



UC Davis State Government Relations Update September 30, 2015

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Legislative Update

September 11th was the last day for any bill to be passed out of the legislature. Below is a list of some key bills that passed out of the legislature and which are of interest to the University. These bills are now on the Governor's desk and will either be signed into law or vetoed.

AB 340 (Weber) – The bill would encourage UC and requires CSU to each generate a report once every biennium of the legislative session that includes specified information related to the segment's campus climate, post the report on its Web site, and submit the report to specified state bodies. The University has a Support position on the bill.

AB 967 (Williams) – The bill would require, in order to receive state funds for student financial assistance, UC, CSU, CCC, and independent postsecondary institutions to adopt and carry out a uniform process, applicable to each of its campuses, for disciplinary proceedings relating to claims of sexual assault as defined by the institution's adopted sexual assault policies; and to report on the institution's Website in a manner easily accessible to students specified data on cases of alleged sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The University's position on the bill is pending.

AB 968 (Williams) – The bill would require California public institutions of higher education, including UC, to indicate when a student is ineligible to re-enroll at the University due to suspension or expulsion on the student's transcript for the period of time the student is ineligible to re-enroll. The University has a Support position on the bill.

AB 1150 (Levine) – The bill, sponsored by UC, would allow the University to expand its successful statewide institutional partnership with Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs), creating an integrated and flexible energy efficiency program across all UC facilities and reducing the University's emission of greenhouse gases.

AB 1228 (Gipson) – The bill would request CCC and requires CSU and UC, subject to its agreement by resolution, to (1) provide housing in housing facilities that are open for uninterrupted year round occupation to current and former homeless youth and current and former foster youth at no extra cost during academic or campus breaks, and (2) develop a plan to ensure that current and former homeless youth and current and former foster youth can access housing resources during and between academic terms, including during academic and campus breaks. The University has no position on the bill.

AB 1307 (McCarty) – The bill would urge UC and CSU to ensure that at least 33% of revenues from an increase in fees charged to undergraduates is set aside for institutional aid to assist resident undergraduates and families, and makes the rest of the policy suggestions pursuant to the Working Families Student Fee Transparency and Accountability Act requirements, subject to adoption of a resolution by the UC Regents. The University has no position on the bill.

SB 42 (Liu) – The bill would establish the Office of Higher Education Performance Accountability, authorized to require institutions of public postsecondary education to submit specified data, and to administer a study on UC/CSU admissions policies to determine the number of freshman/transfer students eligible for admission. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

SB 103 (Budget and Fiscal Review Cmte) – The bill would require the Director of the Office of Planning and Research to administer a study to evaluate the admissions policies used by UC and CSU and determine the number of students eligible for admission to those segments. It would require the office to submit a report summarizing the methodology and findings of this study to the Legislature and the Governor by 12/1/16 and would require the Student Aid Commission, beginning with the 2016 17 academic year, to annually adjust annual income calculations to reflect changes in the cost of living for the Middle Class Scholarship Program. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

SB 376 (Lara) – The bill would modify the Public Contract Code to prohibit UC from entering into a contract for goods and services valued at more than \$100,000 if the compensation a bidder pays its employees is lower than the average per-employee compensation, including benefits, for UC employees who perform comparable work. The University has sent a letter to Governor Brown requesting that he veto SB 376. Chancellor Katehi has also sent a letter and UC Davis GCR staff additionally has secured letters from the Bay Area Council and Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce, among others, all of which ask the Governor to veto SB 376.

The following link provides a complete list of all the bills we are tracking;

[UC Significant Impact Legislation](#)

UC Davis Capitol Speaker Series Launched

As one of the leading public research universities in the world, members of our faculty are deeply engaged with a variety of issues that are of interest to the public, the state and to the California legislative community. In an effort to make some of those faculty experts more readily available on a regular basis, the university launched the new UC Davis Capitol Speaker Series—a series of monthly discussions on topical issues that will be held at the state Capitol in Sacramento and open to the public. Please check this website periodically to see what’s scheduled;

<http://gcrtest.ocp.ucdavis.edu/capitol-speaker-series/index.html>



The series was launched this fall with two presentations. On September 29th, Mindy Romero, Director of the UC Davis CA Civic Engagement Project, gave a presentation entitled *“California’s Latino and Asian-American Vote: Dramatic Underrepresentation in 2014 and Expected Impact in 2016.”* Following is a link to a video of the presentation by Mindy Romero:

<https://ucdavis.box.com/s/472pmsbfufzslq689jblp7f6w6a5db8y>

The following day Dr. Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, Director of the Center for Reducing Health Disparities at UC Davis moderated a panel presentation on the *“Challenges and Solutions to Mental Health Services for Latinos/as.”*

Future presentations will include discussions on infant feeding, women business leaders, the drought, autism, cancer research, business incentives and economic growth, the future of higher education and energy efficiency.



We hope you’ll find something of interest and that you will attend and participate in some of these topical and thought-provoking conversations. In addition if you have any ideas for future topics or on how to improve the program, please feel free to contact Adrian Lopez, Director, State Government Relations (adnlopez@ucdavis.edu)

2016 Legislative Proposals

The California Legislature has adjourned for 2015 and will return on January 4, 2016 for regular business to be conducted in the 2nd year of the 2015-16 Legislative Session. UCOP State Government Relations is currently in the process of determining whether there are issues that may require legislation sponsored by the University in 2016. If you are aware of any such issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at adnlopez@ucdavis.edu. The deadline to submit proposals is October 31st.

Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- **Oct. 11** – Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before Sept. 11 and in the Governor's possession after Sept. 11.

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 or by phone at (530) 752-9795.