



## UC Davis State Government Relations Update January 30, 2015

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### **Governor Brown Releases 2015-16 State Budget**

On Friday, January 9, Governor Jerry Brown released his 2015-16 budget. In it, the Governor proposes an increase of 4% (\$119.5 million) to UC's budget contingent on tuition remaining frozen, there being no increases in national/international student enrollments and if the University takes action to contain costs.

The full budget summary and the entire budget can be viewed at <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/>. Text of the budget bills, AB 103 (Weber) and SB 69 (Leno) are now in print. The bills incorporate the Governor's proposed spending plan for 2015-16. They are the starting point for legislative discussions on the budget. UC's budget items are designated with the number 6440 and start on page 463. Below are the links to the aforementioned bills, which are identical;

AB 103 – [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab\\_0101-0150/ab\\_103\\_bill\\_20150109\\_introduced.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_0101-0150/ab_103_bill_20150109_introduced.pdf)

SB 69 – [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb\\_0051-0100/sb\\_69\\_bill\\_20150109\\_introduced.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_0051-0100/sb_69_bill_20150109_introduced.pdf)

### **Chancellor Katehi Goes to State Capitol with Students for Legislative Meetings**

On Thursday, January 15, UC Davis Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi, along with students from ASUCD, GSA and LSA, were in Sacramento for legislative visits. The UC Davis group met with Senator Mike McGuire,

D-Healdsburg, Senator Richard Pan, D-Sacramento, Senator Lois Wolk, D-Davis, Assemblymember Luis Alejo, D-Watsonville, Assemblymember Ken Cooley, D-Rancho Cordova, Assemblymember Jim Cooper, D-Elk Grove, Assemblymember Bill Dodd, D-Napa, and Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, D-Sacramento.

The Chancellor and the students advocated for additional state funding for UC so that the proposed tuition increases do not materialize. They made the case that higher education funding needs to be a priority for California and the State Legislature. Overall, the legislators were receptive to the message, indicated that they were supportive in principle, and that they look forward to working with the University on funding as well as other issues such as accountability and reform measures as the legislative year progresses.

You can read more about the Chancellor's and students' day of advocacy here:

<http://blogs.ucdavis.edu/higher-ed-matters/2015/01/20/chancellor-linda-katehi-a-day-of-advocacy-at-the-state-capitol/>

### **Further Budget Advocacy Opportunities**

As mentioned above, the Governor's 2015-16 budget proposal provides a 4% increase for UC. Although we are grateful for this augmentation in state funding, it is not sufficient to cover our mandatory costs (i.e., rising employer pensions, inflation of infrastructure and utilities costs, rising health benefits costs and higher compensation for staff after the UC signed 10 new collective bargaining agreements last year). Compounding the issue is that UC's state funding for educating students remains \$460 million lower than it was in 07-08. For UC Davis, funding is \$156 million less (-35%) than it was 7 years ago, yet we are serving over 2,000 California students that are not funded. Additionally, the newly proposed nonresident student enrollment cap would add further financial strain to the University.

The next 5 months are a critical time for us to communicate to our Legislators and Governor that we need additional state funding to maintain UC as an institution that is affordable, accessible and the top public research university in the world. If we do not receive additional funding from the state then tuition will increase and there is the potential for further cuts to be made. So the time to act is now!

Below are a list of actions that you can take to advocate for UC and specifically UC Davis;

1. Write, email or call your Legislator and/or the Governor to increase state funding for UC
2. Adopt a resolution
3. Visit your legislator at the capitol or in the district office
4. Participate/attend a policy or budget committee hearing
5. Use social media to express your views on the budget and UC
6. Record a video with your message to the Governor and Legislature
7. Attend a community event hosted by your local Legislator

If you are interested in pursuing any of the aforementioned action items, please contact me directly at [adnlopez@ucdavis.edu](mailto:adnlopez@ucdavis.edu). I'll be happy to work with you to develop personal messages, set up meetings and to coordinate trips to the Capitol.

### Bills of Interest for 2015

Below is a list of some of the bills that UC Davis State Government Relations we are tracking, not already mentioned above. Today is the deadline to submit bills to Legislative Counsel, so this list should grow significantly over the next couple weeks.

- **AB 42 (Kim)** – This bill Prohibits mandatory systemwide fees or tuition charged to UC, CSU and CCC students for the 2015-16 fiscal year to the 2018-19 fiscal year, from exceeding the level of the mandatory systemwide fees or tuition charged to students for the 2014-15 fiscal year.
- **AB 100 (Alejo)** – Establishes the California Law Fellowship Program for the purpose of offering licensed attorneys and other qualifying law school graduates limited-term placements in public sector positions within state government.
- **AB 147 (Dababneh)** – Requires any public postsecondary educational institution, as defined to include UC, CSU and CCC, or an independent institution of higher education, or employee or student thereof, that confines dogs or cats for science or research purposes and intends to destroy the dog or cat used for those purposes to first offer the dog or cat to an animal adoption organization or animal rescue organization, as defined.
- **AB 174 (Gray)** – Appropriates \$1.855M for UC San Joaquin Valley PRIME expansion, appropriates \$1M to UC for support of 2-year planning effort geared toward the establishment of a separate traditional medical school at UC Merced.
- **SB 8 (Hertzberg)** – States legislative findings for the Upward Mobility Act, to impose a tax on specified services and use the revenue to increase funding for specified programs, including \$2B for UC and CSU.
- **SB 15 (Block)** – This is the Senate Democrats higher education budgetary plan. States legislative intent to appropriate funds to UC for purposes of eliminating the University's 5% tuition increase plan, increases annual Competitive Cal Grant A/B awards from 22,500 to 30,000 and establishes the Competitive Incentive Grant Award for CSU students with financial need.
- **SB 42 (Liu)** – Replaces CPEC with the California Commission on Higher Education Performance and Accountability, and recasts and revises its functions and responsibilities.
- **SB 114 (Liu)** – Enacts the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 to authorize an unspecified amount of state general obligation bonds to aid UC, Hastings, CSU, CCC, charter schools, school districts, county superintendents of schools, and county boards of education to construct/modernize education facilities. Operative only if approved by voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election.
- **SB 131 (Cannella)** – Appropriates \$1.855M for UC San Joaquin Valley PRIME expansion.
- **SB 136 (Hall)** – Authorizes projects at UCLA to be performed with university employees if the value of the project does not exceed \$100,000.

- **SCA 1 (Lara)** – Repeals the constitutional provisions relating to UC and the Regents and requires UC and the Regents to be continued in existence subject to legislative control.

#### **Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates**

January 30<sup>th</sup> – Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel  
February 5<sup>th</sup> – Legislative Visits by UC Davis Foundation Trustees  
February 11<sup>th</sup> – JLAC & Asm Higher Ed Committee Hearing – Oversight Hearing: UC  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> & February 24<sup>th</sup> – President Napolitano in Sacramento for Legislative Visits  
February 27<sup>th</sup> – Last day for bills to be introduced.  
March 4 – Sac Metro Chamber Legislative Day  
March 10<sup>th</sup> – UC Day  
April 21<sup>st</sup> – Bay Area Council’s Annual Sacramento Day  
April 28<sup>th</sup> – Grad Research Day

#### **Questions or Need Assistance?**

If you have any questions regarding the aforementioned items or would like assistance in connecting with state legislators and/or their staff, please do not hesitate to contact Adrian Lopez, Director, State Government Relations. He can be reached at [adnlopez@ucdavis.edu](mailto:adnlopez@ucdavis.edu) or by phone at (530) 752-9795.