of February 2025, 54 committee members have now been appointed to committees at 19 universities. Chico State has a full committee, and quorums exist at San Diego State, San Francisco State, Sacramento State and Sonoma State.

One hundred additional committee members are still needed across the system. In December, the Office of Tribal Relations sent a letter to all Tribes in California encouraging additional committee applicants. All campus presidents and presidential designees have also been asked to encourage qualified campuses representative to apply for vacant positions. The Chancellor's Office has also included committee outreach during the systemwide policy Tribal outreach sessions. The NAHC will continue to take applications for nominations for committee members until all positions are filled.

#### *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 for the purpose of teaching, research or display. On March 18, 2024, Chancellor García issued a memorandum directing university presidents to abide by the state and federal regulations and to ensure ancestral remains or cultural items that are in a university's collection are not used in teaching, research or are on display. The draft systemwide policy includes this prohibition and federal Duty of Care requirements.

#### *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. In 2023 and 2024, each university received instructions from the Chancellor's Office to conduct thorough campus-wide searches for items. As mandated by AB 389, the Legislative Report was submitted that outlined the progress each campus has made with the review of their inventories. The 2023 state audit reported that CSU universities had 5,804 ancestral remains and 692,400 cultural items in their collections. The recently completed 2024 report to the legislature showed that CSU universities had 2,245 ancestral remains and nearly two million cultural items in their collections.

To enhance transparency and to support the connectivity between the Tribes and the system, the Chancellor's Office has developed an interactive map that shows which campuses house collections from specific California counties. The map allows the user to search either by campus or by county. The map is now live and available on the [NAGPRA website](#).

#### *Fiscal Planning*

The CSU 2024-2025 operating budget request included \$4.25 million for NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA compliance and the Chancellor's Office has allocated the full amount. This was the first time that the CSU has allocated funding to universities for their repatriation efforts. Many campuses have used additional campus 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. Of the \$4.25 million allocated, \$550,000 was allocated to the Chancellor's Office to support the systemwide efforts that the auditor has recommended and AB 389 requires.

The Board of Trustees' adopted 2025-2026 operating budget request includes an additional \$4.5 million for NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA compliance.

In November, each university shared NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA budget projections for 2025-2026 with the Chancellor's Office. Per AB 389, a report on each campus's fiscal needs was shared with the legislature on January 27, 2025.

#### *Chancellor's Office Support*

On February 18, 2025, the Chancellor's Office held a Campus Coordinator training session. Thirty-three coordinators and staff attended the all-day training. The training was led by the Hon. Christine Williams (Yurok Tribe) and Wilton Rancheria NAGPRA Manager, Cassie Dowdle (Tule River Indian Tribe). Judge Williams covered the legal requirements under NAGPRA and best practices. Ms. Dowdle offered practical guidance and shared a Tribal perspective. At the conclusion of the training, additional topics were identified and discussed. That information will be used to plan additional training sessions in the coming months.

During February and March, the Chancellor's Office has also held one-on-one meetings with each campus to review their most recent Repatriation Plan. Executive Director Cypret has also begun campus visits to meet with Presidential Designees and Campus Coordinators.

Progress continues to be made implementing a systemwide software system for a collections management database for the use of all campuses to manage, track and report their NAGPRA collection inventories and activities. Chico State is currently serving as the pilot campus for the software system. Additional campuses will be added following successful implementation at the pilot campus.

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## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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### State Legislative and Budget Advocacy Update

#### Presentation By

Greg Saks  
Vice Chancellor  
External Relations and Communications

Nathan Dietrich  
Assistant Vice Chancellor  
Advocacy and State Relations

#### Summary

The State Senate and Assembly's legislative bill introduction deadline was February 21. In total, 2,364 measures were introduced this year, and the Advocacy and State Relations staff has identified more than 500 bills for further review or monitoring. Last week, policy committee hearings commenced and will continue through late April. This presentation highlights bills of interest to the CSU community.

This report is organized as follows:

- Active bills
  - Senate Bills
  - Assembly Bills

All bill summaries and positions are accurate as of March 5, 2025.

The Committee on Governmental Relations will also receive an update on state budget and legislative advocacy.

## ACTIVE BILLS

### Senate Bills

#### **SB 60 (Seyarto) – Waiver of Tuition and Fees: California Military Department GI Bill Award Program: Extended Education Course**

This bill prohibits the California State University (CSU), and requests the University of California (UC), 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 an undergraduate degree program.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in Senate Education Committee on March 19.

#### **SB 67 (Seyarto) – Cal Grants: Middle-Class Scholarship: Eligibility: Dependents of Members of the Armed Services Stationed Outside of California**

This bill extends Cal Grant and Middle-Class Scholarship Program eligibility to a student who was not a resident of California at the time of high school graduation, or its equivalent, but meets all other applicable eligibility requirements and is a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces stationed outside of California on active duty.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in Senate Education Committee on March 19.

#### **SB 98 (Perez) – Immigration Enforcement: Notification**

This bill requires K-12 and the three segments of public higher education to notify their campus community of the presence of immigration officers.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in Senate Education Committee on March 19.

#### **SB 244 (Grayson) – Public Postsecondary Education: Disabled Student Services Assessments**

This bill, commencing July 2027, requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to cover the costs of diagnostic assessments for learning disabilities. The bill also requires state funds to reimburse the institutions for documented costs.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in Senate Education Committee on March 19.

**SB 271 (Reyes) – Students with Dependent Children: Childcare Services, Resources, and Programs**

This bill requires the CSU and California Community Colleges (CCC), and requests the UC, to provide students with dependents a referral to the campus Basic Needs Center, information on supplemental financial aid and support in applying to state and federal childcare subsidies and programs.

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

**SB 308 (Seyarto) – CCC and CSU: Reports Elimination**

This bill no longer requires the CSU and CCC to provide reports deemed unnecessary or outdated.

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

**SB 437 (Weber Pierson) – CSU: Claim Eligibility: Genealogy and Descendancy**

This bill appropriates \$6 million to require the CSU to explore options to determine how to confirm an individual's status as a descendant of persons enslaved and to establish a process for conducting or verifying genealogical research to confirm eligibility for reparative claims.

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

**SB 486 (Cabaldon) – Regional Housing: Public Postsecondary Education: Changes in Enrollment Levels: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

This bill requires local planning agencies to account for changes in enrollment levels at institutions of public higher education when evaluating housing needs, including transit, pedestrian and other non-vehicle trip efficiencies by students to and from campus.

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

**SB 640 (Cabaldon) – Public Postsecondary Education: Admission, Transfer, and Enrollment**

This bill establishes the Automatic Admission Program under which a student who meets certain criteria is eligible for enrollment into a designated CSU university.

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

**SB 685 (Cortese) – CSU: Financial Aid for Homeless Students: Pilot Program**

This bill establishes the Financial Assistance for Students Experiencing Homelessness Pilot Program at three CSU universities to provide grants to students who were homeless at any point during high school and are now enrolled at the CSU.

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

**SB 790 (Cabaldon) –Postsecondary Education Coordinating Entity: Interstate Reciprocity Agreements for Distance Education: Out-of-State Private Postsecondary Educational Institutions**

This bill creates a postsecondary coordinating entity and provides a foundation for interstate reciprocity agreements for distance education.

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

**Assembly Bills**

**AB 7 (Bryan) – Admissions Preference: Descendants of Slavery**

This bill states that the CSU, UC, independent institutions of higher education and private postsecondary educational institutions may consider providing a preference in admissions to an applicant who is a descendant of slavery, as defined, to the extent it does not conflict with federal law.

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

**AB 48 (Alvarez) – College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2026**

This bill places a facilities bond on the March 2026 ballot for public higher education institutions.

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

**AB 79 (Arambula) – Public Social Services: Higher Education**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to convene representatives from the public segments of postsecondary education, the Center for Healthy Communities and all 58 counties for a quarterly workgroup to discuss best practices related to connecting college students with available programs and services. This group would submit a report to the Legislature every three years.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Human Services Committee on March 11.

**AB 88 (Ta) – Middle-Class Scholarship Program: Eligibility: Dependents of Members of the Armed Services Stationed Outside of California**

This bill ensures that students who are dependents of members of the Armed Forces stationed outside of California on active duty are eligible to benefit from the Middle-Class Scholarship Program.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 18.

**AB 90 (Jackson) – CSU: Overnight Student Parking**

This bill requires the CSU and CCC to develop a pilot program to allow overnight parking by students who use their vehicles as housing, provided they have a valid parking permit. Each CSU campus must designate 10 parking spots for the pilot program until January 1, 2029, at which time this requirement will sunset. This bill would only be enacted upon an appropriation by the Legislature.

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

**AB 95 (Fong) – Coordinating Commission for Education in California**

This bill establishes the Coordinating Commission for Education in California as a state career and higher education coordination body composed of workforce, education segment and employer representatives.

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

**AB 313 (Ortega) – Student Financial Aid: Application Deadlines: Extension**

This bill extends the state financial aid application deadline from March 3, 2025, to April 3, 2025.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 18.

**AB 326 (Kalra) – CSU Audits**

This bill requires an external financial audit of each campus of the CSU to be conducted once every three years. This bill would also require all audits of the CSU or its universities, including internal audits, to be available to the public.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 18.

**AB 335 (Gipson) – The Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions Grant Program**

The bill appropriates \$75 million from the General Fund to the Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions (BSI) Grant Program Fund for purposes of awarding grants to CSU universities and community college districts that apply for grants.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 18.

**AB 466 (Solache) – Student Orientation: Donate Life California**

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to include information on the Donate Life California Organ and Tissue Donor Registry in all campus new student orientations.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 18.

**AB 530 (Hart) – CSU: Fiscal Transparency Act of 2025**

This bill requires the CSU, on or before July 2027, to include on its internet website information on each expenditure of state funds that exceeds \$10,000 in a format that allows the public to search and aggregate information, along with a feature that allows the public to make recommendations on how information is provided to the public.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 18.

**AB 556 (Patterson) – Waiver of Campus-Based Fees: Veterans**

This bill prohibits public higher education segments from charging veteran students or their dependents mandatory campus-based fees.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 18.

**AB 681 (Elhawary) – California DREAM Loan Program: Limits**

This bill expands the amount of money that a qualified student can borrow from the California DREAM Loan Program.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 18.

**AB 718 (Tangipa) – Public Postsecondary Education: Admission: Salary and Student Loan Data**

This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to include average salary data and student loan payment data for students' intended area of study on their admissions letter.

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

**AB 727 (Gonzalez) – Pupil and Student Safety: Identification Cards**

This bill requires public and private institutions of higher education to include the telephone number and text line for The Trevor Project's 24/7 suicide hotline on their student identification cards.

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

**AB 791 (Berman) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Cost of Attendance**

This bill requires postsecondary institutions to make specified changes to their cost of attendance policy, including the methodology for calculating the off-campus student housing budget, and requires that the review of a student's adjustment request be completed within 14 days.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 18.

**AB 844 (Essayli) – Educational Equity: Sex-Segregated School and Athletic Programs and Activities: Use of Facilities**

This bill, applying to local educational agencies and postsecondary institutions, requires a student's participation in sex-segregated athletic programs and activities, use of facilities including bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, overnight accommodations and student housing be based on the student's sex.

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

**AB 850 (Pacheco) – Institutional Debt Transparency Act**

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to report annually on the status of students' institutional debt and to offer students a one-time exemption to re-enroll or register for classes without first addressing their institutional debt.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 18.

**AB 958 (Sharp-Collins) – Trustees of the CSU: Gubernatorial Faculty Appointees**

This bill adds two members to the CSU Board of Trustees (increasing the board to 27 members), adding one additional member appointed by the Governor and one additional faculty member, also appointed by the Governor.

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

**AB 977 (Ramos) – California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001: CSU: Burial Sites: Human Remains**

This bill requires the CSU, in consultation with tribes, to develop a policy to identify available CSU-owned land for the burial of Native American ancestral human remains and designate three burial sites.

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

**AB 1045 (Avila Farias) – CSU and UC: Financial Incentives: Nonprofit Organizations: Service Learning**

This bill requires the CSU and UC universities that participate in a specified service learning program to provide financial incentives to partnering nonprofit organizations for purposes of facilitating service learning programs.

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

**AB 1082 (Flora) – Nursing: Students In Out-of-State Nursing Programs**

This bill allows out-of-state nursing schools to secure in-state clinical placements for nursing students who reside in California.

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

**AB 1093 (Solache) – Public Postsecondary Education: California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program**

This bill creates the California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program for 400 students from California public postsecondary institutions to study in Mexico and 400 students from Mexico to study at a California public postsecondary institution.

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

**AB 1098 (Fong) – Postsecondary Education: Undergraduate and Graduate Students: Pregnancy or Pregnancy-Related Issues**

This bill prohibits a postsecondary educational institution from discriminating against a student based on their current, potential or past pregnancy or related conditions. This bill also has requirements related to reasonable accommodations, academic status and institution-based financial aid.

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

**AB 1346 (DeMaio) – Public Postsecondary Education: Dependents of Members of the Armed Forces: Re-Enrollments**

This bill requires the CSU, and requests the UC, to extend dependent students of a U.S. Armed Forces member the right to reenroll as a resident if their military sponsor has been transferred out of state or is retired from active duty.

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

**AB 1453 (Tangipa) – Public Postsecondary Education: Student Health: Contraception and Emergency Contraception Information**

This bill requires the CSU and UC universities to provide comprehensive information on adoption in each location on campus where contraception is available, including when birth control is provided to students through the student health center or pharmacy.

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

**AB 1462 (Hart) – Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree Program: Allan Hancock College**

This bill provides the Allan Hancock Community College District an individual exemption from the provisions of AB 927 (Medina, 2021) and authorizes the campus to offer duplicative baccalaureate degree programs.

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