



## UC Davis State Government Relations Update February 28, 2013

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### **Bills**

Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> was the last day for bills to be introduced by the Legislature for the 2012-13 Session. A total of 2,296 bills were introduced this session. Currently there are 76 significant impact bills that UC Davis is tracking. The full list can be found here:

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

### **Chancellor Katehi Visits the State Capitol for Legislative Meetings**

UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi was in Sacramento on Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup> for legislative visits. She met with Senator Lois Wolk, D-Davis, Senator Anthony Cannella, R-Ceres, Assembly Member Jeff Gorell, R-Camarillo, Assembly Member Dan Logue, R-Linda, Assembly Member Das Williams, D-Santa Barbara, Assembly Member Luis Alejo, D-Salinas, and Assembly Member Mariko Yamada, D-Davis.

Topics discussed at these meetings included; A UC Davis campus update; the Governor's budget proposal; the recent reinvestment in higher education thanks to the passage of Prop 30; UC Davis demonstration reforms; tuition freezes; pension reform; health care; advanced manufacturing jobs; unmanned vehicle technology; the \$20K baccalaureate degree; sustainability; energy efficiency; the CA Dream Act; financial aid; and a proposed King Hall Capitol Fellowship Program.

## Legislative Hearings

**On Thursday, February 14, the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee held a hearing to discuss the "Governor's 2013-14 Budget – Multi-Year Plan for UC, CSU and CCC."** UC Vice President of Budget and Capital Resources Patrick Lenz represented the University at the hearing. Please see attached presentation documents. An archive of the hearing is available on the California Channel's website at <http://www.calchannel.com/recent-archive/> and the agenda with corroborating documentation can be found here:

<http://sbud.senate.ca.gov/sites/sbud.senate.ca.gov/files/FullC/2142013SBFRHigherEdHearingAgenda.pdf>

**On Tuesday, February 19, the Assembly Higher Education Committee held an oversight hearing on "The State of the Higher Education in California – An Overview of Major Issues."** UC Executive Vice President for Business Operations Nathan Brostrom represented the University at the hearing. Committee Chairman Das Williams, D-Santa Barbara, said the hearing was intended to lay the groundwork for policy discussions in the coming months on issues relating to college access, cost containment and steps to improve student success. The hearing agenda, speaker bios and presentations given that day can be found here:

<http://ahed.assembly.ca.gov/committeehearingschedule>

**On Wednesday, February 20, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance held a hearing on the "Overview of the Governor's 2013-14 Proposal for Higher Education."** UC Vice President of Budget and Capital Resources Patrick Lenz represented the University at the hearing. The hearing agenda and background information can be found here:

<http://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/sites/abgt.assembly.ca.gov/files/Feb%2020%20Agenda%20Overview%20of%20the%20Governor%27s%202013-14%20Higher%20Ed%20Proposal.pdf>

## Reports

**On Monday, February 12, the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released a report on "The 2013-14 Budget: Analysis of the Higher Education Budget."** Most notably, the LAO noted the following:

"Although we believe the Governor's budget plan has drawn attention to some notable problems, we have serious concerns with several of his specific budget proposals. By providing the segments with large unallocated increases only vaguely connected to undefined performance expectations, the Governor cedes substantial state responsibilities to the segments and takes key higher education decisions out of the Legislature's control. We recommend the Legislature take a different approach and allocate any new funding first for the state's highest existing education priorities, including debt service, pension costs, and paying down community college deferrals. If more funding is provided, then we recommend the Legislature link the additional funding with explicit enrollment and performance expectations."

The report is available at <http://lao.ca.gov/laoapp/PubDetails.aspx?id=2686>.

**The LAO also released a report on February 21<sup>st</sup> regarding the Governor’s plan to expend the resources from the voter-approved Proposition 39.** Under Prop 39 the state will have between \$450 million to \$550 million annually to spend on energy efficiency projects over the next five years. The money will come from a \$1 billion annual tax increase on out-of-state corporations doing business in CA. Governor Brown has proposed to spend that money entirely on retrofitting K-12 schools and community colleges.

Among the recommendations made by the LAO is one that would allow all public agencies, including UC, to compete for the funds. The full report can be read here:

<http://www.lao.ca.gov/analysis/2013/education/prop-39/prop-39-022213.pdf>

#### **Upcoming State Government Relations Events**

- March 4<sup>th</sup> – University of California Student Association Advocacy Day
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce State Legislative Summit and Reception
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – UC Day in Sacramento
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Graduate Research Advocacy Day
- May TBD – UC Regents’ Advocacy 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.