

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Jack B. Clarke, Jr., Chair
Yammilette Rodriguez, Vice Chair
Diana Aguilar-Cruz
Diego Arambula
Raji Kaur Brar
Lillian Kimbell
Julia I. Lopez
Jack McGrory
Jose Antonio Vargas

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
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 26, 2024

Members Present

Jack B. Clarke, Jr., Chair
Lillian Kimbell
Jose Antonio Vargas

Wenda Fong, Chair of the Board
Mildred García, Chancellor

Trustee Clarke called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the January 30, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted.

Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance

Greg Saks, vice chancellor, external relations and communications expressed that it is imperative that the CSU fulfill its moral and legal obligation to Native American Tribes and descendants and repatriate all ancestors and cultural items that are in the universities' collections.

Nathan Dietrich, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, provided an update on the most critical items that the CSU is working on to meet the recommendations, requirements and deadlines shared at the last board meeting. The first is the need to create a systemwide policy that will provide guidance and oversight to each of the universities. A draft is due to the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) in July 2024. Per state law, input from and consultation with Tribes is of the utmost importance in the development of the systemwide policy; therefore, nine listening sessions have been scheduled for Tribal leaders, and a working group that includes Tribal voices has started to draft an outline of the systemwide policy for discussion. In addition to the formal listening sessions, the CSU will also be offering one-on-one consultation.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich shared additional updates and priorities:

- There is a standing NAGPRA update at every Executive Leadership Team meeting. At the February meeting, they were joined by Executive Secretary Raymond Hitchcock and a lawyer from the NAHC.
- Hiring qualified coordinators remains a top priority for each university. Coordinators must be hired by July 2024.
- State law and federal regulations prohibit the use of collections for teaching, research and display. This month, Chancellor García sent a memo to each president reminding them of these new legal responsibilities.
- The new state law requires the creation of systemwide and campus-based NAGPRA Committees. In consultation with the NAHC, the priority deadline for applicants was extended to February 2 to give Tribes and universities additional time to nominate members.
- A two-day training is planned for April in San Bernardino that will explore in greater detail the repatriation process, consultation requirements, and other items that are critical for university staff to know.
- Chico State's Director of Tribal Relations Rachel McBride-Praetorius is providing some of her time and support to the Chancellor's Office; a new administrative assistant has been hired to support CalNAGPRA Project Manager Adriane Tafoya; and the CSU is executing a legal support contract.

President Tomás Morales shared recent examples of the progress being made by the CSU. Sonoma State repatriated more than 5,000 cultural items to the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria, facilitated 16 consultation meetings with various Tribes and participated in more than 30 consultation meetings with government agencies. Coordinators have been hired or positions have been posted at Channel Islands, Fresno, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge and San Bernardino. Sacramento State opened a new Native American Student Success Center and Cal State San Bernardino has posted a position for a full-time director of tribal relations. In March, Cal State San Bernardino worked with the California Indians Nations College to support and host the White House Initiative Summit to advocate for Native American student access and success.

Chancellor García congratulated President Morales on the White House Initiative Summit. Chair Fong thanked Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich for the update, President Morales for his leadership, and the other CSU presidents for working so hard to meet these goals. She also reminded the trustees that there will be a NAGPRA update at every board meeting.

State Legislative Update

Vice Chancellor Saks shared that staff met with the chair and vice chair of the Governmental Relations Committee to present the recommended bill positions and supporting analysis. More

than 2,200 bills were introduced in the legislature this year. The Advocacy and State Relations team has worked to review these bills, engaging colleagues at the universities and the Chancellor's Office to produce this initial report with special attention on legislation that directly impacts the CSU.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich provided an update on the three sponsored bills. Assemblymember Chris Ward introduced AB 2005, which would authorize universities to utilize the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit for the purpose of developing affordable housing for CSU faculty, staff and students on CSU-owned land. Last week, the bill had its first committee hearing and passed 7-0 and will next be heard in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 9. Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva introduced AB 2395, which would provide CSU universities flexibility in the use of professional and continuing education funds so they can be used to develop and expand innovative academic programs that improve student access and workforce preparation. This bill will be heard in committee in mid-April. The third sponsored bill was incorporated into the Higher Education Omnibus bill, which was introduced last week. This bill would provide an exemption from out-of-state tuition fees for members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are stationed in California for the purpose of pursuing educational goals at state-supported institutions of higher education.

He highlighted a few trends that have emerged this legislative year, including competing statewide educational facilities bond proposals; a continued focus on Title IX; a number of bills pertaining to nursing programs; and bills regarding CSU governance, which include the addition of two new trustees to the board, an external financial audit of the 23 universities, and a requirement to post additional financial information on the CSU website.

He also gave a recap on recent advocacy activities:

- Chancellor García joined separate Assembly and Senate Budget Committee hearings in February and March.
- CSU Advocacy Day was on February 21. He thanked the California State Student Association, the Alumni Association, Academic Senate, and the California State University Employee Union for their partnership. He gave special thanks to the Alumni Council for hosting an alumni reception the night before, with approximately 400 alumni in attendance, including key staffers and about a dozen legislators.
- The Chancellor spent almost a full week in Sacramento earlier this month meeting with legislators, hosting a roundtable and speaking with the key members of the press.
- Last week, a dozen CSU universities took part in a nursing advocacy day to communicate the importance of the CSU's nursing programs and offer solutions on how to grow the state's nursing workforce.
- He thanked the ten trustees who traveled to Sacramento on March 20. The trustees had a dozen meetings with members and shared the importance of a variety of budget and policy issues from a systemwide perspective.

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Trustee Adamson had questions about pending positions on a number of bills. Trustee Gilbert-Lurie thanked the staff for Trustee Advocacy Day. Trustee Ghilarducci suggested that the board receive an update on Title IX at each meeting. Trustee Faigin asked that staff continue to send out the legislative report a few weeks before the board meeting so they can review ahead of the meeting. Chair Fong thanked Vice Chancellor Saks, Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich and the Advocacy and State Relations team for their efforts to engage the board.

Trustee Clarke adjourned the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance

Presentation By

Greg Saks
Vice Chancellor
External Relations and Communications

Nathan Dietrich
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State 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.

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. The next update to the State Auditor on progress made implementing their recommendations is due in June 2024. Chancellor García met with Assemblymember James Ramos in April to discuss AB 389 implementation and the university's efforts to improve NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA compliance.

Systemwide Policy Development and Listening Sessions

AB 389 requires, and the 2023 state audit recommends, that the Chancellor's Office adopt systemwide policies and procedures related to NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA, consultation, and repatriation. AB 389 requires that this policy must be done in consultation with Tribes and the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). A draft is due to the NAHC by July 1, 2024, and the systemwide policy must be implemented by July 2025. AB 389 requires the CSU to "make best efforts to adopt the commission's recommendations."

The Chancellor’s Office has established a working group that includes university officials, Tribal voices, and those with NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA expertise. Nine listening sessions have been scheduled between April and June for Tribes to share with the Chancellor’s Office what they believe should be in the systemwide policy. Formal Tribal consultation opportunities have also been ensured throughout the policy development process.

While details of the future systemwide policy will be determined in consultation with Tribes and the NAHC, it will likely include a variety of topics, including:

- Culturally appropriate treatment of Native American ancestral remains and cultural items;
- Culturally appropriate best practices and training concerning repatriation;
- Protocol for processing and implementing claims for repatriation and dispute resolutions;
- Tribal research and testing requests;
- Prohibition on the use of Native American remains or cultural items for the purposes of teaching or research;
- Campus reporting requirements to the Chancellor’s Office, the NAHC, and/or the legislature;
- Roles and terms of systemwide and campus committees;
- Request by Tribes for a campus to hold their ancestral or cultural items until they are prepared to accept them;
- Best practices on collection storage and access;
- Campus NAGPRA coordinator roles and responsibilities.

Systemwide policy listening sessions have been and will be held on the following dates:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Long Beach	April 3
Sonoma	April 11
San Diego	April 17
Bakersfield	May 2
Sacramento	May 9
East Bay	May 15
Chico (Paskenta-Rolling Hills, with SHPO/THPO conference)	May 21
Humboldt	May 30
Inland Empire	June 18

Chancellor García attended the first listening session at Cal State Long Beach. To date, attendees have stressed the need for campuses to continue to search for items not accounted for in prior inventories, build trust with Tribes, and compensate Tribal representatives for their time, among

other items. CSU appreciates and acknowledges these comments and continues to work thoughtfully and diligently to meaningfully consult with Tribes to develop the systemwide policy.

Campus Coordinators

Hiring qualified coordinators must remain a top priority for each university. AB 389 states that “on or before July 1, 2024, to ensure that campuses pursue timely repatriation, require campuses with Native American remains and cultural items to have full-time, experienced repatriation coordinators.” The state audit also recommends having full-time coordinators hired by June 2024.

As of May 2, 2024, 16 of 21 universities have hired or posted their full-time experienced coordinator positions. Chancellor’s Office staff are working with the remaining universities to ensure they have the right personnel in place by July 2024.

Systemwide Committee and Campus Committees

AB 389 requires the creation of systemwide and campus-based NAGPRA committees and 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 at least four voting Tribal representatives and three university voting members. At their May 3 commission meeting, the NAHC formally voted to nominate a number of individuals to serve on campus committees. The NAHC will continue to take nominations for committee members throughout the year. We will continue to encourage qualified applicants to apply for committee positions and the NAHC will continue to review and nominate committee members.

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 in teaching, research or on display. On March 18, 2024, Chancellor García issued a memorandum directing university presidents to ensure the prohibition of the use of any ancestral remains or cultural items that are in the university’s collection in teaching, research or on display as required by state law and federal regulations. Each university must adhere to these laws and regulations, which disallow the continued use and display of ancestral remains or cultural items subject to NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA that have not processed through the legal repatriation requirements. This includes a prohibition on using ancestral remains or cultural items that have yet to be repatriated in teaching and research. The memorandum reinforced that the best practice is not to make assumptions and consult with the associated Tribe(s) if there are questions about any material. This topic was

featured prominently at the April training workshop at Cal State San Bernardino discussed in more detail below.

Status of Inventories

AB 389 requires the CSU to report to the legislature the progress each campus has had in reviewing its collections of Native American ancestors and cultural items by December 31, 2024. To ensure that campuses assess all campus areas, campuses must conduct campuswide assessments of departments and storage facilities including off-site or satellite locations. Progress on campuses' review and inventories was part of the Campus Repatriation Implementation Plans that were due to the Chancellor's Office in December 2023. Some universities have sent out additional surveys to all staff and faculty this spring, asking them to continue to make an effort to search for any items that should be accounted for. In response to feedback received at the systemwide policy listening sessions, the Chancellor's Office will consider ways to ensure campuses continue to conduct additional searches of all campus facilities to ensure that all ancestral remains or cultural items subject to NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA are discovered and included in repatriation efforts.

Fiscal Planning

The CSU 2024-2025 operating budget request includes \$4.25 million for NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA compliance. Funds have been requested to create 30 university and three systemwide positions, as well as for operational costs. Desired campus budgets have been submitted to the Chancellor's Office and are under review. Specific budgeting decisions and guidance will be made later this spring when the state's budget becomes clearer.

AB 389 also requires each campus to identify and estimate the funding needed to complete repatriations in a timely manner by January 2025 and report this information to the NAHC and legislature. The campus budgets that were included in the Campus Repatriation Implementation Plans provided to the Chancellor's Office in December 2023 will help inform this estimate.

NAGPRA Training

CSU hosted a two-day training at Cal State San Bernardino on April 24 and 25, 2024. Campus NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA coordinators and presidential designees were strongly encouraged to attend. The in-person training was live streamed and accessed by more than 200 individuals from the CSU, UC, community colleges, Tribes, as well as state and federal agencies attended the training. The training was recorded and will be posted to the CSU CalNAGPRA/NAGPRA website. Presenters included Mario Pallari, legal counsel for the NAHC, Melaine O'Brien, the U.S. Department of Interior's National NAGPRA Program Manager and Tribal leaders and experts

concerning NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA. Topics included the prohibition on teaching and research, Tribal requests for research/analysis, examples of collaborations, and a session on CalNAGPRA and the new federal regulations.

Chancellor's Office Support

The state audit recommended that the Chancellor's Office formalize its administrative structure in relation to NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA. Recognizing the unique government to government role, duties were assigned to the Office of Advocacy and State Relations in the fall of 2023, and the Chancellor's Office continues to build out its administrative structure and support for campuses.

Outside legal counsel has been retained to aid campuses in their repatriation efforts. Adriane Tafoya, CalNAGPRA Project Manager and Assistant Vice Chancellor, Advocacy and State Relations, Nathan Dietrich regularly meet with the presidential designee and NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA coordinator at each campus to monitor campus progress and understand the challenges faced by universities. These meetings have raised important issues that have been or will be addressed systemwide.

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State Legislative Update

Presentation By

Greg Saks
Vice Chancellor
External Relations and Communications

Nathan Dietrich
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The first major legislative deadline was on April 26, by which the Assembly and Senate policy committees needed to act on bills to advance to their respective fiscal committee. Any bills that failed to meet the policy deadline are not eligible to advance forward this legislative year. The next deadline is May 27 and bills must pass out of their house of introduction to continue to be active moving forward. This presentation highlights bills of interest to the CSU community.

This report is organized as follows:

- Board of Trustees sponsored legislation
- Active bills
 - Senate Bills
 - Assembly Bills
- Failed to Meet Policy Committee Deadline
 - Senate Bills
 - Assembly Bills
- Governor's Actions

All bill summaries and positions are accurate as of May 2, 2024. The Board will be provided with the fiscal impacts of legislation in early June.

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

AB 2005 (Ward) – California State University: Faculty and Employee Housing

This bill would allow the California State University (CSU) residential development partners to utilize Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to develop affordable housing for faculty and staff on university-owned land.

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

AB 2395 (Quirk-Silva) – California State University: Extension Programs, Special Session, and Self-Supporting Instructional Programs

This bill would provide CSU campuses flexibility in the use of professional and continuing education funds so they can be used to develop and expand innovative academic programs to improve student access and workforce preparation.

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

ACTIVE BILLS

Senate Bills

SB 28 (Glazer) – Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2024

This bill would place a \$15.5 billion facilities bond on the March 2024 ballot for K-16, that if approved by the voters, would allocate \$2 billion for the CSU.

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

SB 59 (Skinner) – Menstrual Product Accessibility Act

This bill increases the number of bathrooms in state-owned buildings that must be stocked with menstrual products, which are to be provided to members of the public free of charge.

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

SB 295 (Dodd) – Vehicles: Regulations on Public Property

This bill would authorize public agencies, including the UC and the CSU, to restrict the use of certain electronically powered modes of transportation including scooters, pocket bicycles, low speed vehicles and utility terrain vehicles under their jurisdiction.

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

SB 895 (Roth) – Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

This bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges (CCC) to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes 15 select community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 906 (Skinner) – Collegiate Athletics: Student Athlete Compensation

This bill would require specified reporting including a report by an entity that provides compensation to a student athlete, or the student athlete's family, to report such compensation to the student athlete's postsecondary educational institution.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 6.

SB 916 (Seyarto) – Waiver of Tuition and Fees: Veterans: Extended Education Courses

This bill would prohibit campuses of the three segments of public postsecondary education 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 undergraduate degree program.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

SB 984 (Wahab) – Public Agencies: Project Labor Agreements

This bill would require specified state agencies, including the CSU, to select three projects prior to January 2027 that would be managed under a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for a public works projects in excess of \$35 million.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose Unless Amended
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 6.

SB 995 (Padilla) – CSU: Teacher Recruitment and Retention

This bill requires the CSU Chancellor in consultation with the California Community College Chancellor to create a five-year pilot program starting with the 2025-2026 school year for students to complete a baccalaureate degree in teacher credentialing in four years.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

SB 1015 (Cortese) – Nursing Schools and Programs

This bill would require the Nursing Education and Workforce Advisory Committee, within the Board of Registered Nursing, to study and recommend to the legislature how schools of nursing can coordinate clinical placements.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

SB 1023 (Wilk) – CSU: Antelope Valley or Victor Valley Campus

This bill would authorize the CSU Chancellor’s Office to conduct and submit to the Board of Trustees (BOT) a study on the feasibility of an independent CSU campus in the Antelope Valley or Victor Valley.

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

SB 1042 (Roth) – General Acute Care Hospitals: Clinical Placements: Nursing

This bill would require health care facilities to meet with public and private schools who provide nursing education to annually discuss their clinical placement needs and impose specified reporting requirements, which in turn should be used to help prioritize the clinical placement needs of approved schools of nursing, including the CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 6.

SB 1166 (Dodd) – Annual Report: Sex Discrimination

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to report annually to the legislature with a summary of the activities undertaken by each campus and by the systemwide Title IX office to ensure campus programs and activities are free from sex discrimination.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

SB 1200 (Glazer) – CSU: California Promise: Finish in Four and Through in Two

This bill changes the name of the California Promise Program to ‘Finish in Four and Through in Two’, eliminates the 2026 sunset of the program, and requires annual reporting to the legislature on program participation.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

SB 1287 (Glazer) – Equity in Higher Education Act: Prohibition on Harassment, Intimidation, and Discrimination

This bill requires the CSU, UC, and CCC to adopt a policy within their student code of conduct that prohibits violence, harassment, intimidation, and discrimination that are intended to interfere with free speech, or calls for or supports genocide, and develop mandatory training programs to educate students on how to exchange views in an atmosphere of mutual respect and civility, among other requirements.

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

SB 1348 (Bradford) – California Seal of Excellence in Serving Black and African American Postsecondary Students

This bill would establish the California Seal of Excellence in Serving Black and African American Postsecondary Students to recognize campuses of these segments that excel at providing academic resources to Black and African American students.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a Senate floor vote.

SB 1378 (Min) – Pupil and Student Safety: Identification Cards: Federal Title IX Assistance Telephone Number

This bill requires all schools that serve pupils in grade 7 through 12 as well as all higher education institutions to list contact information for their school’s Title IX Coordinator and the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights on their student identification cards.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

SB 1411 (Ochoa Bogh) – Instructional Quality Commission: Membership: Appointments by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates

This bill would add six public members to the Instructional Quality Commission, which would be appointed by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates with each segment appointing two members.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File.

SB 1491 (Eggman) – Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act

This bill requires the CSU and CCC to designate a confidential employee at each campus to be a point of contact for the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, pansexual, transgender, gender-nonconforming, intersex and two-spirit faculty, staff, and students. This bill also requires the LAO to conduct an assessment of the quality of life at these institutions for the populations above.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 6.

Assembly Bills

AB 25 (McCarty) – Student Financial Aid: Middle Class Scholarship Program

This bill amends the rules of the Middle-Class Scholarship Program to remove basic needs emergency aid from consideration in the awarding or adjusting of scholarship amounts. It also requires the Department of Finance to fully fund the program over five years, provided general fund revenues increase for two consecutive years.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Appropriation Committee.

AB 252 (Holden) – The College Athlete Protection Act

This bill establishes the College Athlete Protection (CAP) Act, for the purpose of providing various rights, benefits and protections to college athletes. The bill creates a 21-member panel to promulgate various regulations and requires National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I schools to provide degree completion fund payments to student athletes that receive athletic grants.

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

AB 456 (Maienschein) – Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Mental Health Hotlines

This bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the California State University, on or before January 1, 2026, to develop a plan to make a campus mental health hotline that is operated by an organization with expertise in student mental health available to students on their respective campuses, and to report to the legislature on this plan by January 1, 2026.

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

AB 506 (Fong, Mike) – CSU: Ethnic Studies Course Approvals

This bill requires the CSU to collaborate with the ASCSU, the CCC Ethnic Studies Faculty Council, and the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies to develop a process for CSU to approve CCC ethnic studies courses. It also suspends the current approval by one year and states that courses approved through 2023 will no longer satisfy the requirement.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill was held under submission in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 810 (Friedman) – Athletics Department: Misconduct Database

This bill requires the CSU, UC, and CCC to require applicants for an academic, athletic, or administrative position to disclose any administrative or judicial finding that the applicant committed sexual harassment. The applicant would also be required to sign a release form that authorizes their former employer to release information regarding any substantiated allegations of misconduct.

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

AB 1142 (Fong, Mike) – Postsecondary Education: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California

This bill would establish the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California as an independent state agency with the authority to provide statewide postsecondary education oversight, coordination and planning.

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

AB 1160 (Pacheco) - Postsecondary Education: Debt Collection

This bill expands the Educational Debt Collection Practices Act to prohibit tax offset for debts owed to postsecondary institutions, creates new regulations for institutions utilizing third-party debt collection agencies, prohibits the withholding of a diploma or certificate or placing holds on a student's registration or reenrollment because of institutional debts, and requires biennial reporting to the legislature on the amounts and types of debts owed by students to each institution.

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

AB 1393 (Calderon) – Student Aid Commission: California Dream Act: Food Support Pilot Program

This bill would establish the Food Support Pilot Program within the Student Aid Commission, which would provide food support grants to qualifying students who complete a California Dream Act application and receive financial assistance under the California Dream Act.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill was held under submission in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1524 (Lowenthal) - Postsecondary Education: On-Campus Access to Drug Testing Devices and Antitampering Devices

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to stock devices that detect the presence of drugs such in a central and accessible location on campus and offer them free of charge.

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

AB 1575 (Irwin) – Postsecondary Education: Designated Advocates: Notification

This bill requires public postsecondary institutions to advise students involved in disciplinary procedures that they are allowed to select a respondent adviser to assist them in navigating the adjudication procedures.

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

AB 1577 (Low) – General Acute Care Hospitals: Clinical Placements: Nursing

This bill requires hospitals to report clinical placement data for nursing students and requires community college nursing programs to report clinical placement needs. Requires hospitals to offer pre-licensure clinical training slots to CCC.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose unless amended
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Health Committee.

AB 1790 (Connolly) – CSU: Sexual Harassment: Implementing California State Auditor Recommendations

This bill would require the CSU to implement the recommendations of the 2023 state audit on Title IX and report to the Legislature on the status of implementation.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 1818 (Jackson) – Public Postsecondary Education: Homeless Students: Parking

This bill would require the CSU, and CCC to develop a pilot program to allow overnight parking by students who use their vehicles as housing provided that they have a valid parking permit and are parked in a campus owned parking facility. By July 1, 2025 the CSU shall select 10 campuses to participate in until January 1, 2029. It would further prohibit the segments from penalizing or citing the students for doing so.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 1841 (Weber) – Student Safety: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication: Student Housing Facilities

This bill would require the CSU and the CCC to require each university or college-affiliated student housing facility to stock federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication, to train all residential staff members at each student housing facility on the administration of the opioid overdose reversal medication, and to distribute the opioid overdose reversal medication to all university or college-affiliated Greek-life housing facilities.

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

AB 1905 (Addis) – Employment: Settlements, Informal Resolutions, and Retreat Rights

This bill prohibits an employee of a public postsecondary educational institution from being eligible for retreat rights and from receiving a letter of recommendation if the employee is determined in a final administrative decision to have committed sexual harassment.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2015 (Schiavo) – Nursing Schools and Programs: Faculty Members, Directors, and Assistant Directors

This bill would authorize the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to approve an individual to serve as a member of the faculty, director, or assistant director of an approved school of nursing program as well as several other regulatory changes.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2033 (Reyes) – Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards: Basic Needs Services and Resources

This bill would require the CSU and request the UC to establish a Basic Needs Center and employ a Basic Needs Coordinator at every campus who would perform specified duties.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2047 (Fong, Mike) – Discrimination Prevention: Systemwide Offices of Civil Rights

This bill requires the CSU, UC, and CCC to establish a systemwide Office of Civil Rights to be led by a systemwide Title IX Coordinator who will perform specified duties.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2048 (Fong, Mike) – Discrimination Prevention: Campus-Based Title IX Offices

This bill would require each campus of the CSU and UC, and each district of the CCC, to establish a Title IX office under the administration of a Title IX Coordinator who will perform specified duties.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2070 (Cervantes) – Trustees of the CSU: Faculty Appointees

This bill would add an additional faculty member to the Board of Trustees to be appointed by the governor, and also require the Academic Senate to provide four names, rather than two, to the governor for consideration.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting an Assembly floor vote.

AB 2076 (McCarty) – California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022: State Fund Loan

This bill requests \$200 million be transferred to the California Student Housing Revolving Loan Program from the Surplus Money Investment Fund and other funds in the Pooled Money Investment Account to fund the program in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2104 (Soria) – Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

This bill would require the CCC to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes 15 select community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2116 (Grayson) – Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account: UC & CSU: Reports

This bill would require the CSU and UC, on or before January 1 of each year, to each submit a report to the Transportation Agency and specified legislative committees detailing its expenditures of moneys from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account for the previous fiscal year, including, but not limited to, research activities and administration.

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

AB 2150 (Arambula) – Public Social Services: Higher Education

This bill requires a county human services agency to receive input from campus basic needs directors when developing protocols for engagement between the agency and institutions of higher education located within the county. This bill also requires the Department of Social Services to consult with staff liaisons and basic needs directors to develop training related to determining student eligibility for public social services and to convene a workgroup to identify barriers to enrollment in public social services.

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

AB 2152 (McCarty) – CSU & UC: Graduation Requirements: Service-Learning Pilot Program

This bill requires that commencing with students graduating in the 2033-2034 academic year, the CSU and the UC, for at least three campuses each, shall, as a pilot program, adopt the completion of a service-learning program as an undergraduate graduation requirement. This bill also requires the CSU and requests the UC, commencing with the 2026-2027 academic year, to provide information on service-learning programs and opportunities for undergraduate students on campus websites.

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

AB 2193 (Holden) – Hazing: Educational Institutions: Civil Liability

This bill establishes civil liability for an education institution, which includes the CSU, if the institution had direct involvement in or knew of dangerous hazing practices and failed to take reasonable steps to stop the hazing practices of the organization.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose unless amended
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2275 (Fong, Mike) – Trustees of the CSU: Appointees

This bill would require that members selected to serve on the CSU Board of Trustees should be inclusive and representative of the demographic groups of California and that the board reflect diversity of race, gender, and among other things disabled persons and veterans.

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

AB 2305 (Fong, Mike) – Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program

This bill makes changes to the timeline requirements for community colleges to apply for a baccalaureate degree program and for applications to be approved.

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

AB 2326 (Alvarez) – Equity in Higher Education Act: Discrimination, Compliance, Regulations, and Reports

This bill states that the leader of the system shall have responsibility for monitoring the compliance of each campus in ensuring that programs are free from discrimination. The Chancellor's Office shall annually submit a report to the Board of Trustees and to the legislature detailing efforts to prevent and respond to discrimination, and the Chancellor shall testify annually before the legislative budget subcommittees on the state of the system in responding to all forms of discrimination.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2398 (Kalra) – CSU: Audits

This bill would require an external financial audit of each campus of the CSU to be conducted once every three years and the results of those audits to be made available to the public.

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

AB 2404 (Lee) – State and Local Public Employees: Labor Relations: Disputes

This bill allows public employees to strike in solidarity with other employee groups.

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

AB 2407 (Hart) – Sexual Harassment Complaints: State Audits

This bill requires the California State Auditor to, on or before January 1, 2026, and every three years thereafter, conduct an audit of the CSU, CCC and UC regarding their respective handling and investigation of sexual harassment complaints, and would require the findings of those audits to be reported to the legislature.

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

AB 2447 (Valencia) – Expenditures: Internet Website

This bill, known as the California State University Transparency Act of 2024, would require the university to report any expenditures of state dollars over \$10,000 on a website available to the public on or before July 2026.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2458 (Berman) – Public Postsecondary Education: Student Parents

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to post additional information on student parent webpages on campus websites; to develop and implement a campus policy for estimating and adjusting cost of attendance information for student parents; to establish a data field in the campus's data management information system to identify student parents; and to update its campus net price calculator to include a baseline student parent cost estimate.

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

AB 2492 (Irwin) – Sex Discrimination Complaints: Advocates and Coordinators

This bill requires the CSU, CCC, and requests the UC, to designate at each campus a confidential student advocate, a confidential staff and faculty advocate, and confidential respondent services coordinator to assist students, faculty, or staff who have experienced or are accused of sex discrimination.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2516 (Santiago) – Trustees of the CSU: Bargaining Unit Representative

This bill requires a bargaining unit representative to be added to the Board of Trustees for a two-year term to be selected by the California State University Labor Council.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill is awaiting an Assembly floor vote.

AB 2586 (Alvarez) – Public Postsecondary Education: Undocumented Student Employment

This bill prohibits the CSU, CCC and UC from disqualifying a student for employment at a campus due to failure to provide proof of federal work authorization, except where proof is required by federal law or when proof is required as a condition of a grant that funds the work position for which the student has applied.

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

AB 2608 (Gabriel) – Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment: Training

This bill requires public and private postsecondary institutions to update their annual sexual violence and sexual harassment training to include additional topics, such as how to recognize if someone is at risk of drug-facilitated sexual assault and where to access additional confidential resources on- and off-campus.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2633 (Alvarez) – Joint Degrees: International Institutions of Higher Education

The bill would authorize the CSU to award undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degrees jointly with international institutions of higher education.

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

AB 2821 (Grayson) – Postsecondary Education: Students with Disabilities

This bill requires public postsecondary institutions to provide training with information regarding disability access and compliance to all personnel during onboarding. It would also require the CSU, UC and CCC to report program cost and budget breakdowns for disabled student programs at each campus every five years.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2834 (Rendon) – Part Time Faculty

This bill would require, when possible, that the names of part-time community college faculty should be listed in the class schedule and bulletin once they are assigned to a class and extend the same preferences to part-time faculty at California State University campuses, including other specified requirements.

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

AB 2852 (Gracia) – Public Postsecondary Education: California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program

This bill would establish an exchange program of 400 students who attend a CSU, UC or CCC to attend universities in Mexico, and 400 students who attend a university in Mexico to attend a CSU, UC or CCC each year. This bill would also establish a fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of funding this program.

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

AB 2883 (Low) – Lunar New Year Holiday

This bill would require each university of the CSU, and would request each campus of the UC, to observe Lunar New Year as a paid holiday.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2925 (Friedman) Equity in Higher Education Act: Prohibition on Discrimination: Training and Notice

This bill specifies that California’s postsecondary educational institutions have an obligation to combat hate-based discrimination and requires that universities annually inform students of how to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education if the student is subjected to discrimination, including anti-Semitic behavior.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2936 (Jackson) – Higher Education Reconciliation Act

This bill would require the CSU and CCC, and request the UC, to each develop a reconciliation master plan to address cultural and political conflicts that arise on campus, which will include a forum for the purpose of students’ voices being heard while feeling safe.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 2953 (Alvarez) – UC And CSU: First-Generation Students: Outreach and Admission

This bill would require the CSU, and request the UC, to develop and implement a 4-year accountability plan for outreach to, and admission of, first-generation students.

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

AB 2987 (Ortega) – Sex Discrimination Complaints: Status Updates and Notices

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to provide updates to parties involved with a Title IX case every thirty days and to provide notice of disciplinary action to the respondent in a complaint of sex discrimination with three days of a decision being made.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 3015 (Ramos) – Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition and Fees: Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

This bill entitles a student to resident classification for the purpose of determining tuition and fees if the student is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe whose tribal land lies across the state border of California and Arizona, Nevada or Oregon, and the student has a residence in the bordering state.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

AB 3034 (Low) – Waiver of Tuition and Fees: California Conservation Corps

This bill would prohibit the CSU and UC, if adopted by resolution, from charging tuition or fees for students who meet certain requirements, including having completed one year in the California Conservation Corps.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

AB 3290 (Committee on Higher Education) Postsecondary Education: Omnibus Bill

This bill will be used to provide clarifying and confirming changes to various provisions of the Education Code affecting higher education.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** This bill is set for hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 8.

FAILED TO PASS POLICY COMMITTEE DEADLINE

Senate Bills

SB 1235 (Gonzalez) – Artificial Intelligence and Deepfake Working Group

This bill would require Cal State Long Beach to establish the Artificial Intelligence and Deepfake Working Group and develop a scoping plan to establish topics that may be addressed by the working group.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** This bill failed to pass the policy committee deadline on April 26.

Assembly Bills

AB 1942 (Cervantes) – Students: Paid Opportunities

This bill would require all students attending the CSU or CCC, regardless of immigration status, to be eligible to apply for and accept paid opportunities at the CSU or CCC, including, but not limited to, employment, fellowships, residencies, apprenticeships, and contract work.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** This bill failed to pass the policy committee deadline on April 26.

AB 3112 (Essayli) – Tuition Increases: Consumer Price Index

This bill would prohibit all segments of public and private postsecondary education in the state, commencing with the 2029-2030 academic year, from increasing their tuition by an amount greater than the percentage increase in the United States Consumer Price Index.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose
- **Status:** This bill failed to pass the policy committee deadline on April 26.

GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS

Assembly Bills

AB 1887 (Cervantes) – Student Financial Aid: Application Deadlines: Extension

This bill moves the deadline for students to apply for state financial aid from April 2, 2024, to May 2, 2024.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 5, Statutes of 2024.