

AMENDED

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020
Virtually via Teleconference

Silas H. Abrego, Chair
Juan F. Garcia, Vice Chair
Douglas Faigin
Debra S. Farar
Jean P. Firstenberg
Jeffrey R. Krinsk
Jack McGrory
Romey Sabalius

Consent

1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of January 28, 2020, *Action*
2. State Legislative Update, *Information*

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

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

January 28, 2020

Members Present

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Adam Day, Chair of the Board
Timothy P. White, Chancellor

Trustee Abrego called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 25, 2019, were approved as submitted.

State Legislative Update

Mr. Garrett Ashley, vice chancellor for university relations and advancement, reported that during the interim recess, the Sacramento office has been working on active legislation, laying the groundwork for budget advocacy, developing educational materials for the bond, and preparing for the busy legislative year ahead.

Ms. Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, provided a report on recent advocacy activities, an update on legislation affecting the CSU, and a preview of budget advocacy plans for the spring.

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Federal Update

Mr. Ashley reported on significant developments related to the CSU federal priorities, including permanent funding for programs benefiting Hispanic-Serving and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions, and an increase in the maximum Pell Grant. The CSU continues to engage in support of Dreamers and efforts to update the Higher Education Act.

Mr. Jim Gelb, assistant vice chancellor for federal relations, provided an update on key advocacy areas, the FY 2020 federal budget, the status on DACA reform, the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and the 2020 political landscape.

Trustee Abrego adjourned the meeting.

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State Legislative Update

Presentation By

Garrett P. Ashley
Vice Chancellor
University Relations and Advancement

Nichole Muñoz-Murillo
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The legislative bill introduction deadline was February 21. In total, 2,310 measures were introduced this year, and the Advocacy and State Relations staff has identified more than 300 bills for further review or monitoring. This presentation highlights legislative bill trends and bills of interest to the CSU community.

This report is organized as follows:

- Bills introduced in 2020
 - Legislative bill trends
 - Community College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program
 - Affordability
 - Other bills introduced in 2020
- Active bills introduced in 2019
- Bills introduced in 2019 that are no longer eligible to advance

All bill summaries are accurate as of March 11, 2020.

Bills Introduced in 2020: Legislative Bill Trends

Community College Baccalaureate Degrees

SB 874 (Hill) – Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

This bill makes the community college baccalaureate degree pilot program permanent, removes the limit of 15 programs statewide, and expands community college requirements during the review consultation and approval process. It maintains the prohibition on duplication of programs and program curricula with the CSU and UC.

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

SB 1026 (Wilk) – Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

This bill makes a nonsubstantive change to statute regarding the CCC statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program.

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

SB 1104 (Hill) – Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

This bill makes a nonsubstantive change to statute regarding the CCC statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program.

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

AB 2776 (Lackey) – Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

This bill grants permanent authority to the Antelope Valley Community College District to offer baccalaureate degree programs, including programs or curricula to meet local needs unmet by the same CSU or UC baccalaureate programs that are regularly at enrollment capacity.

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

Affordability

AB 1862 (Santiago) – Public Postsecondary Education: CSU: Tuition

This bill prohibits the CSU from charging mandatory systemwide tuition or fees for two academic years to any California Community College transfer student who has completed an Associate Degree for Transfer or received a fee waiver under the California College Promise while at the CCC.

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

AB 1970 (Jones-Sawyer) – Public Postsecondary Education: Pilot Program for Free Tuition and Fees: Working Group

This bill establishes a working group to consider the creation of a pilot program that would provide free postsecondary education in the state. The working group would identify one or more public institutions for participation in the pilot program and determine a funding source that would be available for the first 15 to 20 years of the pilot program.

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

AB 2176 (Holden) – Free Student Transit Passes: Eligibility for State Funding

This bill requires a transit agency that receives specified state funding to provide free service to CCC, CSU or UC students. The bill also prohibits public postsecondary institutions from charging a student for any free transit service.

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

AB 2495 (Choi) – Public Postsecondary Education: Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Systemwide Fees

This bill requires the CSU Board of Trustees, and requests the UC Board of Regents, to utilize a cohort tuition model by restricting tuition increases for at least six years for each incoming class.

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

Other Bills Introduced in 2020

SB 1211 (Glazer) – Public Postsecondary Education: California Promise Program: CSU Students

This bill requires campuses participating in the California Promise pilot program, effective 2021-2022, to have at least 5% of each incoming class participate in the CA Promise program and that 70% of participating students be either low-income, first-generation or from underrepresented communities.

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

SB 1444 (Durazo) – CSU: Food Service Contracts and Hotel Development Projects

This bill prohibits a CSU campus from entering into a contract for food services or with a hotel if the vendor does not have a labor peace agreement.

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

AB 1836 (Quirk-Silva) – Public Postsecondary Education: CSU: Reporting

This bill requires the CSU to annually report on specified parking and transportation-related information and discretionary account information.

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

AB 1930 (Medina) – UC and CSU: Student Eligibility Policy

This bill requires the CSU and requests the UC to engage in a multi-step process when considering and/or changing the university's admissions requirements.

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

AB 2023 (Chiu) – Education Equity: Student Records: Name and Gender Changes

This bill requires public universities to update a former student's records to include the student's updated legal name or gender if the student provides government-issued documents, and requires institutions to offer an option for graduating students to request their diploma be issued with a student's chosen name.

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

AB 2114 (Rodriguez) – Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act: Procedures Relating to Employee Termination or Discipline

This bill requires a higher education employer to provide a procedure for all non-probationary employees, who are not members of the academic senate, to challenge a termination of employment or disciplinary action by the employer.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

AB 2175 (Gipson) – School Nurses: Credentialing

This bill authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to approve local education agencies (K-12) to offer school nurse credentialing programs.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting hearing in Assembly Education Committee

AB 2578 (Irwin) – Public Postsecondary Education: CSU: Proficiency Level of Entering Students

This bill expands existing reporting requirements to include specified information that assesses levels of college readiness and the CSU's plan to address equity gaps.

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

AB 2584 (Holden) – Student Athletes: Transfer

This bill forbids an institution of higher education from upholding any rule, requirement, standard, or other limitation that prohibits a student athlete who transfers to that institution from participating in intercollegiate athletic competition immediately upon the student's transfer.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting referral in the Assembly.

ACA 5 (Weber) – Government preferences

This amendment to the State's Constitution repeals the provision that prohibits the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education or public contracting.

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

Active Bills Introduced in 2019 (i.e. two-year bills)

Active Senate Bills

SB 2 (Glazer) – Statewide Longitudinal Student Database

This bill, subject to an appropriation, establishes the Statewide Longitudinal Student Database to collect and store individual student P-20 and workforce data, and creates a review committee that includes the CSU and other education leaders to advise on its establishment and administration.

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

SB 3 (Allen) – Office of Higher Education Coordination, Accountability and Performance

This bill establishes the Office of Higher Education Coordination, Accountability and Performance for the purposes of statewide postsecondary education planning, oversight, data collection and coordination.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

SB 148 (Glazer) – Public Postsecondary Education: The California Promise: Student Success and On-time Completion Fund

This bill authorizes the trustees to provide specified grants to students who participate in the Promise program subject to the provisions of funding for this purpose. The bill also requires the CSU to waive systemwide tuition fees for a participating student unable to complete their degree within 4 years, due to limited space or no course offerings.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

SB 461 (Roth) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grants: Summer Term Students

This bill creates a Summer Cal Grant award for eligible students to take up to nine units of courses during the summer term.

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

SB 493 (Jackson) – Education: Sex Equity

This bill requires colleges to have specified protections from sexual harassment in place for their students.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose Unless Amended
- **Status:** This bill is on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

SB 660 (Pan) – Postsecondary Education: Mental Health Counselors

This bill requires the CSU Board of Trustees and each community college district to adopt a goal of having a ratio of one mental health counselor per every 1,500 students. The bill also defines mental health counselor and contains reporting requirements.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

SB 776 (Skinner) – College Admissions: Criminal History Inquiry: Prohibition

This bill prohibits colleges from inquiring about a prospective student's criminal history during the admissions process.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is at the Assembly Desk.

Active Assembly Bills

AB 313 (Frazier) – Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account: UC and CSU Reports

This bill requires the UC and the CSU to annually submit a report detailing expenditures for state funded transportation research to the Transportation Agency and legislature.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** This bill is in the Senate Rules Committee.

AB 369 (Weber) – CSU: Support Staff Employees: Merit Salary Adjustments

This bill requires the CSU to use existing resources to provide a 5% annual step in salary to each support staff employee and incorporate said provision into any pertinent collective bargaining agreement entered into or renewed by the CSU, and sunsets these provisions in July 2030.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Inactive File.

AB 930 (Gloria) – CSU: Executive Compensation: Campus Budget Quarterly Reporting

This bill prohibits the CSU Board of Trustees from considering an increase in executive compensation in a year when student tuition has increased.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill was held on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 1155 (Rodriguez) – Postsecondary Education: Campus-Affiliated Sorority and Fraternity Transparency Act

This bill requires each higher education institution to annually collect information from each sorority and fraternity and to make the information available on the institution’s website.

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

AB 1229 (Wicks) – End Foster Youth Student Hunger in California Act of 2019

This bill establishes the Transition Age Foster Youth Meal Plan Program, to be administered by the Student Aid Commission, to provide foster youth enrolled at a public postsecondary educational institution with a monetary award equal to the cost of campus-based fees and a campus meal plan.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill was held on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 1314 (Medina) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Reform Act

The bill enacts legislation, known as the Cal Grant Reform Act, to accomplish specified goals as it pertains to expanding the eligibility and duration of Cal Grant awards.

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

AB 1460 (Weber) – CSU: Graduation Requirement: Ethnic Studies

This bill requires CSU students to complete a 3-unit course in ethnic studies in order to graduate.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Floor.

Bills That Are No Longer Active

The following bills were introduced in 2019 and were still considered active at the beginning of 2020. However, in January, they failed to meet legislative deadlines and are now considered dead for the session.

AB 151 (Voepel) – Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: California Community College Transfer Entitlement Program

This bill raises the age of eligibility for the Cal Grant CCC Transfer Entitlement Program from 28 to 30 years.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral

AB 260 (Quirk-Silva) – Postsecondary Education: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program Awards

This bill repeals the age and time out of high school requirements for the Cal Grant program.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 532 (Weber) – CSU Parking Fairness Act

This bill requires that the purchase price of a student parking permit be less than the purchase price of a similar parking permit for any CSU staff, faculty or administrator.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

AB 534 (Mayes) – Social Services: Access to Food

This bill requires various state agencies to develop a plan to end hunger by January 1, 2021. It requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to develop systems that allow EBT cards to be used on campus.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral

AB 541 (Gabriel) – Student Financial Aid: Students Exempt from Paying Nonresident Tuition

This bill expands eligibility for competitive Cal Grants to all students who qualify for state-based aid, including students exempt from paying nonresident tuition under the provisions of AB 540.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral

AB 542 (Gabriel) – Student Financial Aid: Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards

This bill increases the total number of competitive Cal Grant A and B awards granted annually by 3,000.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral

AB 863 (Cervantes) – Postsecondary Education: Student Financial Aid Verification

This bill prohibits the Student Aid Commission or an institution of higher education from verifying eligibility for state financial aid on a student more than once, unless specified.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 1358 (Melendez) - Postsecondary Education: Campus Free Speech Act

This bill establishes the Campus Free Speech Act, which, among other provisions, requires the governing boards of each higher education institution to adopt a policy on free expression that contains specified components.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

AB 1364 (Rubio) – Nursing: Schools and Programs: Exemptions

This bill exempts a nursing school or program that is nationally accredited from receiving additional licensure from the California Board of Nursing if the school or program meets the parameters and reporting requirements as specified.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

AB 1620 (Santiago) – Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Payment of Nonresident Tuition

This bill reduces from three to two years the length of residency required to be eligible for resident tuition to be waived for AB 540 students.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking