

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 12, 1999
Glenn S. Dumke Conference Center

Joan Otomo-Corgel, Chair
Martha C. Fallgatter, Vice Chair
Bob Foster
Harold Goldwhite
Laurence K. Gould, Jr.
Eric C. Mitchell
Ralph R. Pesqueira
Frederick W. Pierce IV
Ali C. Razi
Michael D. Stennis

Consent Items

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of March 17, 1999

Discussion Items

1. 1999-00 Legislative Report No. 3, *Action*

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**Trustees of The California State University
Glenn S. Dumke Conference Center
400 Golden Shore
Long Beach, California**

March 17, 1999

Members Present

Joan Otomo-Corgel, Chair
Martha C. Fallgatter, Vice Chair
Bob Foster
William Hauck, Chairman, Board of Trustees, ex officio
Laurence K. Gould
Eric C. Mitchell
Ralph R. Pesqueira
Frederick W. Pierce IV
Ali C. Razi
Charles B. Reed, Chancellor, ex officio
Michael D. Stennis

Members Absent

Ronald L. Cedillos
Harold Goldwhite

Other Trustees Present

William D. Campbell
Stanley T. Wang

Presidential Liaison

James M. Rosser, President, California State University, Los Angeles, present

Chancellor's Office Staff

David S. Spence, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer
Richard P. West, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer
Douglas X. Patiño, Vice Chancellor, University Advancement
Christine Helwick, General Counsel
Samuel A. Strafaci, Interim Senior Director, Human Resources
Karen Yelverton, Director, Governmental Relations

Chair Otomo-Corgel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 26, 1999.

1999-00 Legislative Report No. 2

Chair Otomo-Corgel remarked that Karen Yelverton, director, governmental relations, would present the item containing the status report on the trustees' legislative program and give trustees an update on the legislative activity in Sacramento, including the special session on educational issues and priority bills which have been introduced to date.

Karen Yelverton called attention to the chart listing CSU priority sponsored bills, reporting that since agenda materials had been printed, the legislative bill introduction date had been passed, and she could now provide trustees with author and bill number information.

AB 108, (Mazzoni) Statewide Subject Matter Projects—Ms. Yelverton stated that this bill seeks to restore funding for subject matter projects that provide professional development for teachers in K-12 schools. The bill has been approved by the first policy committee and has moved to the fiscal committee. It should be heard in the next couple of weeks.

AB 202, (Scott) Financial Aid: Year-Round Attendance—Ms. Yelverton reported that the bill had been unanimously passed by the Committee on Higher Education on March 16, 1999, and now moves to the Fiscal Appropriations Committee for hearing.

Ms. Yelverton reported that the joint doctoral degree proposal is being carried by Assemblymember Jack Scott on behalf on the California State University (AB 1279). As originally proposed to the board, the bill expands CSU current authority and allows the system to have joint doctoral programs with out-of-state institutions. In working with Assemblymember Scott and key legislative leaders and the chancellor, the first step should be on the need and capacity of current joint doctorate programs in California. Working with CPEC, a study is to be completed by January 1, 2000. Although not exactly as originally proposed, the bill is a reflection of the intent to expand CSU's role as appropriate in joint doctorate programs.

Ms. Yelverton reported that the proposal to set a minimum floor contribution by employers to implement CSU's optional retirement program for newly hired employees is being carried by Assemblymember Dennis Cardoza, (AB 1323) CSU Optional Retirement Plan.

Ms. Yelverton stated that the proposal granting the chancellor and campuses authority to order feasibility and preliminary plan working drawings necessary to submit capital outlay program items will be carried by Assemblymember Tom Torlakson, (AB 902) Capital Outlay Issues: Budget Transfer Authority; Health Center Limits.

Ms. Yelverton informed trustees that the proposal to fund graduate education programs at a level reflective of actual costs in a consistent manner with other universities nationwide is AB 602, Assemblymembers Gloria Romero and Alan Lowenthal.

Ms. Yelverton reported that a freestanding bill had not been introduced on the proposal on auxiliary organizations. It was agreed a better strategy would be to place the modification in the code. The concern is that there are several efforts along the lines of this proposal, and it would be better to pursue objectives through an omnibus bill instead of a bill that could pose questions as to how auxiliaries operate and what their function in the system are.

Ms. Yelverton stated that the Verducci Hall and the Stockton Multi-Campus Regional Center issues will be budget efforts and not legislative proposals. However, the Biotechnology Applied Research effort will be pursued through legislation, AB 968, sponsored by Assemblymember Denise Ducheny. Governmental relations staff is working with representatives from San Diego and San Luis Obispo to join in the effort seeking an additional \$2 million for the programs.

Ms. Yelverton reported that all the bills that were introduced on the deadline date have to be in print for 30 days. At that time, CSU sponsored bills will be heard in their first committee and trustees will be updated on their progress at the May board meeting.

Ms. Yelverton related that despite the fact that legislative budget processes have begun, legislators in Sacramento have been focused on the special session. She reported on the four proposals in the agenda. She reported that the bills should soon be on the governor's desk. All four proposals have been approved by their house of origin, by the second policy committee, and are currently being heard in fiscal committees. It appears at this time, she continued, that all four proposals will move to the governor's desk by the end of March.

Ms. Yelverton stated that staff has been successful in working with the authors, specifically regarding AB 2X (Mazzoni) Public Reading and Reading Staff Development Programs. CSU is now recognized as a full partner with the University of California and private colleges and universities in the implementation of these new programs improving teacher preparation and support for new teachers. This has been a fast track process, she continued, and has been a major focus of the governor, Secretary Hart and Under Secretary Burr.

It is supposed, she said, that once the special legislation session is over, the legislature will focus attention on the budget process. The Senate and the Assembly have set a timeframe for the budget to be in conference committees by the end of April, a month earlier than is traditional.

Two other issues of interest in Sacramento, Ms. Yelverton informed the board, are year-round education and investments and infrastructure in California. CSU has been an active player in the discussion about long-term implementation of year-round operations, consistent with the chancellor's and the board's interests in making campuses fully accessible to students. AB 126 (Runner, Lempert and Ducheny), CSU: Year-Round Operations, has become the focus of that conversation and was debated on March 16 in the Higher Education Committee, eventually passing on a unanimous vote.

The proposal does provide CSU flexibility in how to proceed with implementation, but does set some general goals and guidelines to be in full year-round operation by 2007-08. The bill recognizes that CSU would require full marginal costs for each new FTE regardless of when or where they're served, and there has been some success amending the proposal to recognize the increased scheduled maintenance needs. Also recognized formally in amendments are capital outlay investments, renovation, retrofitting and particular instructional needs in regional areas and small, developing campuses. Both AB 126 and AB 252, dealing with financial aid, are moving in parallel. One other proposal suggested by CSU is to explore incentives for students to attend in summer by reducing summer session fees. That proposal is gaining momentum in legislative conversations on fee reduction as opposed to across-the-board fee reductions which would be more expensive and not achieve a particular policy objective.

The other issue is the focus on the long-term investment the state needs to make in its infrastructure. The governor has named a 45-member commission, including Chair Hauck, to work with the lieutenant governor in developing strategies about how to invest in infrastructures in California. There are several organizations, for example, the Business Round Table, that are actively involved in this conversation. Conversations include local government and how to bond their long-term needs, sales tax revenues available for long-term infrastructure needs, and a substantial bond proposal. To date infrastructure is defined to include schools and higher education.

Trustee Stennis asked if there was any implementation background on AB 2X which addresses the issue of high school graduates who cannot pass the tests. Ms. Yelverton reported that the bill has had several modifications and is very complicated. Currently the proposal suggests that students start taking the exam in the 10th grade, giving them the option of retaking the exam portions that they have not succeeded in. It is not clear what the consequence of not passing the exams is, except that a high school diploma will not be issued. Ms. Yelverton promised to get back with more information.

Trustee Pierce stated that it was exciting to see the legislature moving forward on year-round education. He felt that in order to provide access, this was absolutely critical. As the issue is studied, it is important to recognize that while we have classrooms that are highly underutilized during the summer, we will need to add additional faculty and they will require faculty offices.

Trustee Pierce congratulated Dr. Patiño, the Alumni Council and Ms. Yelverton for hosting a very successful Legislative Day. He stated that this year's effort was the most productive and on-point since the program had been started.

Trustee Campbell stated his conviction that year-round operation was the only way CSU would be able to graduate students in a timely manner.

Chair Otomo-Corgel called for the motion on the resolution which was moved, seconded and passed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

BRIEF

Action Item

Agenda Item 1
May 11-12, 1999

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

1999-00 Legislative Report No. 3

Presentation By

Karen L. Yelverton, Senior Director
Governmental Affairs

Summary

This item contains a status report on the Trustees' Legislative Program for 1999 and priority legislation introduced in 1999.

Recommended Action

Adoption of the resolution.

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COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

1999-00 Legislative Report No. 3

Date: 4/16/99

1. 1999-00 Legislative Program Status Report

BILL	Author-Subject	Introduced	1st Policy Committee	1st Fiscal Committee	Floor Action	2nd Policy Committee	2nd Fiscal Committee	Floor Action	Comments
AB 108	(Mazzoni) Statewide Subject Matter Projects	X	X	X	X				Approved by Assembly. Referred to the Senate.
AB 252	(Scott) Financial Aid: Year-Round Attendance	X	X						Placed on suspense file by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
AB 632	(Romero, Lowenthal) Graduate Student Fee Calculation	X	X						Approved by the Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 13.
AB 902	(Torlakson) Capital Outlay Issues: Budget Transfer Authority; Health Center Limits	X							Set for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 20.
AB 968	(Ducheny) CSU Biotechnology Program	X							Referred to the Assembly Higher Education Committee.
AB 1279	(Scott) Joint Doctoral Degree Study	X							Set for Hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 20.
AB 1323	(Cardoza) Optional Retirement Program	X							Bill withdrawn by author. CSU will continue to pursue implementation of Optional Retirement Program.
	CSU Auxiliary Organizations: Donor Confidentiality								To be pursued in omnibus legislation.
	Student Fee Revenue Protection								Authority to be sought through the budget process.

Policy—That committee which evaluates policy implications of bills (e.g., Education, Judiciary, Retirement, etc.).

X—Indicates Action Taken

H—Indicates Held in Committee

Status of Priority Legislation (as of April 16, 1999)

Special Session Legislation

AB 1X (Villaraigosa) Mentor Peer Review and Assistance Program for Teachers

This bill redesigns the California Mentor Teacher Program to establish the Teacher Peer Assistance and Review Program.

Status: Signed into law by Governor Gray Davis.

AB 2X (Mazzoni) Pupil Reading and Reading Staff Development Programs

AB 2X establishes a comprehensive statewide reading proposal which includes the development and implementation of the Elementary School Intensive Reading Program, Governor's Reading Award Program and Public Involvement Reading Campaign.

Status: Signed into law by Governor Gray Davis.

SB 1X (Alpert) Education Accountability

This bill establishes the Public School Performance and Accountability Program that would consist of a state Academic Performance Index, an Immediate Intervention/Underperforming Schools Program, and a Governor's High Achieving/Improving Schools Program.

Status: Signed into law by Governor Gray Davis.

SB 2X (O'Connell) High School Exit Examination

This bill requires (a) the State Department of Education to develop a high school exit examination, (b) the State Board of Education to adopt an exit exam by July 2000 aligned with performance standards, and (c) 10th grade students beginning with the 2004 school year to pass the exam in order to receive a diploma.

Status: Signed into law by Governor Gray Davis.

Regular Session Legislation

AB 6 (Calderon) California Teacher Academy Program

This bill creates the California Teacher Academy Program which would permit school districts to apply for funds in collaboration with institutions of higher education to develop programs that provide exposure to coursework and experience relevant to the teaching profession.

Status: Set for Hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 20.

AB 14 (Ducheny) Higher Education Partnership Act of 2000

Similar to AB 1415 (1997) and AB 1966 (1998) by then-Assembly Member Bustamante, this bill would place in statute a long-term financing structure for public higher education in California.

Status: Set for Hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 20.

AB 31 (Reyes) Teacher Training: Rural Schools

AB 31 would expand the APLE program (a loan assumption program) to applicants who agree to provide classroom instruction in rural school districts.

Status: Pending Consideration in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 126 (Runner) Year-Round Operation

This bill would implement year-round operation for the California State University and the University of California.

Status: Suspend File, Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 164 (Romero) Voter Registration: University Campuses

AB 164 would require the CSU to take actions to ensure that students are provided voter registration forms on an annual basis.

Status: Set for Hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 20.

AB 192 (Scott) California Teacher Cadet Program

AB 192 would require the California Center on Teaching Careers to operate the California Teacher Cadet Program for the purpose of introducing high school students to the teaching profession.

Status: Pending Consideration in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 213 (Romero) CSU Trustees

AB 213 would increase the number of student members on the CSU Board of Trustees to two. As proposed to be amended, one student member of the board would have the right to vote.

Status: Set for Hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 20.

AB 360 (Davis) Student Testing

This bill would require the California State University to offer to all high school students who have completed the 10th grade both the English and mathematics proficiency examination which the CSU uses for entering students.

Status: Set for Hearing in the Assembly Education Committee, April 21.

AB 406 (Knox) Contracts: California State University

This bill would prohibit agreements for personal services from causing the displacement of CSU employees (contracting out).

Status: Set for Hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 20.

AB 655 (Scott) Nursing Programs

This bill would require the CSU and the California Community Colleges to issue a joint report to the governor and the legislature that would outline a plan and budget for increasing the number of students graduating from nursing programs.

Status: Pending Consideration in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 1372 (Reyes) Non-Academic Employees: California State University

This bill would provide that a temporary non-academic employee, employed by the California State University, shall be granted permanent status if the employee has served in his or her classification at the campus for at least three consecutive years in a time base of at least 50 percent.

Status: Set for Hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee, April 20.

SB 22 (Brulte) Public Postsecondary Education Fees

This bill would reduce student fees at the CSU and UC for the 1999-2000 year by 10 percent below the current level, and reduce fees for graduate students by 15 percent.

Status: Set for Hearing in the Senate Education Committee, April 21.

SB 179 (Alpert) Model Alternative Teacher Preparation Programs

This bill would create a model alternative teacher preparation program whereby school districts could apply for funding to form a collaborative teacher preparation partnership with one or more institutions of higher education.

Status: Pending Consideration in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 338 (Wright) Intercollegiate Athletics: Discontinuation

This bill would require a public institution of higher education to provide a one-year advance notice of any proposed discontinuation of an intercollegiate athletic team by a number of means.

Status: Pending Consideration in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 391 (Chesbro) Tuition and Fee Forgiveness

This bill would expand the fee waiver provision to include surviving children of contractors or employees of contractors who lost their life in service of law enforcement or fire suppression.

Status: Set for Hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee, April 19.

SB 572 (Alarcon) Assumption of Loans for Personal Computers Program

This bill would establish a loan forgiveness program to assist low-income students to purchase computers.

Status: Two-Year Bill.

SB 860 (Hughes) Labor Relations

Among other provisions, SB 860 would preclude higher education institutions from changing terms and conditions of employment once the parties have exhausted impasse procedures without reaching an agreement.

Status: Set for Hearing in the Senate Education Committee, April 21.

SB 1211 (Monteith) Postsecondary Education Agreements

This bill would require that articulation agreements made between public colleges and universities be uniform and consistent for all campuses.

Status: Set for Hearing in the Senate Education Committee, April 21.

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SB 1241 (O'Connell) Labor Relations

This bill would amend HEERA to mandate that all CSU employees pay agency fees to unions who are their exclusive representatives for collective bargaining. This agency fee requirement would not be subject to collective bargaining, and would become effective January 1, 2000, regardless of whether it conflicts with an existing collective bargaining agreement. In addition, the agency fee requirement would not require a vote of the affected employees until 2004.

Status: Pending Consideration in the Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

Adoption of the following resolution is recommended:

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of The California State University,
that the 1999-00 Legislative Report No. 3 is adopted.