



UC Davis State Government Relations Update February 2017

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Legislation

February 17th was the deadline for bills to be introduced. Below is a list of the bills we are currently tracking/monitoring/sponsoring.

SPONSORED LEGISLATION

- **AB 616 (Aguiar-Curry)** – Authorizes the COSMOS program to increase tuition by 5 percent each year by extending the tuition sunset date for another 5 years.
- **AB 1424 (Levine)** – Removes sunset of the UC Best Value Construction Contracting Program.
- **SB 23 (Portantino)** – Extends the UC Umbilical Cord Blood Collection Program until January 1, 2025, and increases the birth certificate fee to \$19 and the amount of that fee for allocation to the program fund to \$3.
- **SB 331 (Jackson)** – This bill would expand the definition of "domestic violence victim service organization" to include a public or private institution of higher education, thereby expanding the scope of the domestic violence privilege.
- **SB 440 (Hertzberg)** – Reauthorizes the Breast Cancer Research Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund and the California Cancer Research Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund through January 1, 2025.

SIGNIFICANT IMPACT LEGISLATION

- **AB 1 (Frazier)** – Appropriates \$3M to the UC institutes for transportation studies.
- **AB 21 (Kalra)** – Adds to the Donahoe Higher Education Act provisions that, commencing with the 2017-18 academic year, requires CSU and CCC and requests UC to the fullest extent consistent with federal law, to: refrain from releasing certain information regarding the

immigration status of students and other members of the communities served by these campuses, refuse to allow officers or employees of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enter campuses of their respective segments on official business of that agency unless they provide specified information and at least 10 business days' advance notice, provide stipends for health care for all students who are not eligible for Medicaid and who cannot afford health insurance provided through the institution, offer on-campus housing, or a stipend to cover the cost of off-campus housing, during the periods between academic terms to students who face a significant risk of being unable to return to their respective campuses, as specified.

- **AB 80 (Arambula)** – Authorizes CSU Fresno to award the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in agricultural science and requires the degree to be distinguished from doctoral degree programs at UC.
- **AB 96 (Ting)** – Budget Act of 2017.
- **AB 151 (Burke)** – Legislative intent: Enact legislation that authorizes the State Air Resources Board to utilize a market-based compliance mechanism after December 31, 2020, in furtherance of the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit of at least 40% below the 1990 level by 2030.
- **AB 156 (Wood)** – Relates to the Affordable Care Act.
- **AB 157 (Wood)** – Relates to the Affordable Care Act.
- **AB 172 (Chavez)** – Extends resident classification for designated dependents of transferred and retired members of the Armed Forces of the United States to those dependents who have been admitted to a public postsecondary institution before the transfer or retirement.
- **AB 180 (Wood)** – Relates to the Affordable Care Act.
- **AB 207 (Arambula)** – Authorizes CSU Fresno, to award the doctor of medicine degree. Requires the degree to be distinguished from doctor of medicine degree programs at UC. Requires that the doctor of medicine degree offered by CSU Fresno, be focused on preparing degree candidates to close the health care gap. Requires that each student in the program authorized by the bill be charged fees no higher than the rate charged for students in state-supported doctor of medicine programs at UC.
- **AB 209 (Mathis)** – Authorizes CSU to award professional doctorate degrees in agricultural education and requires the degree to be distinguished from doctoral degree programs at UC.
- **AB 217 (Low)** – Establishes the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability as the statewide postsecondary education coordination and planning entity.
- **AB 240 (Lackey)** – Requests UC to establish the California Institute for Aerospace to achieve specified goals relating to the development of the aerospace industry and also request the regents to locate the California Institute for Aerospace at a satellite campus within 20 miles of Edwards Air Force Base or United States Air Force Plant 42 so that it will be in close proximity to

a large part of California's current aerospace research and development. Provides that it would be implemented only to the extent that UC determine that adequate funding for its purposes has been provided.

- **AB 343 (McCarty)** – Exempts students who have been granted special immigrant visas pursuant to a specified federal statute from paying nonresident tuition at the CSU and CCC, and would make those students eligible to apply for and participate in all student financial aid program and scholarships administered by a public postsecondary educational institution, requests UC to adopt policies that would be consistent with this provision.
- **AB 393 (Quirk-Silva)** – Requires that the amounts of tuition and mandatory systemwide fees that are charged to students of the CSU, and the amount of the enrollment fee charged to students of the CCC, not be increased from the amounts that were charged as of 12/31/16, until the completion of the 2019-20 academic year. Urges UC to adopt policies that are consistent with this provision.
- **AB 422 (Arambula)** – Repeals the sunset and the Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Pilot Program. Authorizes CSU to establish Doctor of Nursing Practice degree programs that offer Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees.
- **AB 848 (McCarty)** – Prohibits UC, to the extent that the regents make applicable, and CSU from contracting for services with a contractor or subcontractor unless that contractor or subcontractor certifies under penalty of perjury in his or her bid for the contract that the contract, and any subcontract performed under that contract, will be performed solely with workers within the United States. Prohibits UC, to the extent that the regents make applicable, and CSU from allocating or expending funds for employment training for employees located in foreign countries.
- **AB 856 (Levine)** – Declares it to be the policy of the State that a goal of the segments of public postsecondary education, when hiring and promoting high-profile administrative personnel, shall be that the persons hired to fill these positions shall be competent and well qualified, and as much as practicable, shall reflect the geographic and socioeconomic diversity of the population. Requires CSU, CCC and requests UC to ensure that, when filling a high-profile administrative position, serious consideration is given to candidates from geographic areas and socioeconomic sectors of the state that are underrepresented among the administrative personnel of the segment, district, or campus for which the position is to be filled.
- **AB 951 (Cervantes)** – Enact legislation that would provide for the establishment and construction of a school of law at the UC Riverside.
- **AB 1435 (Gonzalez)** – Establishes the Athlete Protection Act for the protection of college or university athletes participating in intercollegiate athletic programs offered by institutions of higher education located in California.
- **ACR 21 (Kiley)** – Urges all CSU and UC schools to adopt as a policy the University of Chicago statement on free speech.

- **SB 25 (Portantino)** – Requires the Legislative Analyst to conduct an assessment and make recommendations for an integrated K-14 System, and to consult with UC, CSU, CCC, Department of Education, and Department of Finance to determine the cost of providing free access to CCC and create a plan for the complete integration.
- **SB 54 (de Leon)** – Enacts the California Values Act, which encourages entities that provide services related to physical/mental health and wellness, education, or access to justice, including the UC, are encouraged to adopt a model policy limiting immigration enforcement to the fullest extent possible consistent with federal/state law.
- **SB 68 (Lara)** – Requests UC, and requires CSU and CCC to exempt a student, other than a nonimmigrant alien, from nonresident tuition if the student has 3 or more years of attendance at California elementary or secondary schools, CCC campuses, or a combination thereof, and if the student graduates from a California high school or attains the equivalent, attains an associate degree from a CCC campus, or fulfills minimum transfer requirements for UC/CSU for students transferring from CCC campuses.
- **SB 72 (Mitchell)** – Budget Act of 2017
- **SB 133 (Hernandez)** – Relates to the Affordable Care Act.
- **SB 134 (Hernandez)** – Relates to the Affordable Care Act.
- **SB 152 (Hernandez)** – Relates to the Affordable Care Act.
- **SB 201 (Skinner)** – Defines student employees, whose employment is contingent upon their status as students, as "employees" and "higher education employees" for purposes of the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, including UC graduate student researchers (GSRs). Specifies that, for purposes of UC only, requirements for students to achieve satisfactory progress toward their degrees are outside of the scope of representation for purposes of collective bargaining.
- **SB 244 (Lara)** – Prohibits state agencies and private persons contracted to administer public services/programs to applicants from using or disclosing personal information records for purposes of the Public Records Act, prohibits DMV from disclosing documents containing an applicant's identity, true full name, California residency, or presence in the U.S. to law enforcement except in response to a warrant, and makes notifying another law enforcement agency of an individual's identity or that the individual carries a license an act of discrimination. Prohibits use of a driver's license as evidence of or a basis to infer an individual's citizenship or immigration status as a basis for any purpose.
- **SB 307 (Nguyen)** – Requires the LAO, in consultation with UC, CSU, and CCC to conduct a study on housing insecurity and homelessness of current students and prospective applicants to postsecondary educational institutions in this state.

- **SB 319 (Nguyen)** – Requests UC, and requires CSU and CCC to provide remedial coursework counseling and assessment.
- **SB 478 (Portantino)** – Requires CCC to maintain an electronic ID system accessible to UC and CSU of students who have completed an associate degree for transfer.
- **SB 483 (Glazer)** – Enacts the Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018 for the issuance of up to \$2B in state GO bonds to aid UC and CSU for the construction and equipping of educational facilities, and requires funding requests to be accompanied by the 5-year capital outlay plan of the university, including a seismic retrofitting schedule. Provide for the submission of the bond act for the November 6, 2018, statewide primary election.
- **SB 573 (Lara)** – Expresses legislative intent to require UC, CSU, and CCC to create a service learning work-study program that assists students with financial need.
- **SB 574 (Lara)** – Requires, for UC competitive bidding, that contracts for services of \$100,000/yr. include any renewals or extensions that would result in \$100,000 or more annually. Requires a lowest responsible bidder or best value awardee to certify in writing to UC that the bid includes a total employee compensation package at a level sufficient to not materially undercut the average per-employee value of total compensation for UC employees who perform comparable work. Requires UC to include in its RFPs a calculation of the average per-employee value of total compensation for UC employees who perform comparable work at the relevant location.
- **SB 592 (Nielsen)** – Requires UC and CSU to report uniform application, admission, and freshman class profiles on the Internet.
- **SB 727 (Galgiani)** – Authorizes public postsecondary educational institutions to adopt policies, consistent with a designated federal regulation, that allow the use of innovative pricing techniques and payment options for textbooks and other instructional materials, and if adopted, requires an opt-out provision for students and documented evidence that the proposed options would actually reduce costs.
- **SB 769 (Hill)** – Expands the statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program by extending operation indefinitely, no longer requiring a student to complete a degree by the end of 2022-23, increasing the maximum number of programs to 30, and allowing a district to offer a program/curricula that is already offered by UC or CSU if it is not within 100 miles of UC's or CSU's program/curricula.
- **SCA 7 (Moorlach)** – Repeals the constitutional provisions of the Stem Cell Research and Cures Act which establishes the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, and the right to conduct stem cell research.
- **SJR 1 (Vidak)** – Urges Congress and the U.S. President to work together to create a comprehensive and workable approach to reform the nation's immigration system.(SJR 2 '16)
Pending

- **SR 7 (de Leon)** – Urges the President-elect to continue President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA), which grants "Dreamers", people brought into the country as children by their parents, a temporary reprieve from deportation.
- **SR 16 (de Leon)** – Condemns President Trump's travel ban executive order and urges that it be immediately rescinded, and urges the Department of Homeland Security to comply with federal court orders and immediately permit detained individuals to have timely access to legal counsel.

Capitol Speaker Series Event on Concussions and CTE



On February 22nd Government & Community Relations hosted its second presentation of the year as part of its ongoing Capitol Speaker Series. The panel presentation featured Dr. Bennet Omalu, from the movie “Concussion,” along with other brain experts. Dr. Omalu was the first to identify, describe and name chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a brain disease that now affects an estimated 40 percent of all former NFL players. Currently Dr. Omalu is the Chief Medical Examiner at San Joaquin County and is a volunteer clinical professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at UC Davis Health.

The panel presented to the Capitol community the latest information on concussion research and showcased new tools to help keep athletes safe. Dr. Omalu led off the panel highlighting the latest research on CTE and noted that this is a serious public health issue and as such children, whose brains have not been fully developed, should not play high contact sports (football, hockey, rugby, mixed martial arts, etc.) until they are at least 18. Furthermore, he noted that this is an issue that necessitates legislative intervention rather than just mere reliance on parents doing the right thing.

Melita Moore, M.D., Team Physician for the UC Davis Aggies, on the other hand highlighted the value that organized sports bring to our youth and that concussions can be properly treated. Dr. Ronald L. Hayes of Banyan Laboratories introduced a product that they helped produce that can test for concussions by doing a simple blood test. This is thought to be the first objective test of its kind in terms of diagnosing a concussions. Finally, Cyndy Feasel, Author of the book “After the Cheering Stops: An NFL Wife’s Story of Concussions, Loss and the Faith that Saw Her Through,” gave powerful testimony of how CTE disease impacted not only her husband but her and her family as well.



The event was emceed by Rolf Benirschke, UC Davis alum, former

San Diego Chargers player and Co-Founder of Legacy Health Strategies. The event culminated with a reception where our attendees were able to interact with the panelists on a more personal level.

Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- March 8th – UC Day
- April 19th – Grad Research 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 or by phone at (530) 752-9795.