

**ACADEMIC SENATE  
OF  
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3419-20/FGA  
March 19-20, 2020

**2020 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POSITIONS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF THE  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (ASCSU)**

**RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) adopt the provisional 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 – 2020* (attached); and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That these adopted provisional positions guide ASCSU advocacy activities during the 2020 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 \(Rev\)](#) and the [ASCSU Bylaws](#), while exercising due diligence in keeping the ASCSU informed of such actions; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU distribute this resolution and document to the Governor of the State of California, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, California Faculty Association (CFA), California State Student Association (CSSA), CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association (CSU ERFSA), Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges (CCC), Academic Senate of the University of California (UC), President of the California Community Colleges' Board of Governors, Chair of the University of California Board of Regents, Senate Pro Tem Toni G. Atkins, Speaker of the California Assembly, Anthony Rendon, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, and the Chair of the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee.

***RATIONALE:*** *This resolution is part of the ASCSU Legislative advocacy strategy for 2020, based on the guidelines approved by the Senate 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 period of the legislative calendar (January-May). It is during this time that Legislative bills are heard in committee in their House of origin. Advocacy efforts to shape and influence bill development are likely to be most effective at this time. The positions adopted in this resolution are understood as provisional since bills often change between January and May; adopting provisional positions allows flexibility in advocacy efforts while still ensuring that at any one point in time the positions have the backing of the entire ASCSU body, or of the ASCSU Executive Committee acting on behalf of the ASCSU.*

**Approved Without Dissent - March 19-20, 2020**

**ATTACHMENT TO AS-3419-20/FGA**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Comments</b>
AB 1917	Budget Act of 2020	Ting	High	Support	
SB 808	Budget Act of 2020	Mitchell	High	Support	
SB 874	Community colleges: statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program	Hill, Hueso, and Wilk	High	Oppose	Extends the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program indefinitely. Removes the requirements that the program consist of a maximum of 15 community college district programs and for a student to commence a program by the end of the 2022–23 academic year.
AB 1460	CSU: graduation requirement: ethnic studies	Weber	High	Oppose	ASCSU opposes legislative intrusion in the curriculum.
AB 3310	Community colleges: ethnic studies	Muratsuchi	High	Oppose	Requires California Community College students to take Ethnic Studies with units transferable and satisfying any CSU requirement.
AB 2228	Postsecondary education: sexual assault kits	Garcia	Yes	Support	Requires free sexual assault kits and related medical services are available within a 5-mile radius of each campus or provided for free at the campus health center.
SB 1083	Mental health counselors	Pan	Yes	Support	Would require one counselor for every 1500 students.
AB 1970	Public postsecondary education: pilot program for free tuition and fees: working group	Jones-Sawyer	Yes	Support in Concept	Creates a working group from DOE, UC, CSU and CCC to consider a pilot program for free tuition.
AB 1862	Public postsecondary education: California State University: tuition	Santiago	Yes	Support in Concept	Requires free tuition at a CSU, for two years, for any student that completed an ADT.

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AB 2176	Free student transit passes: eligibility for state funding	Holden	Yes	Support in Concept	Requires transit agencies to offer free student transit passes to students.
AB 2495	Public postsecondary education: undergraduate tuition and mandatory systemwide fees	Choi	Yes	Oppose	Fixes tuition upon entrance to the CSU for six years.