



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

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### **Update on Bills of Interest**

On Tuesday, May 27, **SB 850 (Block)** passed off the Senate Floor. The bill would authorize the California Community Colleges (CCC), in consultation with the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC), to establish baccalaureate degree pilot programs at up to 15 community college districts, as specified, to be determined by the Chancellor of the CCC. The University's position on the bill is pending

On Wednesday, May 29, **AB 1834 (Williams)** passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill seeks to amend the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (HEERA) to create collective bargaining rights for new classes of working students, including UC graduate student researchers (GSRs). The University has an Oppose position on the bill.

On Wednesday, May 29, **AB 1953 (Skinner)** passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill would create the Higher Education Energy Efficiency Fund in the State Treasury and allow the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (California Energy Commission), to make grants to the University of California and California State University (CSU) campuses for building retrofits to reduce the demand for energy. The University has a Support position on the bill.

On Wednesday, May 29, **AB 2235 (Buchanan)** passed off the Assembly Floor. The bill would enact the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2014 to authorize \$9B state general obligation bonds to provide aid to school districts, county superintendents of schools, county boards of education, charter schools, CCC, CSU, UC and the Hastings College of the Law to construct and modernize education facilities. The University has a Support position on the bill.

On Wednesday, May 29, SB 1210 (Lara) passed off the Senate Floor. Sponsored by UC, the bill establishes a campus-based California DREAM Loan Program to serve UC and CSU students who qualify for a nonresident tuition exemption under AB 540 but who lack access to federal student loans.

On Wednesday, May 7, **AB 1989 (Chesbro)** passed out of the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee with a 17-1-1 vote. Sponsored by UC, the bill would allow certain students enrolled in enology or brewmaster programs at UC, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, to receive an exemption from current state age restrictions in order to fully participate in bona fide classes and programs where tasting of wine or beer is a necessary aspect of the class or program. UCOP SGR Legislative Director Jason Murphy and Dr. Andrew Waterhouse, Professor of Enology, Department of Viticulture and Enology at UC Davis testified in Support of the bill. On Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, AB 1989 (Chesbro) passed off the Assembly Floor with a 73-2-4 vote. AB 1989 is now scheduled to be heard in Senate Governmental Organization Committee in June.

For 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>

### **Budget Update**

Governor Brown released his May Revise on May 13<sup>th</sup>, which had no changes to the January proposal that UC be given an additional 5% in funding (\$142.2 million). During the month of May the Senate augmented the Governor's proposal by \$66 million, including \$2 million to establish the California Blueprint for Research to Advance Innovation in Neuroscience Act of 2014 (Cal-BRAIN). The Senate also provided \$5 million in Mental Health Services Act (MHSA, Prop 63) funds for the Behavioral Health Centers for Excellence of California at the UC Davis and UCLA campuses. The Assembly, on the other hand, augmented the Governor's proposal by \$100 million, which includes \$25 million to increase enrollment at all campuses and \$10 million to increase support for outreach and transfer initiatives, among other things. Additionally, the Senate provided \$15 million to UC to address deferred maintenance needs while the Assembly provided \$24.5 million.

Conference Committee will meet during the first week of June and may close out its deliberations as early as Friday, June 6 with the goal of sending a final legislative budget to the Governor by the June 15 deadline. The two-house, bipartisan conference committee reconciles differences between the Senate and Assembly versions of the Budget Bill. This year's Conference Committee Members are as follows;

#### **Budget Conference Committee Conferees**

Assembly Member Nancy Skinner, D-Berkeley, Chair  
Assembly Member Jeff Gorrell, R-Camarillo  
Assembly Member Shirley Weber, D-San Diego  
Assembly Member Rich Bloom, D-Santa Monica  
Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, Vice Chair  
Senator Jim Nielsen, R-Gerber

Senator Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens  
Senator Loni Hancock, D-Berkeley

Budget Conference Committee agendas are available at <http://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/conferenceagenda>, with the higher education agenda being as follows;

<http://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/sites/abgt.assembly.ca.gov/files/public%202014%20Higher%20Education%20Conference%20AgendaFIX.pdf>

### **UC Regents-UCSA Advocacy Days**

On Tuesday, May 13, and Wednesday, May 14, members of the UC Board of Regents led by Chairman Bruce D. Varner and President Janet Napolitano joined over 45 student leader delegates in Sacramento for meetings with state legislators, legislative leadership, and the Brown Administration for the Third Annual "UC Regents-UCSA Advocacy Days." The delegates advocated for additional funding for the University as well as discuss priority legislation for UCSA. Nearly 60 legislative meetings took place over the two day event.

Chancellor Katehi participated in meetings with Senator Steinberg and Assemblyman Frazier on May 13<sup>th</sup> and she also provided welcoming remarks to the regents, students and legislators in attendance at the reception that evening at the UC Center in Sacramento. UC Davis GCR provided additional staffing for other legislative visits with the offices of Senator Gaines and Wolk along with the offices of Assembly Members Dickinson and Yamada.

### **Silicon Valley Leadership Group's Annual Sacramento Trip**

UC Davis' State Government Relations Director participated in the 2014 SVLG Sacramento Trip. The SVLG delegation, in their legislative visits, focused on solutions to help the region and state including a water bond, CEQA reform, early childhood STEM learning, workforce training development, cap-and-trade funds, funding support for UC, CSU and community colleges and improving California's R&D tax credit. The SVLG had 60 visits with key legislators, including meetings with following legislative leaders and caucuses;

- California's new Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins;
- Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg;
- Silicon Valley Caucus with 10 legislators (Beall, Corbett, Hill, Monning, Fong, Gordon, Mullin, Quirk, Ting and Wieckowski) on workforce training development and long-term financing solutions for the UCs, CSU, private schools and community college systems;
- Women's Legislative Caucus
- Latino Legislative Caucus
- Black Legislative Caucus
- New Democrat Caucus
- Governor's Chief of staff Nancy McFadden

### Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- **June 5** – The Assembly Select Committee on Campus Climate to hold hearing at King Hall.
- **June 15** – Budget bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).
- **June 26** – Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 4 General Election ballot (Elections Code Sec. 9040).
- **June 26 -27** – UC Systemwide State Government Relations meeting at UC Davis.
- **June 27** – Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)).

### 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.