



UC Davis State Government Relations Update June 30, 2015

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Budget Update

On June 24th Governor Brown signed the 2015-16 State Budget. The final budget includes many positive outcomes for UC, which are as follows;

- \$119.5 million increase (4% above last year's State General Fund appropriation);
- \$96 million one-time appropriation to help pay down the unfunded liability associated with the University's pension (the first of three payments funded through Proposition 2 that will equal \$436 million upon full implementation of the framework);
- \$25 million one-time appropriation for deferred maintenance; and
- \$25 million from the State's "Cap and Trade" greenhouse gas reduction program targeted for energy efficiency projects at UC. The Legislature and the Administration plan to address this funding along with other Cap and Trade program priorities as part of a separate funding bill later this year.

The Budget Act and trailer bills also include two important items related to capital;

1. \$296.7 million of UC capital projects were recommended by the Governor's office and approved without objection by the Legislature; and
2. Language giving increased flexibility to UC for more efficient and cost-effective procurement, maintenance, and replacement of capital assets.

The budget agreement additionally provides \$25 million from State General Funds for undergraduate resident enrollment growth at UC. This \$25 million could be a substantial first step toward achieving UC's goal to enroll almost 10,000 new students over a four year trajectory. Although the conditions of receiving the \$25 million pose significant challenges related to the expected timeframe and financial resources available for adding large numbers of students over a short period of time, we are grateful

that the Legislature and the Governor share our goal of enrolling more California students. We will continue to explore how UC and UC Davis can best move forward with maintaining not only access to an affordable UC education, but ensuring that our current and future students receive as high-quality an educational experience as past generations of Californians.

Finally, in terms of earmarks, the budget provides an augmentation of state general funds to cover earmarks for the Labor Centers (\$4m above current year) and the UC Davis Wildlife Health Center (\$1m). The budget did not provide additional resources, outside of the 4% general fund increase, for the continued planning of the School of Medicine at UC Merced (expectation that UC allocate up to \$1 million for this) and the California DREAM Loan Program.

Additional details on the 2015-16 budget, including line-item vetoes, can be found at www.ebudget.ca.gov.

SVM Honored with Legislative Resolution

On Monday June 22nd the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine was honored with a resolution from Assembly Member Bill Dodd (D-Napa) and Senator Lois Wolk (D-Davis) recognizing the fact that the school was ranked number one in the nation for veterinary medical teaching, research and service by US News and World Report and was also ranked number one in the world by QS World University Rankings. Faculty, staff and students all attended the ceremony which was held at Vet Med 3B. Both the Senator and Assemblyman gave brief remarks, as did Dean Lairmore and Provost Hexter.



Picture Courtesy of Ruy Laredo in Assembly Member Dodd's Office

Legislative Update

AB 147 (Dababneh) passed out of the Senate Education Committee with committee amendments. The bill would require UC and other postsecondary educational institutions to offer dogs or cats to a not-for-profit animal adoption organization or animal rescue organization after the completion of testing or research, provided that an animal's destruction is not required and the institution's existing procedures for adopting the animal have not resulted in an adoption. With the adoption of the committee's amendments, the University has removed its opposition to the bill.

AB 176 (Bonta) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would require UC, if it adopts a resolution, and requires 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 this bill.

AB 636 (Medina) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. 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's position on the bill is pending.

AB 819 (Irwin) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. Sponsored by UC, the bill would allow the University to continue offering affinity programs to our alumni.

AB 913 (Santiago) was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. 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.

AB 1150 (Levine) passed out of the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee. 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 1228 (Gipson) passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The bill would request CCC and requires CSU and UC, subject to its agreement by resolution, to (1) provide housing in housing facilities that are open for uninterrupted year-round occupation to current and former homeless youth and current and former foster youth at no extra cost during academic or campus breaks, and (2) develop a plan to ensure that current and former homeless youth and current and former foster youth can access housing resources during and between academic terms, including during academic and campus breaks. The University has no position on the bill.

SCR 35 (Stone) was adopted by the Assembly Higher Education Committee with amendments. The resolution urges each UC campus to adopt a resolution condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and racism, and condemns any act of anti-Semitism augmenting education programs at all publicly funded schools in California. The University has a Watch position on the bill.

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

<http://www.ucop.edu/state-governmental-relations/legislation/search/index.php?results=1&q=&t=all&s=&p=5&l=7>

Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- **July 17** – Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report bills. **Summer Recess** begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed.
- **Aug. 13 & 14** – **SGR/GRD Face to Face Meeting – UCSD**
- **Aug. 17** – Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
- **Aug. 28** – Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet and report bills to the floor.
- **Aug. 31 - Sept. 11** – **Floor Session only**. No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committee and Conference Committees.

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.