



UC Davis State Government Relations Update October 1, 2016

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Legislation

The Governor had until September 30th to either sign or veto bills. All in all, he acted on 1,059 bills, signing 898, 2 became law without signature and he vetoed 159. Below are some of the bills the Governor acted on which were of interest to the University.

Signed Into Law

AB 735 (Ridley-Thomas) –The bill will delete the repeal date of the Student Athlete Bill of Rights, thereby extending the rights for student athletes indefinitely.

AB 1654 (Santiago) – The bill will require the Department of Justice to provide guidance to UC, CSU, CCC, and public/private higher education institutions regarding compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act and Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act.

AB 2137 (Santiago) – The bill requests UC to submit annual reports, on or before March 1 in each year from 2017 to 2022, inclusive, on specified topics relating to community college student transfers to UC. The University had a Neutral position on the bill.

AB 2664 (Irwin) – Sponsored by UC, the bill will allow the University to expand the infrastructure necessary to increase innovation and entrepreneurship for the purpose of creating economic development in California.

SB 683 (Wolk) – This bill authorizes the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue a special nonprofit sales license to a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation to, among other things, accept the transfer of, and take title to, up to 20,000 gallons of wine per year produced by the UC Davis College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences and sell transferred wine to consumers and licensees.

SB 1214 (Allen) – This bill will remove the sunset on the University’s existing “best value” construction pilot program that is currently active systemwide.

SB 1139 (Lara) – The bill will prohibit students, including those without lawful immigration status and/or who are exempt from nonresident tuition who meet admission requirements to a medical degree program at any public/private postsecondary educational institution offering such a program, from being denied admission based on citizenship/immigration status.

Vetoes

AB 1653 (Weber) – The bill would’ve encouraged each UC campus and required CSU, CCC, and independent institutions of higher education to generate a biennial campus climate report as specified, post it on its Website, and submit it to the Governor, Attorney General, and appropriate legislative policy committees and also would’ve encouraged UC, and required CSU, CCC, and independent institutions of higher education to create, review every 2 years thereafter, and, as necessary, update protocols, policies, and procedures for compliance with the Jeanne Clery and Violence Against Women Reauthorization Acts.

AB 2009 (Lopez) – The bill would’ve requested UC, and required CSU and CCC, to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of their respective campuses to assist students meeting specified requirements, including undocumented students, by streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for those students. The University had a Support position on the bill.

AB 2017 (McCarty) – This bill would’ve required the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to create a grant program for public community colleges, colleges, and universities for purposes of improving access to mental health services on those campuses. The University had a Neutral position on the bill.

SB 959 (Lara) – The bill would’ve prohibited UC from entering into a contract for services valued at more than \$100,000 if the compensation a bidder provides to its employees is more than five percent below the average per-employee compensation, including benefits, for UC employees who perform comparable work. The University had an Oppose position on the bill.

The following link provides a complete list of all the bills we were tracking in the 2015-16 legislative cycle; [UC Significant Impact Legislation](#).

BML 50 Year Anniversary



The UC Davis Bodega Marine Laboratory (BML) celebrated its 50th Anniversary on September 16th with an evening program that included both a reception and dinner. During the formal program gubernatorial, congressional and legislative resolutions/proclamations were on display from our local, state and federal governments. Congressman Mike Thompson provided a few remarks as did Assemblyman Jim Wood. The Assembly Member concluded the program by reading the following words from the state proclamation issued by Governor Brown;

“Today, the University of California’s Bodega Marine Laboratory is celebrating fifty years as one of the premier institutions for research and education in coastal and marine sciences. The Laboratory has educated thousands of undergraduate and graduate students in a variety of disciplines. For its outstanding contributions to research, education and environmental protection, the Bodega Marine Laboratory deserves our heartfelt commendation. Now, therefore, I, Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2016 as ‘Coastal and Marine Sciences Day.’”

You can read about the entire day’s festivities, along with the subsequent alumni reunion held on September 17th, by following this link;

<http://bml.ucdavis.edu/about/bml-news/bml50/>



Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- **Oct. 2** – Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2017.
- **Nov. 8** – General Election
- **Nov. 30** – Adjournment *sine die* at midnight.
- **Dec. 5** – 2017-18 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon.
- **Jan. 1** – Statutes take effect.

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.