

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 8, 2012
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Peter G. Mehas, Chair
Bernadette Cheyne
Steven Dixon
Debra S. Farar
Steven M. Glazer
William Hauck
Linda A. Lang
Henry Mendoza
Lou Monville

Consent Items

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of March 20, 2012

Discussion Items

1. 2011-2012 Legislative Report No. 9, *Action*

**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**

March 20, 2012

Members Present

Peter Mehas, Chair of the Board
Carol R. Chandler, Vice Chair
Bernadette Cheyne
Steven Dixon
Debra S. Farar
Steven Glazer
Melinda Guzman
William Hauck
Henry Mendoza
Lou Monville
Charles B. Reed, Chancellor

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of January 24, 2012 were approved as amended.

Legislative Report #8

Mr. Garrett P. Ashley, vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, and Karen Y. Zamarripa, assistant vice chancellor advocacy and state relations, presented Legislative Report #8, an overview of issues that are of interest to the CSU as the second year of the two year session gets underway.

Ms. Zamarripa's presentation began with an update of the status of CSU sponsored bills including two items which have been carried over from the previous year, an overview of bills that are of interest to the CSU to date, and an update of advocacy efforts systemwide in collaboration with campuses

The two carry-over items from the previous year's legislative session include:

Vehicle Purchasing

Assembly Bill 633 by Assembly Member Kristin Olsen would give the CSU permanent authority to purchase vehicles without the Department of General Services (DGS). The CSU, as an

education entity, and not a state agency, has special needs that DGS is not prepared to meet in an effective and efficient manner and received its current authority in the 1990's with a "sunset" date coming up this summer.

K-12 Higher Education General Obligation Bond

AB 822 by the Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, Marty Block proposed a four-year K-12/higher education bond measure for the November 2012 General Election ballot. This measure was delayed along with other bond proposals given the states' fiscal condition.

Ms. Zamarripa provided an update on new legislative bills that were introduced by the February 24 deadline. In 2011, the first year of the two-year session, 2,719 measures were introduced and another 1,965 were introduced this year. She reported on current trends/themes of legislation including but not limited to pension reform, child abuse reporting, common core academic standards for K-12 schools, energy, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), universal healthcare and banking and mortgage reforms.

Ms. Zamarripa highlighted several measures she believed would be of interest to the board from her written report as follows:

Compensation

AB 1561 (R. Hernandez): California State University and University of California: Compensation. This proposal would prohibit the CSU from paying new campus presidents more than their predecessor in years where the state provides less money than it did the prior year, or tuition fees have increased. Further the bills prohibits campus leaders from making more than \$300,000 at the CSU. This measure was referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

SB 952 (Alquist): California State University: Compensation. This measure would prohibit the CSU from increasing a new president's salary by more than 10% of their predecessor in a year when fees have been increased. The measure was referred to the Senate Education Committee.

SB 967 (Yee): Public Postsecondary Education: Executive Officer Compensation. This proposal prohibits a monetary compensation augmentation for an executive officer within two years of an increase in a mandatory systemwide fee at CSU or UC. The measure has been referred to the Senate Education Committee.

Academic Issues

AB 2497 (Solorio): California State University: Early Start Program. This measure would prohibit the CSU from operating its Early Start Program unless the state appropriates funding for this purpose in the budget act. The measure has yet to be referred to a policy committee.

Child Abuse Reporting

AB 1434 (Feuer): Child Abuse Reporting: Mandated Reporters. This bill would make all CSU employees (as well as all other higher education employees, whether the institution is public or private) mandated reporters, as to any child abuse or neglect occurring on the campuses. All employees would have to sign a certification acknowledging their responsibilities. This measure was passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee and will be heard next in the Assembly's Appropriations Committee.

AB 1435 (Dickinson): Child Abuse Reporting: Athletic Personnel. This bill adds an administrator or employee of a public or private youth center, youth recreation program or youth organization, including an athletic coach, administrator or athletic director as mandated reporters. It would also require that these individuals receive training relating to child abuse and neglect within six months of being employed and every two years thereafter. This measure was passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee and will be heard next in the Assembly's Appropriations Committee.

SB 1264 (Vargas): Child Abuse Reporting: Mandated Reporters. This measure adds athletic coaches, assistant coaches and graduate assistants at postsecondary institutions to the list of child abuse mandated reporters and allows that anyone convicted of not reporting abuse could serve up to 5 years in state prison. This measure was referred to the Senate Public Safety Committee.

Fees and Financial Aid

AB 970 (Fong): University of California and California State University: Systemwide Student Fees: Student Financial Aid Report. This measure would require the Board of Trustees to adopt a tuition fee increase 11 months prior to its implementation and requires specifics consultation with the California State Student Association (CSSA) and community at large before doing so. It would also require extensive reporting on the use of student tuition fee revenues and prohibits the use of "tuition." The measure passed out of the Assembly this January on a partisan vote of 51-23 and has now been referred to the Senate Education Committee, which does not need to hear the measure until June.

AB 1500 (J. Pérez): Corporation Taxes: Single Sales Factor: Middle Class Scholarship Fund. This bill would require all corporations doing business in Californain to use the single sales factor for tax purposes resulting in an estimated \$1 billion in new General Fund revenues. Funding collected under this bill will be deposited into the Middle Class Scholarship Fund, with the purpose of increasing the affordability of higher education. This measure was referred to the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.

AB 1501 (J. Pérez): Student Financial Aid: Middle Class Scholarship Program. The companion measure to AB 1500, this measure establishes the Middle Class Scholarship Program and would provide that, commencing with the 2012-13 academic year, that all resident undergraduate students enrolled at the University of California or the California State University with a household income of \$150,000 or less be given a scholarship award that combined with

other financial aid would cover at least 2/3 of the student's mandatory systemwide fees. The measure was referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2427 (Butler): California State University: Special Session Fees. This measure would prohibit the CSU from charging higher fees for self-support programs offers in the summer or through extended education. This measure, which is sponsored by the California Faculty Association, has yet to be referred to a policy committee.

SB 960 (Rubio): California State University: Campus-Based Mandatory Fees. This proposal would prohibit campus based fees from being established, adjusted or reallocated without an affirmative vote of the student body or a campus fee advisory committee. This advisory committee may have non-students on the body, but students must comprise the majority and be elected by students. This measure was referred to the Senate Education Committee.

SB 1461 (Negrete McLeod): Public Postsecondary Education: Tuition and Mandatory Systemwide Fees. This measure would require the CSU and request the UC to establish a fee system that guarantees students would not see a fee-increase for the first four years of college attendance. The only change authorized by the bill for tuition fees increases for each student cohort is tied to inflation. The measure has yet to be referred to a policy committee.

Governance

AB 1965 (Pan): California State University: Trustees. This measure allows ex-officio members of the Board to designate an alternate to attend in their place. The measure also allows the second, currently non-voting, student representative to vote, in the absence of the voting student trustee. This measure was referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

SB 1515 (Yee): California State University: Board of Trustees: Membership. This measure changes the Board of Trustees from 16 to 14 appointed members. Further the bill requires that 8 of the 14 be representatives from faculty, staff and students. The measure has yet to be referred to a policy committee.

Pension

AB 340 (Furutani): Public Employees' Retirement. This measure is one of two identical placeholder measures that are given labels for a Joint Conference Committee that hopes to reach agreement on pension reform. The committee members have had four informational hearings and plans to continue discussing various parts of the proposals at each hearing.

ACA 22 (Smyth): Public Employees' Retirement. This proposal implements Governor Jerry Brown's pension proposal which would require that for any new State Employees hired after January 1, 2013 to participate in a hybrid pension plan, which would consist of a defined benefit

component and a defined contribution or alternative plan design component. The measure has yet to be referred to a policy committee.

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SCA 18 (Huff) Public Employees' Retirement. This proposal also implements Governor Jerry Brown's pension proposal to any new state employees hired after January 1, 2013 to participate in a hybrid pension plan, which would consist of a defined benefit component and a defined contribution or alternative plan design component. The measure will be heard in the Senate's Pension and Elections Committee.

Textbooks

AB 2471 (Lara): Postsecondary Education: E-Textbooks. This measure would restrict the offering of an "e-textbook" by the CSU unless certain requirements are met; specifically they must be available either to rent or to own; should be available via cloud storage; and provided by the publisher that has a clear refund policy. The measure has yet to be referred to a policy committee.

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SB 1328 (DeLeon): Postsecondary Education: Textbooks. This measure would require a publisher to provide a postsecondary institution information on their textbooks in digital format. This information would include: 1) book title, 2) author, 3) publisher, 4) ISBN, 5) Retail price, 6) Edition, and 7) Copyright date. This information would also be required to be posted to the CSU's Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) program and to be available for public review and use. The measure will be heard in the Senate Education Committee.

Trustee Guzman requested that Ms. Zamarripa speak on the AB 1723 (Fuentes) Live Audio. Ms. Zamarripa explained that the author wants to make sure that meetings that are public under current are both audio and video-streamed for the public. CSU currently provides audio opportunities, a service frequently used by legislative offices and the press, for example.

Ms. Zamarripa completed her presentation with a report on budget advocacy efforts which has been guided by a statewide Advocacy Plan. She highlighted the new initiative, Capitol Goes to Campus. Each campus has been asked to host at least half of their legislative delegation in the during the spring break to learn more about CSU, the campus and the impact on the budget for students, faculty, staff and the state.

The committee unanimously recommended approval by the board of the proposed resolution (RGR 03-12-03) adopting the 2011-2012 Legislative Report # 8.

Trustee Chandler adjourned the committee.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

2011-2012 Legislative Report No. 9

Presentation By

Garrett Ashley
Vice Chancellor
University Relations and Advancement

Karen Y. Zamarripa
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

This item contains an update on the Board of Trustees' 2011-12 Legislative Program and bills of interest for the CSU.

Background

The legislative deadline for bill introduction was February 24. In order for bills marked as fiscal to continue through the legislative process, they must be heard and approved by the relevant policy committees by April 27.

Sponsored Legislation

AB 633 (Olsen): Vehicle Purchasing

Assembly Bill 633 by Assembly Member Kristin Olsen would grant the CSU permanent authority to purchase vehicles without the Department of General Services (DGS). For almost twenty years the CSU had conducted all procurements and contracts, including the purchase of vehicles. This authority sunsets in July requiring action by the Governor by June to ensure that our current authority is not interrupted.

Status: The measure is on the Senate floor and is steps away from making it to Governor Jerry Brown's desk for his final action. We are still hoping that with the assistance of the campuses we can demonstrate to the Governor that CSU does manage its fleet effectively and overcome the opposition of DGS.

AB 2126 (Block): Board of Trustees' Regulatory Authority

As a public higher education entity with its own governing board, the CSU was provided the authority to adopt its own regulations in 1996. This authority is set to expire on January 1, 2013 without subsequent legislation. This proposal would grant CSU permanent authority to issue its own regulations.

Status: The measure has passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and Assembly Appropriations Committee. The next vote on this bill will take place on the Assembly Floor.

Academic Issues

AB 2093 (Skinner): Foster Youth Higher Education Preparation and Support Act of 2012. This measure would require the CSU and request the California Community Colleges (CCC) and University of California (UC) to create a foster youth campus support program on each campus; with a designated coordinator.

CSU Position: SUPPORT IF AMENDED. The CSU has raised concerns about the mandate and related costs of this measure in the context of the state budget. The CSU will be seeking amendments to make this measure permissive for the CSU as proposed for UC and the CCC.

Status: This measure was passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will next be heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2132 (Lara): Public Postsecondary Education: Tenure Policy. The proposal requires the CCC and the CSU and requests the UC to develop and adopt tenure policies that encourage and reward faculty for service including work in the community.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION. The author is aware that service is a long-standing criterion in the retention, tenure and promotion process.

Status: This measure was passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will next be heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2202 (Block): Postsecondary Education: Expanding Access. This measure would request the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct a study on ways to expand access, which could include distance learning, new campuses or partnerships with existing postsecondary education institutions. This report is to be completed by January 1, 2014.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION

Status: This measure passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will be heard next by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2497 (Solorio): California State University: Early Start Program. This measure, sponsored by the California Faculty Association, would have prohibited the CSU from operating the Early Start Program unless the state appropriated funding specifically for this purpose in the Budget Act. However, in the Assembly Higher Education Committee, the author proposed amendments that would strike the previous bill language and instead require the Legislative Analyst Office, in consultation with the CSU, to conduct an evaluation of the Early Start Program.

CSU Position: PENDING

Status: This measure passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will next be heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Child Abuse Reporting

AB 1434 (Feuer): Child Abuse Reporting: Mandated Reporters. This bill would make all CSU employees as well as those in all segments, public and private, mandated reporters, as to any child abuse or neglect occurring on the campuses. Employees would have to sign a certification acknowledging their responsibilities.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION

Status: This measure was passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee and Appropriations Committee and a vote of the full Assembly is now pending.

AB 1435 (Dickinson): Child Abuse Reporting: Athletic Personnel. This bill adds an administrator or employee of a public or private youth center, youth recreation program or youth organization, including an athletic coach, administrator or athletic director at the CSU as mandated reporters under current law. It would also require that these individuals receive training relating to child abuse and neglect within six months of being employed and every two years thereafter.

CSU Position: PENDING

Status: This measure was passed out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee and was referred to the Appropriation Committee's suspense file, which will be voted on at the end of May.

AB 1564 (Lara): Child Abuse Reporting: Mandated Reporters: Tax-Exempt Organizations. This measure includes volunteers of public or private organizations, including nonprofit organizations, whose duties require direct contact with, and supervision of, children, as mandatory reporters. The bill also requires employers to provide training in child abuse and neglect identification and reporting to their employees and volunteers who are designated in the bill.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION

Status: This measure has been referred to two policy committees, Public Safety and Revenue and Taxation and must be moved by both by the end of April to move forward. There are no hearings currently set for this bill.

SB 1264 (Vargas): Child Abuse Reporting: Mandated Reporters. This measure adds athletic coaches, assistant coaches and graduate assistants at postsecondary institutions to the list of mandated reporters.

CSU Position: SUPPORT

Status: This measure was passed by the Senate Public Safety Committee and will next be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Compensation

AB 1561 (R. Hernandez): California State University and University of California: Compensation. This proposal would request the UC and prohibit the CSU from increasing compensation for any *administrator* when the state provides less money than it did the prior year, or tuition fees have increased. In years when increases are allowable they cannot exceed 10 percent, and subsequent to that annual increases cannot exceed the rate of inflation. The measure also restricts the ability of a president or other administrator from fundraising for their campus as they would be prohibited from raising any funds that had the potential of going towards their salary.

CSU Position: OPPOSE

Status: The measure passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee without the support of the Chair, Marty Block, but now will be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1787 (Portantino): State Employment: Salary Freeze. This measure would forbid any state employee making more than \$100,000 from receiving a salary increase until January 1, 2015. Employees excluded by this bill would be those covered by a Memorandum of Understanding, constitutionally protected salaries and anyone exempted by the Governor by Executive Order.

CSU Position: OPPOSE

Status: The measure, which has been introduced eight times over the years, will be heard in the Assembly Public Employees Retirement and Social Security Committee on April 26.

SB 952 (Alquist): California State University: Compensation. This bill would prohibit salary increases using General Fund appropriations and student tuition fee revenue for any employee who makes over \$200,000 as they replace prior incumbents through July 2014, and thereafter restricts such increases to no more than 10 percent.

CSU Position: OPPOSE

Status: The measure was passed out of the Senate Education Committee and will be heard next in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 967 (Yee): Public Postsecondary Education: Executive Officer Compensation. This proposal prohibits a monetary compensation augmentation for an executive officer within two years of an increase in a mandatory systemwide fee at CSU or UC.

CSU Position: OPPOSE

Status: The measure failed to receive enough votes for passage in the Senate Education Committee, but the Committee may vote again on this measure on April 25.

SB 1368 (Anderson) State employees: Salaries: This proposal would restrict *any* employee of the State, except for constitutionally elected positions, from earning more than the Governor of the State of California or \$174,000 including any overtime.

CSU Position: OPPOSE

Status: The measure passed out of the Senate Public Employees Retirement Committee and will next be heard by the Senate Governmental Organization Committee on April 24.

Fees and Financial Aid

AB 970 (Fong): University of California and California State University: Systemwide Student Fees: Student Financial Aid Report. This measure mandates notification of fee increases 11 months before they are implemented as well as consultation with the California State Student Association (CSSA) about fee adjustments. It would also require extensive reporting on the use of student tuition fee revenues and prohibits the use of the word “tuition.”

CSU Position: OPPOSE

Status: The measure passed out of the Assembly this January on a partisan vote of 51-23 and is now in the Senate Rules Committee pending referral to a policy committee for further action.

AB 1500 (J. Pérez): Corporation Taxes: Single Sales Factor: Middle Class Scholarship Fund. This measure requires corporations operating in California to use the single sales factor in calculating their taxes resulting in an estimated \$1 billion in new revenues. The revenues are linked directly with AB 1501 dealing with student scholarships (below).

CSU Position: SUPPORT

Status: The measure will be heard in the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, but a date has not been set yet.

AB 1501 (J. Pérez): Student Financial Aid: Middle Class Scholarship Program. This bill would establish the Middle Class Scholarship Program. If enacted, commencing with the 2012-13 academic year, all resident undergraduate students enrolled at the CSU or UC with a household income of \$150,000 or less would be given a scholarship award that combined with other financial aid would cover at least 2/3 of the student's mandatory systemwide fees.

CSU Position: SUPPORT

Status: This measure is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on May 1.

AB 2427 (Butler): California State University: Special Session Fees. This measure is one of five CFA-sponsored measures and as introduced would have effectively eliminated self-support programs at the CSU. The bill was amended in the Assembly Higher Education Committee to strike the original bill language and request a report on Extended Education.

CSU Position: PENDING

Status: This measure passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will next be heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 960 (Rubio): California State University: Campus-Based Mandatory Fees. This proposal would prohibit campus based fees, other than those for instructional purposes, from being established, adjusted or revenues reallocated without an affirmative vote of the student body or a campus fee advisory committee. This advisory committee must be comprised of a majority of students selected by their peers.

CSU Position: OPPOSE

Status: This bill passed out of the Senate Education Committee and will next be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 1461 (Negrete McLeod): Public Postsecondary Education: Tuition and Mandatory Systemwide Fees. In the Senate Education Committee, the author accepted the committee staff recommendation to amend the bill to require the CSU, and request the UC, to limit annual

increases for resident undergraduate students to two percent above the percentage change in the state per capita personal income for the prior fiscal year. This change would apply in academic years in which the annual Budget Act provides funds for enrollment growth and cost-of-living adjustments.

CSU Position: OPPOSE

Status: The measure has passed out of the Senate Education Committee and will next be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Governance

AB 1723 (Fuentes) Postsecondary educational institutions: meetings: live audio transmission: This measure requires that all public meetings of the CSU, UC, CCC and the Student Aid Commission (CSAC) be video-streamed live on the internet, and that recordings of all such meetings be retained and accessible to the public for up to 12 months.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION

Status: The measure has passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and Assembly Governmental Affairs Committee and will next be heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1965 (Pan): California State University: Trustees. This measure allows ex-officio members of the Board to designate staff to represent them and serve as Trustees. The measure also allows the second, currently non-voting, student representative to vote, in the absence of the voting student trustee.

CSU Position: OPPOSE

Status: The measure passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will next be heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2190 (J. Pérez): Postsecondary Education: Oversight and Coordination Commission. This measure creates a new postsecondary oversight entity to replace the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC).

CSU Position: WATCH

Status: The measure was passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will next be heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1515 (Yee): California State University: Board of Trustees: Membership. This measure changes the Board of Trustees from 16 to 14 appointed members. Further the bill mandates that eight of the 14 public members be faculty, represented nonacademic staff and students.

CSU Position: OPPOSE
Status: This bill is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Education Committee on April 25.

Miscellaneous

AB 1955 (Block): Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Law Enforcement Agency and Student Liaison. This measure would require each CSU campus to designate on each campus a liaison to work between campus public safety officers and any student protestors. The UC would be requested to do the same.

CSU Position: PENDING
Status: The bill has passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and Assembly Appropriations Committee. The full Assembly will next vote on this bill.

SB 1138 (Liu): Educational Data: State Department of Education: California Postsecondary Education Commission. This measure would transfer away from the public higher education segments to the California Department of Education the responsibility to maintain higher education student data. The data is currently being managed by the CCC Chancellor's Office in light of the Governor's elimination of CPEC last year. CSU staff have met with staff to confirm the need for the bill and alternatives to the CDE being involved in higher education data.

CSU Position: PENDING
Status: The measure will be heard in the Senate Education Committee April 25.

Pension

AB 340 (Furutani): Public Employees' Retirement. This measure is one of two identical placeholder measures for negotiations on pension reform. The committee members have had four informational hearings and plan to continue discussing various parts of the proposals at each hearing.

CSU Position: WATCH
Status: This measure is still being debated as part of a joint committee process.

ACA 22 (Smyth): Public Employees' Retirement. This proposal implements Governor Jerry Brown's pension proposal, which would require any new state employee hired after January 1,

2013 to participate in a hybrid pension plan, made up of a defined benefit component and a defined contribution or alternative plan design component.

CSU Position: WATCH

Status: This measure has not been referred to committee yet.

SB 827 (Simitian): Public Employees' Retirement. This measure states the intent of the Legislature to craft a responsible and comprehensive pension reform proposal for both state and local systems similar to AB 340 (see above).

CSU Position: WATCH

Status: This measure is still being debated as part of a joint committee process.

SB 1176 (Huff): Public Employees' Retirement. This proposal would prohibit members of the public pension system from buying additional service time, among other things.

CSU Position: WATCH

Status: This measure was referred to the Senate Public Employees Retirement Committee.

SCA 18 (Huff) Public Employees' Retirement. This proposal also implements Governor Jerry Brown's pension proposal to require any new state employees hired after January 1, 2013 to participate in a hybrid pension plan.

CSU Position: WATCH

Status: This measure was referred to the Senate Public Employees Retirement and Elections Committees.

Textbooks

SB 1052 (Steinberg): Public Postsecondary Education: California Open Education Resources Council. This measure would create the California Open Education Resources Council comprised of faculty of each public postsecondary institution in the state (nine total, three for each segment as selected by the Academic Senate). The Council would be charged with the identification of the 50 most common lower division courses and to ensure the creation of open digital material of "high-quality" for all students.

CSU Position: SUPPORT

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CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION. There is still a great deal of confusion regarding the intent of the author and the actual language in the measure. The CSU and other higher education advocates are working with the author.

Status: This measure passed out of the Senate Education Committee and will next be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2471 (Lara): Postsecondary Education: E-Textbooks. This measure would restrict the offering of an "e-textbook" unless certain requirements are met. Specifically, the material must be available either to rent or to own, should be available via cloud storage and have a clear refund policy provided by the publisher. In Committee, the author also stated that he intends to amend the bill to focus only on notification to students and implement a consistent refund process on e-materials.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION

Status: This bill passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will next be heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Veterans

AB 2250 (Gaines) Public Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition: Military Members. This bill would exempt members of the armed forces and their spouses from paying nonresident tuition fees, regardless of where they served or were stationed.

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION

Status: The measure was passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will be heard by the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee on April 24.

AB 2462 (Block) Military Training: Course Credit: This measure would require the community colleges to grant credit for military coursework taken, per the American Council on Education (ACE).

CSU Position: NO OFFICIAL POSITION

Status: This bill passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and will be heard by the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee on April 24.

Adoption of the following resolution is recommended:

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of The California State University,
that 2011-2012 Legislative Report No. 9 is adopted.