



## UC Davis State Government Relations Update July 31, 2014

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### UC Sponsored Legislation Signed by the Governor

1. **UC Sponsored Viticulture & Enology/Brewing Science Programs Bill Signed** – Governor Brown signed **AB 1989 (Chesbro)** on July 21, 2014. Sponsored by UC, the bill will allow certain students enrolled in enology or brewing science programs at UC, California State University, and California Community Colleges to be exempt from current state age restrictions in order to fully participate in bona fide classes and programs involving the tasting of wine or beer as a necessary aspect of the class or program. The University requested the Governor's signature on the bill. The text of the bill is available at;

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab\\_1951-2000/ab\\_1989\\_bill\\_20140721\\_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_1951-2000/ab_1989_bill_20140721_chaptered.pdf)

Assemblyman Chesbro's press release on the signing of the bill can be found here;

<http://asmdc.org/members/a02/news-room/press-releases>

2. **Governor Signs Bill to Create Licensure Pathway for Accelerated Medical Education Programs** – Governor Brown signed **AB 1838 (Bonilla)** on July 18, 2014. Co-sponsored by the University of California and the Medical Board of California, the bill will enable graduates of accelerated U.S. medical education programs to be eligible for medical licensure in California. The UC Davis School of Medicine is the first program to establish an accelerated degree program. The University requested the Governor's signature on the bill. The text of the bill is available at;

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab\\_1801-1850/ab\\_1838\\_bill\\_20140718\\_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/asm/ab_1801-1850/ab_1838_bill_20140718_chaptered.pdf)

Please click below for the press release on the signing of this bill;

<http://asmdc.org/members/a14/news-room/press-releases>

For other bills of interest to UC and UC Davis, please go to the following link, or contact Adrian Lopez ([adnlopez@ucdavis.edu](mailto:adnlopez@ucdavis.edu));

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

### **Public Higher Education Legislative Advocacy Professionals (PHELAP) Conference**

UC Davis' State Government Relations Director attended the 7th-annual PHELAP conference this year, which was held at the University of Texas at Austin from July 23-25. The conference brought together 46 professionals from 30 leading universities across the country. Through lectures and workshops attendees exchanged ideas about what works and what doesn't in higher education advocacy.

Among the many speakers were UT president Bill Powers, Texas Tribune editor-in-chief Evan Smith and Texas Exes (University of Texas Alumni Association) President, Senator (Ret.) Kay Bailey Hutchison. While each had their own perspective, the unifying message was the same: Higher education needs advocates now more than ever.



PHELAP attendees pose in front of the Tower. Photo courtesy Braydon Jones.

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

- **August 4** – The Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
- **August 15** – Is the last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the floor.
- **August 18 – 31** – Floor session only.
- **August 31** – Last day for each house to pass bills. Final recess begins upon adjournment.
- **September 30** – Is the last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills.

### **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.