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WASHINGTON UPDATE

In early February, President Barack Obama released the administration's Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Federal Budget Request. As part of the University's advocacy strategy, UC FGR compiled both an initial summary of the Budget Request and a UC FY 2017 Appropriations Priorities document, which was sent to the California congressional delegation along with a letter from UC President Janet Napolitano. Additional details are included below.

Also in February, President Napolitano was in Washington, DC to participate in The Cuba Consortium's Washington Conference and to meet with National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Francis Collins. Details about the President's visit are included below.

The University, along with the California State University (CSU) and the California Community College (CCC) systems, participated in a California Public Higher Education Caucus congressional briefing in early February. The briefing, titled "Welcome to California Public Higher Education," was designed to introduce the state's higher education systems to new education staff of the members of the California congressional delegation. Further information is included below.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 APPROPRIATIONS

On Feb. 9, President Obama released the Administration's [FY 2017 Budget Request](#), which provides a blueprint for the Administration's priorities and requested funding allocations for federal agencies, initiatives and policy changes. The Budget Request came in at approximately \$4.1 trillion and according to the Administration, is fully offset. FGR compiled a [summary of the Budget Request](#) on the issues and programs that are of importance to the University.

Following the release of the Budget Request, FGR worked in coordination with our campus and lab colleagues to publish the University's [FY 2017 Appropriations Priorities](#). The document highlights the programs that are priorities to the University, along with requested funding levels for each program. This detailed document was distributed to all members of the California congressional delegation, along with a letter from President Napolitano, and will be used throughout the year in UC's advocacy efforts with Congress as the appropriations and budgetary processes unfold. President Napolitano's [letter](#) urged the California congressional delegation to fully support the federal programs that are critical to the University's mission in education, research, health-care and public service. Additionally, the letter emphasized areas that are of specific importance to the University, including the Pell Grant Program; full funding

for basic and applied research, especially at the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy; and, an emphasis on funding for multi-agency research initiatives, such as BRAIN (Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies), Precision Medicine and clean energy.

Appropriations Advocacy

In late February, California's Research Universities Network (CRUN) – which includes the University of California, California Institute of Technology, Stanford University and the University of Southern California – sent a joint letter to the California congressional delegation with CRUN's FY 2017 appropriation priorities. The letter urges federal investment in education, research and health-care programs that are essential to promoting economic growth and preparing the next-generation workforce.

Also in late February, the University signed on to a [letter](#) by the Coalition for Health Funding, Committee for Education Funding and Campaign to Invest in America's Workforce in calling for higher allocation for the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee. The University was one of more than 660 national, state and local organizations that signed the letter, which was delivered to all Capitol Hill offices.

UC FGR will continue to advocate, in partnership with our campus and lab colleagues, to members of Congress and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees for the passage of final FY 2017 appropriations legislation with the highest possible funding levels for the program priorities of the University. For further information, please contact Marjorie Duske at Marjorie.Duske@ucdc.edu or 202-974-6306 or Carolyn Henrich at Carolyn.Henrich@ucdc.edu or 202-974-6308.

POLICY AND REGULATORY UPDATE

University of California joins 100Kin10

The University of California system was recently accepted as a partner in "100Kin10," a network of nearly 300 top academic institutions, nonprofit organizations, foundations, companies and government agencies working to prepare and retain an increased pool of highly qualified teachers in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields.

100Kin10 was created soon after President Obama's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology reported in 2010 that the United States needed to significantly build its capacity in STEM fields, and that increasing the number and quality of STEM teachers in K-12 classrooms was a key part of the overall strategy.

In 2005, the University of California launched its Science and Math Teacher Initiative (SMI), or "CalTeach", to help address the state's shortage of well-qualified K-12 math and science teachers. 100Kin10 accepted the UC system as a partner based on the strength of the CalTeach Program at UC's nine undergraduate campuses and on the significant commitments UC has made moving forward.

CalTeach is an innovative, UC system-wide program that provides interested mathematics and science majors enrolled at UC with coursework to learn teaching skills and field experiences in K-12 schools, while concurrently completing their undergraduate STEM degrees. CalTeach

courses—together with research opportunities about teaching and learning and intensive summer internships at local schools—complement participants' discipline-specific studies and prepare them to seek a teaching credential while or after earning a bachelor's degree.

CalTeach has successfully recruited, prepared and motivated talented undergraduates to explore careers as math or science educators for ten years; joining forces with 100Kin10 allows continued progression toward common goals. By 2020, UC commits to recruit 1,700 undergraduate STEM majors to explore CalTeach courses and to prepare 200 newly credentialed mathematics and science teachers in each of the next five years who can meet the educational needs of diverse learners.

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ADVOCACY UPDATE

UC President Janet Napolitano Visits Washington, DC

In late-February, President Napolitano traveled to Washington, DC to participate in The Cuba Consortium's Washington Conference and to meet with NIH Director Francis Collins. At the consortium event, the President moderated a conversation with William M. LeoGrande, co-author of "Back Channel to Cuba: The Hidden History of Negotiations between Washington and Havana."

During her meeting with Director Collins, President Napolitano discussed UC's important relationship with the NIH – according to the NIH, in Fiscal Year 2015, UC, system-wide (not including national laboratories), received \$1.81 billion in NIH funding. President Napolitano also touched upon a number of key initiatives, including BRAIN (Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies), Precision Medicine and the Cancer Moonshot.

California Public Higher Education Caucus Event on the Public Higher Education System

The California Public Higher Education Caucus held its first congressional briefing on Feb. 9, featuring representatives from the University of California, California State University (CSU) and the California Community College (CCC) systems. The briefing was designed to introduce the state's higher education systems to new education staff of the members of the California congressional delegation.

The California Public Higher Education Caucus was created in 2014 by Representatives Ami Bera (D-CA) and Jeff Denham (R-CA) to focus on the promise of higher education in California and to promote the diversity and successes of California's public colleges and universities. Each system presented background about their institutions, highlighted legislative and programmatic accomplishments from 2015 and discussed their agendas for 2016, particularly focusing on the upcoming reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. Gary Falle, Associate Vice President, UC FGR, and Carolyn Henrich, Director of Education, UC FGR, presented on behalf of UC. For further information, please contact Carolyn Henrich at Carolyn.Henrich@ucdc.edu or 202-974-6308.

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