



## UC Davis State Government Relations Update August 30, 2013

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### Legislation

The Legislature is wrapping up the first year of its 2013-2014 legislative session. August 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the floor. After the Labor Day Holiday, only floor sessions will be held. September 13, 2013 is the last day for any bill to be passed. Governor Brown has until October 13<sup>th</sup> to sign or veto any bills passed by the legislature.

Below are some pieces of legislation that impact UC and UC Davis;

- Freedom of speech: ACR 76 (Lowenthal) passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee with amendments. The resolution would recognize the importance of the right of freedom of speech, condemn dangerous speech intended to stoke fear and intimidation, and encourage public postsecondary educational institutions to ensure a safe and encouraging environment for exercising the right of freedom of speech for the vibrant discussion of ideas and opinions from people of all walks of life. SGR Associate Vice President and Director Steve Juarez testified that while the University does not have a formal position and is currently reviewing the resolution, we believe that the provisions of the resolution are consistent with prior positions taken by the University regarding freedom of speech and the 1st Amendment.
- Women on corporate boards: SCR 62 (Jackson) passed out of the Senate Floor on a 30-6 vote on Monday August 26<sup>th</sup>. This resolution would encourage equitable and diverse gender representation on corporate boards, and urge that, within a 3-year period from January 2014 to December 2016, inclusive, every publicly held corporation in California with 9 or more director seats have a minimum of 3 women on its board, every publicly held corporation in California with 5 to 8 director seats have a minimum of 2 women on its board, and every publicly held corporation in California with fewer than 5 director seats have a minimum of one woman on its board.

UC Davis' Graduate School of Management's annual study of representation of women on corporate boards was the primary body of evidence for SCR 62. UC Davis' Director of State Government Relations worked closely with Dean Currall, Amanda Kimball (the GSM researcher who authored the annual "UC Davis Study of California Women Business Leaders"), Senator Jackson and her staff, along with internal communication personnel to develop the resolution and get media coverage. Three articles were published documenting the passage of SCR 62;

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/08/27/5685321/legislator-calls-for-more-california.html>  
<http://www.davisenterprise.com/local-news/ucd/senate-firms-should-add-women-directors/>  
<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2013/aug/26/sen-jacksons-resolution-encourages-companies-to/>

- Pension salary cap: The University has issued an "Oppose" position letter on SCA 15 (Yee). The constitutional amendment would amend the California State Constitution to require UC's retirement plan to be subject to the requirements of the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) for all new employees. UC believes that SCA 15 would be detrimental to the University and counter-productive to the steps UC has already taken in recent years to preserve the long-term viability of its pension and retiree health benefits while still providing the opportunity to recruit and retain mission-critical employees. Please see attached position letter. The Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee is scheduled to hear SCA 15 on September 3, 2013.

For status updates on other bills of interest to UC and UC Davis, please go to the following link, or contact Adrian Lopez (adnlopez@ucdavis.edu)

<http://www.ucop.edu/state/legislation/search.php?results=1&q=&t=all&s=&p=5&l=5>

### **Senator Wolk Visits the UC Davis Health System**

On August 5<sup>th</sup> Senator Wolk and her staff visited the UC Davis Health System where they toured the Sacramento campus, including the Education Building, the School of Nursing and the Center for Health Technology. Chancellor Katehi and Dean Nesbitt discussed such topics as patient care, community service, the future of telemedicine and the opportunities it provides to expand health care in rural areas.



### **Lake Tahoe Summit**

On Monday, August 19th, UC Davis was prominently featured at the Lake Tahoe Summit in Sand Harbor, NV. U.S. Senator Harry Reid hosted the event, which had many prominent speakers including Former Vice President Al Gore, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, Governor Jerry Brown and Governor Brian Sandoval. Nearly 1,000 people attended the event. Geoff Schladow, John Reuter and Heather Segale, all from the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center and, Barbara Celli (Development), Gina Banks (UC Davis Federal Government Relations) and Adrian Lopez (UC Davis State Government Relations) attended the event on behalf of UC Davis. UC Davis' contributions, specifically Dr. Schladow's State of the Lake Report along with his climate change analysis, were acknowledged publicly by Gore and Feinstein in their speeches.

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

- September 2 – Legislative and UC Davis Holiday
- September 13 – Legislature recesses
- September 17 – 19 – UC Regents Meeting – UCSF Mission Bay
- September 26-27 – Next UCOP/campus state government relations meeting
- October 13 – Last day for the Governor to sign bills
- January 1 – Statutes take effect
- January 6 – Legislature reconvenes

### **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.