



UC Davis State Government Relations Update February 2018

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State Budget

UC Budget Ask

The University of California received a 3% general fund increase in the Governor's January budget proposal. We are grateful for these much needed funds; however, this amount falls short of the funding needed to take care of our current students and expand access. In addition to the funds provided in the Governor's budget, the University is requesting:

On-Going Funding Request: \$105 million

- **\$70 million in lieu of 2018-19 Tuition and Student Services Fee Increase**
This investment will fund improvements to ensure student success and timely graduation: faculty hiring, academic counseling, student mental health services, graduate student support, and classroom facilities.
- **\$25 million to address impacts to students of recent growth**
These funds will help address larger class sizes, the student to faculty ratio, and increased demand on student services that are consequences of the enrollment growth above the 7,500 funded in the Budget Acts of 2015 and 2016. Budget bill language resulted in enrolling 2,600 California undergraduates above the targeted amount.
- **\$10 million for 2018-19 enrollment growth**
To continue access for qualified students, UC requests enrollment growth funding for 500 California resident undergraduates (\$5 million) in 2018-19 in addition to the 1,500 new students that the University will fund reducing or eliminating other expenditures (\$15 million) from within its existing budget. In addition, to help meet the state's workforce needs, support undergraduate enrollment growth, and conduct research, UC requests enrollment growth funding for 500 graduate students (\$5 million).

One-Time Funds Requested: \$35 million

- **\$35 million for critical classroom, laboratory, and other campus maintenance needs**

One-time funding to address the most urgent projects on campuses—fixing classrooms, updating labs, and critical infrastructure—from the University’s backlog of State-supportable deferred maintenance needs. UC’s backlog now exceeds \$4 billion and is the third largest among all State agencies.

Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) – Reports on the Governor’s Higher Education Budget Proposal

The LAO published the following reports on February 15th that analyze the Governor’s 2018-19 higher education budget proposals:

[The 2018-19 Budget: Higher Education Analysis](#)

[The 2018-19 Budget: Adult Education Analysis](#)

[The 2018-19 Budget: Hastings College of the Law](#)

[The 2018-19 Budget: California Education Learning Lab](#)

The LAO also published a [summary of their higher education](#) and [adult education recommendations](#). These reports and other budget analyses are available on their [2018-19 Budget page](#).

Significant Impact Legislation

Friday, February 16, was the last day for bills to be introduced in the legislature. Lawmakers introduced 2294 bills since the beginning of the year. Below is a list of sponsored bills, new legislation and active bills the University is tracking.

Sponsored Legislation:

AB 2311 (Arambula) - UCLA IMG Program

Deletes the sunset date of the “pilot” program, and instead authorizes UCLA’s International Medical Graduate (IMG) program to permanently allow program participants to engage in supervised patient care activities. Status: Introduced.

AB 3186 (Medina) - Best Value Procurement

Eliminates the sunset on UC’s existing Best Value Procurement pilot program, thus providing UC with ongoing authority to take in account factors other than just lowest-cost in the procurement of goods and services. Status: Introduced.

SB 1423 (Hernandez) - SHIP in lieu of Medicaid

The proposal would enable California to provide students currently on Medi-Cal with a more comprehensive plan and better access to care, at a cost significantly lower than current Medi-Cal

premiums, by covering premiums for UC campus-sponsored SHIP in lieu of Medi-Cal coverage for registered Medi-Cal enrolled students. Would allow Medi-Cal students to have the same comprehensive coverage and access to care both on campus and away as all other students covered under the campus sponsored health plan. Status: Introduced.

New Introductions:

AB 2771 (Eggman) - Higher Education Facilities Bond

Spot bill: Enacts the Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018 to assist in meeting the capital outlay financing needs of UC and CSU. Status: Introduced.

AB 3153 (Levine) - Summer Cal Grants

Extends Cal Grants to summer session. Sponsored by UCSA. Status: Introduced.

ACA 26 (Weber) - Suspension and Expulsion of UC Regents

Authorizes the Legislature to suspend or expel a regent by resolution adopted by rollcall vote entered in the journal, 2/3 of the membership of each house concurring. Status: Introduced.

ACA 27 (Quirk-Silva) - UCOP Budget, UC Regents

Requires UCOP to submit a written report to the regents, the Governor, and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature specifying its receipts and expenditures for the immediately preceding fiscal year; requires that an appropriation for UCOP be made only in the annual Budget Bill relating solely to that office; adds the CCC Chancellor to the regents as a voting ex officio member; and makes the UC President a nonvoting ex officio member.

SB 1225 (Glazer) - Higher Education Facilities Bond

Enacts the Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018 for a \$2B GO bond for UC and UC Hastings. Status: Introduced.

SB 1275 (Stern) - Hunger Act Of 2018

Enacts the Plan Against College Hunger Act of 2018 and establishes the Plan Against College Hunger Program to reimburse public postsecondary educational institutions that provide student meal plans at no cost to the students attending more than part-time and who are Cal Grant recipients. Status: Introduced.

SB 1381 (Nielsen) - Campus Free Expression Act

Enacts the Campus Free Expression Act, which declares that outdoor areas of public postsecondary educational institutions are traditional public forums, and allows these institutions to maintain and enforce reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions if narrowly tailored in service of a significant institutional interest, employ clear, published, content/viewpoint-neutral criteria, and provide for ample alternative means of expression. Status: Introduced.

SB 1388 (Anderson) - Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act

Establishes the Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act, which encourages UC to develop and adopt a policy on free expression that contains specified statements. Status: Introduced.

SCA 16 (Moorlach) – UC Admissions

Subjects UC to legislative control as necessary to provide for priority in admissions for California residents, and authorizes the disbursement of funds pursuant to an agreement between the State and a

parent/legal guardian of an eligible child for tuition and education related expenses and to provide tax or other public benefits to educational institutions to further the promotion of intellectual, scientific, moral, and agricultural improvement. Status: Introduced.

SR 84 (de Leon) – California Dream Act

Resolves that California residents eligible for in-state tuition and financial aid under the California Dream Act of 2011 are strongly encouraged to fill out the California Dream Act Application and continue applying for college. Status: Introduced.

Active bills:

AB 1435 (Gonzalez) - College Athlete Protection Act

Establishes the College Athlete Protection Act. Status: Pending - Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee.

AB 1795 (Gipson) - Emergency medical services: community care facilities

The act authorizes each county to develop an emergency medical services program and requires local EMS agencies to plan, implement, and evaluate an emergency medical services system. This bill would authorize a local emergency medical services agency to submit, as part of its emergency services plan, a plan to transport specified patients to a community care facility, in lieu of transportation to a general acute care hospital. The bill would make conforming changes to the definition of advanced life support to include prehospital emergency care provided before and during, transport to a community care facility, as specified. The bill would also direct the Emergency Medical Services Authority to authorize a local EMS agency to add to its scope of practice for specified emergency personnel those activities necessary for the assessment, treatment, and transport of a patient to a community care facility. This bill is a priority one bill for the UC health systems. Status: Referred to the Assembly Health Committee.

AB 1894 (Weber) - Postsecondary education: student hunger

Requires an approved on-campus qualifying food facility that participates in the Restaurant Meals Program pursuant to the bill to meet all of the requirements for participation in that program. Status: The Assembly Higher Education Committee is scheduled to hear the bill on March 13th.

AB 1895 (Calderon I) - California DREAM Loan Program: Repayment

Requires a CSU or UC campus participating in the DREAM Loan Program to adopt procedures for a borrower to select an income-based repayment plan for the repayment of a DREAM loan. Status: The Assembly Higher Education Committee is scheduled to hear the bill on March 13th.

AB 1936 (Low) - Office of Higher Education

Establishes the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability. Status: The Assembly Higher Education Committee is scheduled to hear the bill on March 13th.

AB 1961 (Choi) - Postsecondary Education: Student Housing and Meal Plans

Requires higher education institutions receiving state funds for student financial assistance to, as a condition of receipt of the funds, separately list the cost of university-operated housing and meal plans on all Websites and documents it provides to students for purposes of advertising or displaying the student costs associated with university-operated housing; and prohibits each of these institutions from requiring a student to have a campus meal plan in order to live in university-operated housing. Status: The Assembly Higher Education Committee is scheduled to hear the bill on March 13th.

AB 2081 (Melendez) - Campus Free Speech Act

Establishes the Campus Free Speech Act. Status: Introduced.

AB 2190 (Reyes) - Hospitals: Seismic Safety

Requires the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to provide a 30-day notice to a hospital at risk of collapse or loss of life in the event of seismic activity prior to revoking an additional extension and to provide the hospital with the opportunity to provide evidence and information to challenge the revocation. Status: Introduced.

AB 2202 (Gray) - UC Merced School of Medicine

Appropriates an unspecified GF sum of moneys to UC for the creation, construction, and establishment of the UC Merced School of Medicine. Status: Introduced.

AB 2220 (Bonta) - Student Athlete Bill of Rights

Requires all intercollegiate athletic programs at UC, CSU, private postsecondary educational institutions, independent institutions of higher education that provide athletic scholarships for student athletes to comply with the Student Athlete Bill of Rights. Status: Introduced.

AB 2361 (Weber) – UC outsource contracts

Relates to UC service work performed by contractors. The bill requires contractors agree to provide to UC and the office of the State Controller with specified information and requires UC to provide to the office of the State Controller specified information regarding service work performed pursuant to an outsource contract during the prior calendar year. Status: Introduced.

ACR 167 (Acosta) - University of California: Student Tuition Increases

Urges UC Regents to reject the recently proposed student tuition and fee increases. Status: Introduced. (Tyler Aguilar)

Budget Act of 2018 - AB 1806 (Ting) & SB 839 (Mitchell)

Budget Act of 2018. AB 1806 is pending referral to policy committee and SB 839 is referred to the Senate Education Committee. AB 1806 Status: Referred to the Assembly Budget Committee. SB 839 Status: Referred to the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.

ACA 13 (Eggman) - Higher Education Assistance Fund

Excludes the Higher Education Assistance Fund from the appropriations subject to constitutional limitation and also exclude revenues derived from a tax from being deemed to be General Fund revenues, state revenues, or General Fund proceeds of taxes for purposes of calculating the minimum funding requirements for school districts and community college districts. Status: Pending referral to policy committee.

ACA 14 (Melendez) - Campus Free Speech Act

Proposes an amendment to the California Constitution to establish the Campus Free Speech Act and would require the Board of Regents to develop and adopt a policy on free expression that contains specified components. Assemblywoman Melendez's office reached out to UCI, UCB, and SGR, asking for our support of the constitutional amendment. The measure has been double referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee and the Assembly Higher Education Committee. SGR met with the author's office to share our initial concerns, and staff expressed a willingness by the author to work with the segments to

address our concerns. The author is exploring amendments and asked that we provide suggestions. Status: Was set for hearing by the Assembly Judiciary Committee on February 13th. Hearing cancelled by author on January 30th.

ACR 80 (Allen) - Reversal of UC Tuition Increase

Urges the Regents of the University of California to reverse recently adopted tuition and fee increases for students at UC campuses statewide. Status: Pending referral to policy committee.

SB 183 (Lara) - State Buildings: Federal Immigration Agents

Prohibits federal immigration enforcement agents/officers/personnel from entering a building owned/leased/occupied by the state, a public school, or a CCC campus to perform surveillance, effectuate an arrest, or question an individual therein, without a valid federal warrant. Includes UC and CSU campuses within the definition of "State." Status: Pending referral to Assembly policy committee.

SB 320 (Leyva) - Public Health: Public Postsecondary Education

Requires each public university student health center to offer abortion by medication techniques. Status: Do Pass (25-13) Senate Floor on Jan. 29th. Status: Pending referral to Assembly policy committee.

SB 573 (Lara) - Student Financial Aid: Student Service Programs

Authorizes UC, CSU, and CCC, to develop a student service program at each campus for specified students with financial need who qualify for the nonresident tuition exemption, including AB 540 students. Status: Pending - Assembly Inactive File.

SB 691 (Lara) - Educational Equity: Immigration Status

Adds immigration status to the list of covered classes of people afforded equal rights and opportunities in higher education institutions. SGR is working on a support if amended position in the Assembly. Status: Pending referral to Assembly policy committee.

SB 968 (Pan) - Postsecondary Education Mental Health Counselors

Requests UC and requires CSU, CCC, and qualifying independent higher education institutions to hire one full time equivalent mental health counselor per 1,000 students at each campus. Status: Introduced.

SCA 7 (Moorlach) - California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act: Repeal

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. Status: Failed passage out of the SENATE Committee on HEALTH on June 7, 2017, and was granted reconsideration. Pending - Senate Health Committee.

SCA 13 (Galgiani) - Limitation on Tuition Increase and Contracting Out

Prohibits UC – in any year in which it has more than 600 managerial employees earning more than the Governor's salary (currently \$190,100) - from 1) increasing systemwide student tuition and fees or 2) entering into a new services contract with a vendor paying wages lower than the rate of pay for UC employees performing similar work. This bill – a Senate Constitutional Amendment – has received a double-referral to policy committee: 1) Senate Education and 2) Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee. Status: Pending - Senate Education Committee.

SCA 14 (Hernandez) - Terms of UC Regents & Direct Appropriation of UCOP's Budget

Constitutional amendment that prohibits the reappointment of members appointed to the UC Board of Regents before June 6, 2018 to additional terms after the completion of their current terms and would specify that new Regents appointed after that date serve only four-year terms – with an opportunity to be reappointed to two additional terms. In addition, new UC faculty, student, and classified employee representatives would be added to the Board of Regents (serving two-year terms), commencing with the expiration of 12-year terms on March 1 of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2024. It would add the CCC Chancellor to the Regents as a voting ex officio member, and provide that the UC President be a nonvoting, rather than a voting, ex officio member. It would require, on or before October 1 annually, the UC Office of the President (UCOP) to submit a written report to the Regents, the Governor, and the appropriate policy and fiscal legislative committees specifying its receipts and expenditures for the immediately preceding fiscal year, and that an appropriation for UCOP be made only pursuant to an annual Budget Bill item relating solely to that office. The measure has received a double-referral to policy committee: 1) Senate Education Committee and 2) Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee. Status: Pending - Senate Education Committee.

Upcoming State Government Relations Events and Key Dates

- **March 21** – Graduate Student Research Day
- **March 22** – Spring Recess begins upon adjournment of session
- **April 2** – Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess
- **April 27** – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house
- **May 11** – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor nonfiscal bills introduced in their house
- **May 18** – Last day policy committees to meet prior to June 4
- **May 25** – Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house
- **May 25** – Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 4

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.