

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2010
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Carol R. Chandler, Chair
Peter G. Mehas, Vice Chair
Debra S. Farar
Melinda Guzman
Raymond W. Holdsworth
Linda A. Lang
A. Robert Linscheid
Lou Monville

Consent Items

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of March 16, 2010

Discussion Items

1. 2009-2011 Legislative Report No. 8, *Action*

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

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

March 16, 2010

Members Present

Carol R. Chandler, Chair
Peter G. Mehas, Vice Chair
Herbert L. Carter, Chair of the Board
Debra S. Farar
Melinda Guzman
Raymond W. Holdsworth
Linda A. Lang
A. Robert Linscheid
Lou Monville
Charles B. Reed, Chancellor

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 26, 2010, were approved by consent as submitted.

2009-11 Legislative Report No. 7

Trustee Chandler called the meeting of the Governmental Relations Committee to order with the introduction of Vice Chancellor for University Relations and Advancement Garrett P. Ashley. Vice Chancellor Ashley provided a brief introduction to the item followed by a detailed report by Assistant Vice Chancellor Karen Y. Zamarripa.

Ms. Zamarripa began her report with an overview of the Board of Trustees-sponsored bills introduced for the 2009-10 session including an update on the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) measure, Assembly Bill 867 (Nava). She noted that February 19 was the deadline for introducing new legislative measures; this is the second year of a two-year legislative session; and that the legislature is scheduled to adjourn by the end of August.

Ms. Zamarripa stated that the CSU Office of Advocacy and State Relations is in the process of reviewing and analyzing more than 2,300 bills that were introduced this session (4,000 total including bills continued from last year) for their potential impact to the system. She stated that the CSU was successful in getting all of its 2010-sponsored bills introduced. Two of those measures are being heard in the Assembly Higher Education Committee today, and the other two

are scheduled for their first policy hearing in two weeks. She expressed her gratitude to the Assembly Higher Education Committee for sponsoring two of our measures; to Senator Cogdill for carrying our measure on the tort claims process; and to Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal for reintroducing the CSU's affinity programs bill. Ms. Zamarripa also relayed good news that Senate Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg has agreed to revisit the CSU's doctorate in nursing proposal prior to adjournment in August.

Several new bills in the written report were highlighted by Ms. Zamarripa, many of which were vetoed by the governor last fall including:

- 1) **AB 1691 (Ammiano)** which authorizes ex officio trustees, except the Chancellor of the CSU, to join the Board of Trustees at the dais in his or her absence, but not allow them to vote.
- 2) **AB 1764 (Portantino)** which prohibits a person employed at a state agency, including the CSU, earning more than \$150,000 per year, except those represented by a union, from receiving a salary increase for two years.
- 3) **SB 330 (Yee)** which makes CSU auxiliaries subject to the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

Ms. Zamarripa mentioned that she and representatives of the University of California recently met with Senator Yee's staff and sponsors of the SB 330 measure to offer alternative language to provide accountability and transparency without jeopardizing the separate and unique role auxiliaries were created to do in the statute for higher education institutions. They have been working with business officers, auxiliaries, students, etc., to draft the language that basically says that information regarding auxiliaries, as outlined in the bill, is public information. The alternative bill also offers language to provide protection for donors and volunteers.

Senator Yee has not yet responded to the alternative proposal. The CSU and UC will continue to oppose SB 330, as written, and seek amendments consistent with the language proposed by CSU and UC. Ms. Zamarripa added that it was important to note that the CSU made it clear that it supports transparency and accountability, and that we made an attempt to find a way to provide it without impacting the auxiliaries and foundations that are so important to CSU fundraising, grant contracts, and other operations.

Ms. Zamarripa mentioned that there are seven new bills on transfer, which indicates that in Sacramento, and in people's districts, the transfer and articulation process is not viewed as effective and efficient as it could and should be for students. Transfer also appears to be of great interest to the Master Plan Committee. The measures come in various forms, all of which try to address the issue of transfer, articulation, excess units and keeping students on a pathway from their experience at the community colleges to four-year institutions.

There is also great interest this election year in the issue of student fees and financial aid. Most of the fee measures seek to limit or restrict the Board of Trustees' fee setting authority without taking into consideration the impact of state budget cuts on our ability to provide access to a quality education. CSU will object to statutory restrictions unless and until there is a commensurate commitment to guaranteeing that the state meets its end of the bargain.

The financial aid bills are primarily focused on funding the Cal Grant program. One in particular, sponsored by the California State Student Association (CSSA) and supported by the CSU, AB 1761 (Fong) would over time provide that Cal Grant B recipients get fees covered in the first year of their collegiate studies. Under current law these students only receive a stipend of \$1,551 in their first year, leaving them without any financial aid support to cover their fees.

Ms. Zamarripa highlighted the three measures introduced by Assemblymember Marty Block dealing with admissions criteria and the opportunity for community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees. AB 2401 requires a one-year lead time for any changes to admissions criteria while AB 2402 essentially requires all eligible local students be admitted to their local campus. The third, AB 2400, authorizes three community college districts to offer baccalaureate degrees. Mr. Block has proposed these measures as his solution to what he considers inappropriate admissions decisions that San Diego State University (SDSU) was forced to put in place due to budget cuts. CSU has concerns about these measures and will be working with Mr. Block and others on these measures as they begin the hearing process.

Lastly, Ms. Zamarripa discussed AB 2382 (Blumenfeld), a bill that has been introduced by the physical therapy community, which authorizes the CSU to offer a doctor of physical therapy (DPT) degree. This is not a CSU-sponsored measure, and we have decided that our priority will be to work on the doctorate of nursing program at this time.

Chair Carter inquired about the transfer bills being introduced and asked if the CSU has drafted a position paper on what we think should happen with respect to such measures. Ms. Zamarripa responded that she and Assistant Vice Chancellor Allison Jones have been in conversation about trying to improve the current measure by Senator Padilla that says that community colleges can offer AA transfer degrees, which is currently a state law. She and Mr. Jones are working on developing alternatives that might be feasible in this fiscal environment but still make progress for our students. She also mentioned that Chancellor Reed and CSU Long Beach President F. King Alexander are also working with her, Mr. Jones and the chair of the Master Plan Committee, Assembly Member Ira Ruskin, to include an AA transfer degree and a common course numbering system between the CSU and the California Community Colleges. Chair Carter expressed his interest in the transfer issue and indicated that as the CSU works to maximize access, retention and graduation of underrepresented groups in this state, which he sees as the biggest group of people affected by this issue, he has found that the transfer system is woefully lacking. He expressed that instead of dismissing all transfer bills currently being proposed, it is important that the CSU look at them all to determine which components of the bills might be in our best interests.

Chancellor Reed relayed that the Legislative Analyst's Office, the College Opportunity staff, and the Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy at Sacramento State, recently made a trip to Tallahassee, Florida to meet with the educators in that state to discuss transfer, time to degree, common course numbering, etc. Nancy Shulock's staff, and others who went on the trip, came back and contacted Jack Scott, the Chancellor for the California Community Colleges (CCC), to say that they were elated about what is possible to help focus on student transfer rates. Florida seems to have a much better track record in transfers as it offers support for common course numbering. The Chancellor added that he hopes to see a lot more action in the legislature on this issue as he and Jack Scott work together to improve service to students.

Trustee Chandler noted that at the last California Postsecondary Education Commission meeting a panel discussion was held on transfers in which the CSU's own Assistant Vice Chancellor Allison Jones was a participant.

In response to Trustee Chandler's question as to why there were a number of bills in the staff report that were listed as pending, Ms. Zamarripa stated that it was due to the timing in the writing of the report; at the time, these were new bills that were still being analyzed for impact on the CSU.

The committee recommended approval of the proposed resolution (RGR 03-10-03) adopting the 2009-11 Legislative Report No. 7.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

2009-2011 Legislative Report No. 8

Presentation By

Garrett P. Ashley
Vice Chancellor
University Relations and Advancement

Karen Y. Zamarripa
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy & State Relations

Summary

The legislature has just passed the first policy deadline taking action on new proposals that were introduced this year and have a fiscal impact. The focus now turns to taking a look at what bills the State of California can afford, as determined by the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees, which are holding weekly hearings through the month of April. Below is a list of the most significant, but not the only bills of interest to the CSU, which are being actively worked by the Advocacy and State Relations staff in Sacramento.

Trustees' 2010 Legislative Program

AB 867 (Nava) California State University: Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree: This proposal would allow the CSU to offer the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree to prepare nursing faculty for the CSU and community college nursing programs.

Status: This measure awaits further action by the Senate Appropriations Committee this summer.

AB 1890 (Committee on Higher Education) Lost Property: This proposal would reduce the length of time the CSU must hold lost property from six months to three months, consistent with other public agencies. In addition, it would establish a monetary threshold of \$300 for items that must be kept or auctioned, and those under this threshold could be donated immediately to nonprofit organizations.

Status: This measure has been approved unanimously by two policy committees and the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The next step is approval by the full Assembly then on to the Senate for further action.

AB 1971 (Lowenthal) Affinity Programs: This measure extends the “sunset” for affinity programs and services from 2011 to 2014.

Status: This measure has been approved by two policy committees as well as the Assembly Appropriations Committee on its consent calendar. We are awaiting further action by the full Assembly.

AB 2075 (Committee on Higher Education) Prequalification for CSU Contractors: This proposal would increase the time period for the CSU to complete the prequalification process for contractors interested in bidding on its capital projects, from five calendar days to ten working days. This will allow the CSU’s Capital Planning, Design and Construction department to better assure contractors that their applications for CSU campuses will be processed before the bid date thus increasing the number of contractors available for CSU campuses.

Status: This measure has unanimously passed out of the Assembly and is now in the Senate awaiting referral to a policy committee.

SB 1046 (Cogdill) Modification to Claim Filing Process: This proposal would remove the CSU from the jurisdiction of the Victims Compensation Government Claims Board (VCGCB) allowing the system to manage claims directly through the CSU’s Office of Risk Management, eliminating unnecessary costs and unnecessary delays in resolving these matters.

Status: This measure was passed out of both the Senate Education and Senate Judiciary Committees without any “no” votes and now goes to the Senate Appropriations committee for action.

Legislative Measures of Interest to the CSU

AB 656 (Torrico) State Board of Equalization: Annual Report: Oil and Gas Severance Tax Revenue Estimates: This measure, introduced in 2009, would establish a 12.5 percent oil and natural gas severance tax, with revenues dedicated to the three public higher education segments for direct instructional purposes only. Facing serious challenges to get the necessary 2/3 vote for approval, the bill was amended to ask the Board of Equalization (BOE) to prepare a report on the estimated revenue that would be raised by such a tax and the estimated amount of revenues that would be distributed to the institutions of higher education, as provided. The bill was then amended in the Senate back to the original proposal.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION

Status: This measure has been referred to both the Senate Education and Revenue and Taxation Committees.

AB 1436 (Portantino) Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Meetings: Live Audio Broadcasts: This measure would require all of higher education, including the CSU, to make available on the Internet a live audio broadcast of the public sessions of the Board of Trustees.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure passed out of the Assembly and was referred to the Senate Education Committee for action in June. The CSU has already instituted the broadcasting of our meetings.

AB 1604 (Nava) Taxation: Oil Industry Fair Share Act: This bill would impose a 10 percent oil and natural gas severance tax, with revenues deposited in the State's General Fund.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure will be heard by the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on May 10.

AB 1691 (Ammiano) Trustees of the California State University and Regents of the University of California: This measure is a reintroduction of AB 690 (Ammiano), which was vetoed by the Governor last fall. The measure authorizes ex officio trustees, except the Chancellor of the CSU, to designate a person to attend meetings in his or her absence.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure was passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on a 7 to 1 vote and approved by the Assembly on a vote of 48-28. The measure is now in Senate Rules awaiting referral to its next policy committee.

AB 1761 (Fong) Cal Grant B Awards: Award Amount: Under current law only 2% of Cal Grant B recipients receive full financial aid packages to cover both living expenses and fees. This measure proposes to expand Cal Grant B award levels to provide both the stipend and grants to cover their fees consistent with the Cal Grant A program.

CSU Position: SUPPORT
Status: This measure, which is sponsored by CSSA, passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee with unanimous support and is now on the Appropriations Committee's suspense file given its fiscal impact. The suspense file will be taken up the week of May 28.

AB 1764 (Portantino) State Employment: Salary Freeze: This is a reintroduction of Assembly Member Portantino's AB 53, which was held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee last year. The bill would prohibit a person employed by the state earning more than \$150,000 per year, except those represented by a union, from receiving a salary increase for the next two years.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure was passed out of the Assembly Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security on a 4 to 1 vote with Assembly Member Harkey voting no due to her concerns that this bill only applies to management and that agencies should be provided their own flexibility to manage their budgets. The measure was placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file given its fiscal impact, which will be taken up the week of May 28.

AB 2047 (Hernandez) Public Postsecondary Education: Admissions Policies: This bill authorizes the UC and CSU to consider race, gender, ethnicity, household income, and other relevant factors in undergraduate and graduate admissions, but prohibits giving admissions preference to students based on any of these factors.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This bill passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on a 6-3 vote and the Assembly Judiciary Committee by a vote of 7-3. The votes on this measure reflect concerns by some that this will reinstitute affirmative action programs contrary to the Constitution per Proposition 209. The measure now will go to the Assembly Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

AB 2079 (Torlakson) Student Athletes: Recruiting: This measure requires a collegiate athletic recruiter to provide a California student athlete with information relating to the program within one week of initiating personal contact. It also requires any scholarship offer to be made in writing within one week of a verbal offer and prior to a student athlete signing a scholarship agreement.

CSU Position: PENDING
Status: This measure could have significant costs related to compliance not only for CSU but all athletic programs and is being calculated in preparation for the Appropriations Committee hearing. The bill passed out of the Assembly's Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media and Higher Education Committees with several amendments that are still being analyzed by higher education representatives.

AB 2086 (Coto) Cal Grant: Qualifying Institutions: Publication of License Examination: This measure, sponsored by Ed Voice requires the CSU, along with almost all other institutions of higher education, to annually publish license examination passage rates for graduates who must take state licensing exams. If these rates are not published, then the CSU would lose the ability to participate in Cal Grant programs. "Publishing" may include placing a link to the data on the application. The measure will be amended to allow a segment to self-certify that this has been posted.

CSU Position: PENDING
Status: The bill passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and is now headed to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2203(Solorio) Public Postsecondary Education: College Textbooks: This measure encourages California Community Colleges (CCC), the University of California (UC) and the CSU to review and revise their student transfer policies to ensure that students may use textbooks regardless of the publication date for as long as the textbook is available and the information provided is current and reflects contemporary thinking.

CSU Position: SUPPORT
Status: This measure passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee on its consent calendar and is now headed to the Assembly floor for a vote of the body.

AB 2237 (Eng) Contracts: Consideration: This bill would provide that a promise to make a gift, bequest, or devise of cash or other property to a tax-exempt charitable organization would be an enforceable contract without consideration, if the promisor indicated in writing the intent that the promise is a binding legal obligation.

CSU Position: SUPPORT
Status: This measure was referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee but the hearing was cancelled at the request of the author. The measure is likely dead for the year.

AB 2302 (Fong) Postsecondary Education: Student Transfer: This measure would require the CSU, the CCC and request the UC to develop common core curriculum, transfer agreements and establish a transfer degree that guarantees admission to the CSU and UC.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 20 and is awaiting further action in the Appropriations Committee.

CSU supported Mr. Fong's effort on transfer during the hearing but hopes that he and others will join the community colleges, Campaign for College Opportunity, and the CSU in developing a final transfer solution through SB 1440 by Senator Alex Padilla.

AB 2382 (Blumenfeld) California State University: Doctor of Physical Therapy Degrees: This measure would grant the CSU the authority to award the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on a 9-0 vote and Assembly Business and Professions Committee on an 11-0 vote. The measure now goes to the Assembly Appropriations Committee for further action.

AB 2400 (Block) Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program: This measure would establish an eight-year pilot program where community colleges from the Grossmont-Cuyamaca, San Diego, and San Mateo County Community College Districts would be granted the authority to award baccalaureate degrees.

CSU Position: PENDING
Status: This measure will be heard on May 4 in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2401 (Block) Public Postsecondary Education: Admissions Policy: This bill would substantially change the role of the CSU in the state's Master Plan by requiring our campuses provide first-time freshmen and sophomore applicants residing in the local service area priority admission to the applicant's local campus over all other California residents and out-of-state applicants.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on a 6-3 vote. It will now be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee this month.

AB 2402 (Block) California State University: Admissions: Procedural Requirements: This measure would require the CSU to notify the public via public meetings, posting on the Internet and by advising the various school boards in the affected area, of any changes in the criteria for admission, or on the elimination of its majors, that would alter the eligibility of applicants residing within their local service area. Any admissions criteria or academic program changes can only be implemented after providing one year's notice about such modifications at the campus.

CSU Position: SUPPORT UNLESS AMENDED

Status: This measure passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on a vote of 6-1. CSU has proposed an amendment to ensure that future changes are as transparent as possible in local communities but within a timeframe that recognizes the impact of the state budget on campuses and their need to respond accordingly.

AB 2447 (Furutani) Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: This measure requires the Cal Grant A and B awards to cover mandatory campus-based fees. Further, it requires the Cal Grant C awards be equal to the sum of the tuition and fees and the book and supply award levels included in the Budget Act of 2009.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION

Status: This measure passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will be heard next in the Assembly Appropriations Committee where it will likely face challenges due to costs.

AB 2656 (DeLeon) Postsecondary Education: Contracts for Academic Research: This measure was amended to require that any research conducted at a public or private postsecondary educational institution be subject to internal institutional policies to ensure that it meets minimum standards and protocols. This measure is in response to some recent studies completed by faculty at CSU Sacramento and Stanford University. One study looked at how state regulations have hampered small businesses in California. The other study addressed the fiscal effect that AB 32, the recently enacted global warming legislation, has had on business in the state.

CSU Position: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Status: The CSU and the UC have been working with the author to address a majority of concerns; the CSU is seeking one additional change that will remove its opposition. The measure passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on a vote of 6-3 and will now go to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2752 (Blakeslee) Public Postsecondary Education: Transfer Requirements: This measure would require the California State University (CSU) to develop a lower-division common core curriculum comprised of 60 units instead of 45 units.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 20 and is awaiting further action in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. CSU supported Mr. Blakeslee's effort on transfer during the hearing but hopes that he and others will join the community colleges, Campaign for College Opportunity, and the CSU in developing a final transfer solution through SB 1440 by Senator Alex Padilla.

SB 330 (Yee) Public Records: State Agency: Auxiliary Organizations: This measure is a reintroduction of SB 218, a measure that the Governor vetoed last year making CSU auxiliaries subject to the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

CSU Position: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED
Status: This measure was referred to the Assembly's Higher Education and Governmental Organization Committees for hearing in June. Amendments were proposed by the CSU and the University of California to provide increased transparency for its auxiliaries while also protecting the role of auxiliaries and foundations for the systems. Mr. Yee has never responded to the CSU's proposed amendments except through recent press statements.

SB 650 (Yee) Disclosure of Improper Governmental Activities: State Colleges and Universities: Damages: This measure would allow employees of the CSU and UC to seek damages through the courts under the state's Whistleblower Act before the administrative process is completed and regardless of the outcome or timeliness of investigations by the universities in these matters.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure has been referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee and will be heard in June.

SB 917 (Denham) Public Postsecondary Education: Mandatory Systemwide Fees: Student Protection Act: This is one of several proposals that would enact a statutory fee policy for the CSU and UC. This measure requires that any increase in systemwide fees be adopted by the Board of Trustees at least 180 calendar days before charging students. Further, it would prohibit the Trustees from increasing fees by more than 10 percent per academic year, regardless of the actions taken by the State Legislature or the Governor on annual budget appropriations. Senator Denham has also authored SCA 26 to place the same restrictions on the University of California.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure was heard in the Senate Education Committee on April 21, but did not receive the votes needed to advance.

SB 969 (Florez) Public Postsecondary Education: California College and University Fee Stabilization Act of 2010: This measure puts a limit on the mandatory systemwide student fees charged by the CSU, not to exceed a fixed percentage of the cost of education of 30 percent, and prohibits annual mandatory systemwide fee increases from increasing by more than the implicit price deflator for state and local government for goods and services. The measure also requests that the UC take the same action for their system.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: The measure passed out of the Senate Education Committee with an 8 to 0 vote and will now go to the Senate Appropriation Committee. This measure will also be amended to change the author from Dean Florez to Carol Liu.

SB 1034 (Ducheny) Archaeological Resources: Civil Penalties: This bill increases the penalties for disturbing an archaeological site by making it a misdemeanor penalty for up to one year in the county jail and/or a fine of up to \$10,000 plus penalty assessments. It also clarifies that restitution shall be ordered by the court to the state agency that oversees the archaeological site that was defaced and sets forth how the commercial or archeological value shall be determined and what the restitution costs shall include.

CSU Position: PENDING
Status: This measure passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee on a 7-0 vote and will now be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 3.

SB 1098 (Corbett) Athlete Agents: This measure would enact the Uniform Athlete Agents Act (UAAA) to regulate the activities of an athletic agent. California would be the 40th state to enact the UAAA.

CSU Position: SUPPORT
Status: This measure passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on a 3-2 vote and will now be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 1199 (Liu) Public Postsecondary Education: Mandatory Systemwide Resident Student Fee Policy: This measure states that undergraduate fees charged to the students of the CSU and UC should not go over an unspecified percentage of the overall cost of instruction and that

undergraduate fees should not be increased by more than an undefined percent in any academic year. The measure would provide the UC and the CSU with the primary responsibility for adjusting mandatory systemwide fees, but must develop a "rational and transparent" methodology for adjusting them in consultation with the appropriate student representatives.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure was not heard by the Senate Education Committee.

SB 1231 (Corbett) Public Contracts: State Agencies: Slave and Sweat Free Code of Conduct: This measure would require all public works projects and materials to be free from slave labor and to be "sweat free."

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This measure could increase the CSU's construction and procurement costs, requiring extensive compliance activities to ensure that all contracts meet the requirements of the bill. The measure passed out of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee and will now be heard in Senate Appropriations on April 26.

SB 1249 (Ducheny) Contracting By State Agencies: Best Value Competitive Bid Contracts: This measure would require competitive bid contracts for construction projects, including, but not limited to, projects of the California State University, contracts for goods and services, and contracts for information technology (IT) acquisition be awarded as "best value competitive bid contracts," taking into consideration (when awarding the contract) the total direct and indirect economic benefit to the state.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION
Status: This measure passed out of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee with only the support of the Democratic members on a 7-1 vote. The measure will now be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 3.

SB 1440 (Padilla) California Community Colleges: Student Transfer: This bill would enact significant reform in the transfer function outlined in the Master Plan by streamlining the process for community college transfer students interested in completing their degree at the CSU. Specifically, the measure requires community colleges to grant an associate degree in the student's field of study with no more than 60 baccalaureate college units including general education requirements. In turn, the measure would guarantee these students admission to the CSU system to complete their degree with no more than 120 units (with exceptions for degrees that require more units for completion). The bill prohibits the CSU from requiring students to

retake courses similar to those already completed at the community colleges and allows for any CSU campus prerequisites to be completed within the maximum units for the degree.

CSU Position: SUPPORT

Status: This measure was passed out of the Senate Education Committee by a vote of 8 to 0 on April 21, 2010 with overwhelming support from students, business and higher education advocates. The bill will be heard next in the Assembly Appropriations Committee this month, and tentative estimates show that the measure would allow the two segments to offer classroom seats to over 30,000 more students while also improving time to degree and completion rates, and simplifying the transfer process for students.

SB 1460 (Cedillo) Student Financial Aid: Eligibility: California Dream Act of 2010: This bill provides that students who are covered under current law regarding fees are also eligible to receive certain financial aid including our State University Grants (SUG). This measure is identical to the measure SB 160, which was held by Senate Appropriations due to costs.

CSU Position: SUPPORT

Status: This measure was passed by the Senate Education Committee and will now be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the California State University, that the 2009-2011 Legislative Report No. 8 is adopted.