Legislative Update

The legislature reconvened from their Summer Recess on August 17th and immediately had to meet the August 28th deadline for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the floor. As such, a lot of action has been taken on bills in the last two weeks. Some bills have gone to the Governor’s Office, others have moved on to the floor and some were held in the suspense file, making them two year bills. Below are a few highlights.

AB 69 (Rodriguez) passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill would require law enforcement agencies to consider specified best practices when establishing policies and procedures on downloading and storage of body camera data, including prohibiting unauthorized use, duplication, distribution, and storage periods for evidentiary/non-evidentiary data. The University has a Watch position on the bill.

AB 128 (Weber) passed out of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. The bill would require the Director of the Office of Planning and Research to administer a study to evaluate the admissions policies used by UC and CSU and determine the number of students eligible for admission to those segments. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

The Assembly concurred on Senate amendments on AB 147 (Dababneh). The bill would require UC, CSU, CCC or an independent institution of higher education, or an employee or student thereof, that confines dogs or cats for science or research purposes, if the institution assesses the health of an animal and determines, after the completion of any testing or research, that the animal is suitable for adoption, the animal’s destruction is not required, and the animal is no longer needed, and if the institution’s existing procedures for adopting the animal do not result in an adoption, to offer the dog or cat to an
animal adoption organization or animal rescue organization, as defined, prior to euthanizing the animal. The University has no position on the bill.

**AB 176 (Bonta)** passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendments. The bill would require UC, if it adopts a resolution, and would require CSU and CCC to, upon collection of demographic data on the ancestry/ethnic origin of students for a report that includes student admission, enrollment, completion, or graduation rates, to use specified collection and tabulation categories for Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander groups. The University has a Support position on the bill.

**AB 340 (Weber)** passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill would request UC, and require CCC and CSU to each generate a report once every biennium of the legislative session pertaining to campus climate. The University has a Support position on the bill.

**AB 636 (Medina)** passed off the Senate Floor. The bill would authorize identification of an alleged assailant in a campus report of a Part 1 violent crime, sexual assault, or hate crime for disclosure to local law enforcement, even if a victim does not consent to being identified, if the institution determines both that the alleged assailant represents a serious or ongoing threat to the safety of students, employees, or the institution, and that the immediate assistance of the local law enforcement agency is necessary to contact or detain the assailant. The University has a Watch position on the bill.

The Assembly concurred on Senate amendments on **AB 721 (Medina)**. The bill would require a public, private, or independent postsecondary educational institution, except CCC, to make available on its Internet Web site specified student loan debt statistics on graduates, to provide students information concerning unused federal student loan moneys available to them before certifying their eligibility for private student loans, and, if the institution does not participate in federal student loan programs, to inform students that they may be eligible for federal student loans at participating institutions and provide them information regarding Cal Grants and federal student aid. The University has Neutral position on the bill.

**AB 801 (Bloom)** passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendments. The bill would enact the Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act. The University has a Support position on the bill.

**AB 880 (Ridley-Thomas)** passed off the Senate Floor. The bill would allow a final year dental student to practice dentistry unlicensed and without compensation under the supervision of a faculty-appointed licensed dentist at a sponsored event. The University has a Support position on the bill.

**AB 913 (Santiago)** passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendments. The bill would require CCC, CSU and UC written agreements with local law enforcement agencies that clarify operational responsibilities for investigations of Part 1 violent crimes include sexual assaults and hate crimes. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 967 (Williams)** passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill would require, in order to receive state funds for student financial assistance, CCC, CSU UC, and independent postsecondary institutions to adopt and carry out a uniform process, applicable to each campus of the institution, for
disciplinary proceedings relating to any claims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**AB 968 (Williams)** passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill would require California public institutions of higher education, including UC, to indicate when a student is ineligible to re-enroll at the University due to suspension or expulsion on the student’s transcript for the period of time the student is ineligible to re-enroll. The University has a Support position on the bill.

**AB 1150 (Levine)** passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendments. The bill, sponsored by UC, would allow the University to expand its successful statewide institutional partnership with Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs), creating an integrated and flexible energy efficiency program across all UC facilities and reducing the University’s emission of greenhouse gases.

**AB 1361 (Burke)** passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill would make the requirement that a student not be aged 28 or older by December 31st of the award year inapplicable to a current or former U.S. Armed Forces member seeking a Cal Grant A/B award, unless he/she is a former member who was dishonorably discharged. The University has a Neutral position on the bill.

**AB 1366 (Lopez)** passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee with amendments. The bill would request UC and require CSU and CCC to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of their campuses to assist certain students by streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for those students. The University has no position on the bill.

**SB 42 (Liu)** passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee with amendments. The bill would establish the Office of Higher Education Performance Accountability as the statewide postsecondary education coordination and planning entity with authority to require institutions of public postsecondary education to submit specified data, and to administer a study on UC and CSU admissions policies to determine the number of freshman and transfer students eligible for admission. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**SB 103 (Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Cmte)** passed out of the Assembly Budget Committee. The bill would require the Director of the Office of Planning and Research to administer a study to evaluate the admissions policies used by UC and CSU and determine the number of students eligible for admission to those segments. The University’s position on the bill is pending.

**SB 359 (Mitchell)** passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee with amendments. The bill would enact the California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015. The University has a Support position on the bill.

**SB 376 (Lara)** passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would modify the Public Contract Code to prohibit UC from entering into a contract for goods and services valued at more than $100,000 if the compensation a bidder pays its employees is lower than the average per-employee compensation, including benefits, for UC employees who perform comparable work. The University has an Oppose position on the bill.
SB 574 (Pan) was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would require that the University obtain certain detailed information, as described in the California Public Records Act (PRA), about alternative investments. The University has an Oppose position on the bill.

SB 686 (Pan) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would provide that the general provisions of the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (HEERA) apply, instead of the specified rights, provisions, and definitions for supervisory employees, to supervisory employees who are employed as sworn peace officers by the University of California or the Hastings College of the Law. The University has a Cost position on the bill.

SB 707 (Wolk) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would delete the exemption that allows a person holding a valid license to carry a concealed firearm to bring or possess a firearm on the campus of a university or college. The University has a Support on the bill.

Below is a complete list of all the bills we are tracking;


**King Hall Recognized on the Assembly Floor**

On August 27th Assembly Member Luis Alejo (King Hall Class of 2001) presented a resolution on the Assembly Floor recognizing the UC Davis School of Law on its 50th Anniversary. Dean Kevin Johnson, Associate Dean Madhavi Sunder and King Hall’s Communications/Marketing Director, Pamela Wu, were all in attendance to accept the recognition.

From Left to Right: Assembly Members Medina, Alejo and Gallagher (King Hall Class of 2007), along with Associate Dean Sunder, Dean Johnson and Assemblyman Dodd.
Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- **Aug. 31 - Sept. 11** – Floor Session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committee and Conference Committees.
- **Sept. 4** – Last day to amend bills on the Floor.
- **Sept. 7** – Labor Day observed.
- **Sept. 11** – Last day for any bill to be passed. Interim Study Recess begins upon adjournment.
- **Oct. 11** – Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before Sept. 11 and in the Governor’s possession after Sept. 11.

**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.