



## **UC Davis State Government Relations Update December 31, 2013**

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### **CAAA Meets with Senator Cannella**

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> members of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association's (CAAA) Government Relations Committee, along with the Director of State Government Relations for UC Davis, met with Senator Cannella, a UC Davis alumni. The meeting took place in Modesto and topics for discussion included UC Davis's newly formed Central Valley Scholars Program, the state budget, tuition policy, pension reform and the economic impact of UC Davis in the region and specifically in the Senator's district.

### **AB 475 (Brown) – Student Athletes and Scholarships**

On December 17<sup>th</sup> the University of California, the University of Southern California, and Stanford University issued a joint "Oppose" position letter on AB 475 (Brown). As proposed to be amended, the bill would require California institutions of higher education to guarantee athletic scholarships for five academic years and provide a \$3,600 student-athlete participation stipend as part of each full athletic scholarship awarded by these institutions and would ban any restrictions on transfers to other schools by student athletes. The bill is scheduled to be heard by the Assembly Higher Education Committee on January 7, 2014. In its current form this bill does not impact UC Davis directly as it applies only to institutions that derive \$20,000,000 or more in annual revenue from media rights and licensing fees for intercollegiate athletics.

## **Delaine Eastin Named 2015 Governance Fellow and Lieutenant Murphy is Appointed to the California Board of Pharmacy**

Also on December 17th, the UC Center Sacramento (UCCS) announced that former Superintendent of Public Instruction, Delaine Eastin, will be the UCCS Governance Fellow for 2015. Eastin, who has a BA from UC Davis and an MA in political science from UC Santa Barbara, also previously served in the Assembly and is a former UC Regent. As Fellow, Eastin will mentor students, share her experiences and help advise them as they seek careers in public service. She is the fourth UCCS Governance Fellow: former Assemblyman Mike Villines will serve in 2014, former Community College Chancellor Jack Scott served in 2013 and former Assemblymember Roger Niello served in 2012.

Earlier in the month UC Davis police lieutenant, Gregory Murphy, was appointed to the California Board of Pharmacy. Murphy has been police lieutenant at the University of California, Davis Police Department since 2013. He served as a law enforcement consultant at the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training from 2004 to 2013 and was police chief at Sierra Community College District in 2009. Murphy was a police lieutenant at the University of California, Davis Police Department from 2003 to 2004, police sergeant at the Los Angeles Police Department from 1993 to 2003 and a staff sergeant in the United States Air Force from 1985 to 1991. Murphy earned a Master of Science degree in information technology from American InterContinental University. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem.

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

- January 6: State Legislature Reconvenes
- January 10: Governor Brown Introduces 2014/15 Budget Bill Proposal (9:00 AM)
- January 14: Sacramento Welcome Reception for President Napolitano – Co-Hosted by the Community College Chancellor’s Office & CSU Chancellor’s Office
- January 15: UC Legislative Roundtable Meeting – Featuring President Napolitano
- January 21 – 23: UC Regents Meeting (UCSF – Mission Bay)
- January 22: Governor Brown to Deliver State of the State Address (9:00 AM)
- January 23: The Select Committee on Sustainable and Organic Agriculture will hold a Hearing on Agritourism at King Hall

### **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.