

## **AGENDA**

### **COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**Meeting: 10:15 a.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2001**  
**CSULB, University Student Union-Multipurpose Room ABC**

Martha C. Fallgatter, Chair  
Roberta Achtenberg, Vice Chair  
Debra S. Farar  
Bob Foster  
Murray L. Galinson  
William Hauck  
Neel I. Murarka  
Dee Dee Myers  
Ralph R. Pesqueira

#### **Consent Items**

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 24, 2001

#### **Discussion Items**

1. 2001-2002 Legislative Report No. 2, *Action*

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

**Trustees of the California State University  
Office of the Chancellor  
Glenn S. Dumke Conference Center  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, California**

**January 24, 2001**

**Members Present**

Martha C. Fallgatter, Chair  
Roberta Achtenberg, Vice Chair  
Debra S. Farar  
Murray L. Galinson  
Laurence K. Gould, Jr., Chair of Board, ex officio  
William Hauck  
Neel I. Murarka  
Dee Dee Myers  
Ralph R. Pesqueira  
Charles B. Reed, Chancellor, ex officio

**Members Absent**

Bob Foster

**Other Trustees Present**

Daniel N. Cartwright  
Harold Goldwhite  
Frederick W. Pierce IV  
Ali C. Razi  
Stanley T. Wang

**Chancellor's Office Staff**

Richard P. West, Executive Vice Chancellor, Chief Financial Officer  
Christine Helwick, General Counsel  
Jackie R. McClain, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources

Chair Fallgatter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of November 9, 2000 were approved.

### **Adoption of Trustees' Statement of Legislative Principles**

Chair Fallgatter explained that the item consisted of a briefing on the Trustees' Statement of Legislative Principles. The principles provide basic parameters to guide positions taken by the Chancellor and the Office of Governmental Affairs on matters pending before the California Legislature, and are adopted at the beginning of each legislative session.

Chair Fallgatter introduced Ms. Karen Yelverton Zamarripa, assistant vice chancellor, governmental affairs. Ms. Yelverton Zamarripa noted that the principles before the committee had not been modified from those adopted for the two-year session that ended last fall. She stated the office of governmental affairs had no changes to include at this time and recommended consideration for approval of the proposed resolution.

The committee recommended approval of the proposed resolution (RGR 01-01-01)

### **2001-2002 Legislative Report No. 1**

Ms. Yelverton Zamarripa provided an overview of current legislative activity in Sacramento and an update of various changes to the Legislature, staff, and committee memberships.

She reported the current session has been primarily driven by the energy crisis, noting there is growing concern that the budget surplus will be needed as an investment in solutions to solve the crisis. How the issue will impact CSU in the long run remains to be seen.

Ms. Yelverton Zamarripa then briefly reviewed the scope and content of the six legislative proposals recommended for CSU-sponsored bills for this first year of the two-year session:

- A Facilities Bond Act for the 2002 ballot. (Preferably a K-12 higher-ed bond).
- Permanent authorization for direct vendor pay for CSU through removal of the five-year sunset provision.
- Property exchanges at CSU, Channel Islands, and CSU, Northridge.  
(These will be pursued in separate bills.)

- Health care support for CSU employees living in rural areas.
- Omnibus bill – vetoed by the governor last year because of provisions contained in the bill related to community colleges. The bill will be revised to include only CSU related issues. Assembly member Alquist has agreed to assist us.

Dr. Charles B. Reed, chancellor, stressed that the direct vendor pay bill is a very important bill. He cited the tremendous progress made in this area and suggested having several vendors testify on our behalf regarding improved turn around time.

Chancellor Reed informed the committee he intends to add one more issue to our proposed legislation requests regarding the need for the Ed.D (the doctorate for education). He noted California currently provides less access to this advanced degree than any state in the nation.

A recent report by the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) reflected a neutral opinion on the subject. The chancellor said he intends to present our own report to the board in March. The report will include an analysis of the CPEC document and will focus on the areas of educational leadership, access to an advanced degree, and affordability. Chancellor Reed expressed his appreciation to Trustee Pesqueira for his hard work and patience in working with CPEC on balancing the CPEC report.

The committee recommended approval of the proposed resolution (RGR 01-01-02).

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

### 2001-2002 Legislative Report No. 2

#### Presentation By

Karen Yelverton Zamarripa, Assistant Vice Chancellor  
Governmental Affairs

#### Summary

This item contains a status report on the Trustees' Legislative Program for 2001, and priority legislation introduced this year.

#### Background

The following bills comprise the Trustees' Legislative Program for 2001:

***Senate Bill 277 (Chesbro) Public Employee Health Care Benefits: Rural Areas: State University Employees.*** This bill would make employees of the California State University eligible to access the Rural Health Care Equity Trust Fund, which provides subsidies and reimbursements for health care costs incurred by state employees and annuitants who live in rural areas where there is no available health maintenance organization (HMO) plan that has been approved by the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) Board of Administration.

**Status:** Introduced February 16. This bill is being co-sponsored with the California State Employees Association (CSU Division).

***Senate Bill 323 (O'Connell) California State University: Real Property Exchange.*** Senate Bill 323 would authorize the CSU to acquire approximately 75 acres of farmland adjacent to the main campus at CSU, Channel Islands, in order to develop a primary access road and athletic fields, in exchange for a portion of a 262-acre site, located eight miles northwest of the main campus. The CSU obtained this 262-acre site, which is comprised of a 196-acre lemon orchard and 66 acres of row crops, in 1995.

**Status:** Introduced February 20

***Senate Bill 593 (Alarcon) California State University: Real Property Exchange.*** This bill would authorize the CSU to exchange a 5-acre parcel of land at CSU, Northridge (CSUN), known as Zelzah Court, for the approximately 8.5-acre Prairie Street school site, which is owned by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). CSUN will partner with LAUSD to build a small, specialized “academy” high school on the Zelzah Court site that would accommodate 800 students. Construction and operation of the new high school would be the sole financial obligation and responsibility of the school district. In return, the school district would transfer to the university full ownership of the 8.5-acre former Prairie Street School site. Acquiring this property would help round out the perimeter of the campus core, and provide land for hundreds of much-needed new parking spaces for students and others.

**Status:** Introduced February 22

***California State University Direct Vendor Pay.*** In 1996 the Legislature approved AB 2613 (Aguiar; Chapter 934/Statutes of 1996), which allowed all CSU campuses to pay vendors directly until January 1, 2002. Audits of the Direct Vendor Pay Program by the State Controller’s Office and the Bureau of State Audits indicate that the process has been successful in processing timely payments, without causing material weaknesses in the system of checks and balances over disbursements.

This proposal would permanently authorize the CSU Direct Vendor Pay Program.

**Status:** This bill will be authored by the Assembly Committee on Jobs and Economic Development. As a committee-sponsored bill, it is not subject to bill introduction deadlines.

***California State University Omnibus Proposals.*** This omnibus bill will include several items pertaining to the CSU, including authorization for auxiliary organization boards to meet in closed session to protect donor or prospective donor confidentiality, and clarification of CSU’s procurement and contracting authority by providing a central location for procurement policies applicable only to the CSU. The bill includes other technical, non-controversial items.

**Status:** This bill will be authored by the Assembly Higher Education Committee. As a committee-sponsored bill, it is not subject to bill introduction deadlines.

***Higher Education Bond Act.*** The Board has included as part of the Trustees' Legislative Program a proposal to place a higher education bond act on the March 2002 Primary Election Ballot.

**Status:** To date, three potential vehicles for a Public Education Bond Act have been introduced: Assembly Bill 16 (Hertzberg), Assembly Bill 1299 (Leonard), and Senate Bill 844 (Chesbro). The Legislature has yet to begin substantive deliberations on the details of the next education bond act.

***Authority to Offer Doctorate of Education Degree.*** The Board of Trustees has delegated to the Chancellor the authority to add items to the Trustees' Legislative Program. The Committee on Educational Policy will hear an item at this meeting adding to the program the pursuit of legislation authorizing the California State University to offer the doctorate of education degree.

### **Priority Legislation**

The Office of Governmental Affairs has identified more than 300 bills with a potential impact on the operations of the California State University or on public higher education in the state. The following bills have been classified as a priority because their impact would be particularly significant:

***Assembly Bill 195 (Alquist) Student Charges.*** As introduced, Assembly Bill 195 would place in statute state policies regarding undergraduate student fees at public higher education institutions. Among those would be a policy that any adjustment in fees should be no greater than the average increase in California per capita personal income.

**Status:** Introduced February 7

***Assembly Bill 307 (Pavley) Trustees of the California State University.*** This bill would increase the membership of the Board of Trustees by requiring the Governor to appoint a nonfaculty employee of the university for a two-year term. AB 307 is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 1604 (O'Connell), which was returned to the Legislature last year after Governor Davis indicated that he would not sign the bill.

**Status:** Introduced February 16

***Assembly Bill 338 (Correa) Postsecondary Education: Orange County Project.*** Assembly Bill 338 would create a demonstration project to address the nursing shortage in Orange County as a public/private partnership. The bill allocate funds to California State University, Fullerton as one of the public partners in the program.

**Status:** Introduced February 16

***Assembly Bill 622 (Runner) California State University: Offsite Campus Centers.*** This bill would require the CSU to adopt a standard system of eligibility for facilities to be defined as permanent, state-supported offsite campus centers, offering educational programs in the upper-division undergraduate and graduate divisions. Those standards would include demonstrable need for expanded higher education opportunities in the region of the proposed offsite campus center.

**Status:** Introduced February 22

***Assembly Bill 662 (Vargas) Minimum Wage: State University Student Assistants.*** Assembly Bill 662 provides that minimum wage orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission apply to student assistants of the CSU and the University of California.

**Status:** Introduced February 22

***Assembly Bill 689 (Steinberg) California State University.*** This bill would enact the Quality of California State University Services through Contractor Accountability Act of 2001. The bill would prohibit the CSU from entering into a privatization contract, unless the university and the contractor comply with prescribed procedures, including the submission of a written statement of services proposed to be the subject of the contract and the solicitation of sealed bids for the contract.

**Status:** Introduced February 22

***Assembly Bill 707 (Negrete McLeod) Higher Education Labor Relations.*** AB 707, a reintroduction of Assembly Bill 1935 (Wildman) from last session, would amend the Higher Education Employer Employee Relations Act to make auxiliary organizations of the CSU subject to its provisions. The bill would require that auxiliary employees be placed in collective bargaining units with employees of the university.

**Status:** Introduced February 22

***Assembly Bill 792 (Kehoe) Public Postsecondary Education: Systemwide Fees.*** This bill would provide that systemwide undergraduate and graduate fees at the CSU and University of California be reduced to the level charged for the 1991-92 fiscal year, as adjusted by the Department of Finance by an amount reflecting the increases in the California Consumer Price Index occurring during the intervening years.

**Status:** Introduced February 22

***Assembly Bill 877 (Cedillo) State University Chancellor and Campus Presidents.*** Assembly Bill 877 would prescribe the selection process for Chancellor and campus presidents of the CSU by requiring the field of candidates to be narrowed by a search committee to 3 finalists or, if only one or 2 qualified candidates have applied for the position, to one or 2 finalists. The bill would require that the names of all finalists be disclosed in a press release at least 30 days prior to a final recommendation of one of the finalists by the search committee to the trustees.

**Status:** Introduced February 22

***Assembly Bill 1063 (Aroner) Public Colleges and Universities.*** This bill would authorize the State Public Works Board to finance the acquisition of sites and the construction, renovation, and equipping of student, faculty, and staff housing facilities on those sites for use by public colleges and universities.

**Status:** Introduced February 23

***Assembly Bill 1081 (Nation) California State University Faculty.*** Assembly Bill 1081 would provide that temporary faculty of the California State University who work 40% of full-time or more, shall not be excluded from membership in the Public Employees' Retirement System if so provided in a collective bargaining agreement or by the Trustees with respect to excluded employees.

**Status:** Introduced February 23

***Assembly Bill 1342 (Alquist) Professional Services Certificate Program.*** This bill would require the California State University and the University of California to develop a Professional Services Certificate Program, consistent with the standards of the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards, to produce specially trained teachers to provide California with a cadre of experienced high quality teachers to serve as mentors, supervisors and support providers to novice professionals, especially at low-performing schools.

**Status:** Introduced February 23

***Assembly Bill 1441 (Romero) Higher Education Labor Relations.*** Assembly Bill 1441 would provide that statutes providing a minimum level of benefits and rights would only be superseded where terms of a memorandum of understanding provide benefits or rights in excess of the statutory minimums. Current law allows the CSU the flexibility to bargain terms which are different from statutory requirements. Under AB 1441, the statutory minimum requirements would become a floor, and the CSU would bargain with unions only over their proposals for terms in excess of this floor. This is a reintroduction of one provision contained in Senate Bill 860 (Hughes), introduced in 1999.

**Status:** Introduced February 23

***Assembly Bill 1611 (Keeley) Affordable Student Housing Program.*** This bill would establish the Affordable Student Housing Program under the administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development. The bill would charge the department with the responsibility of allocating the monies deposited in the continuously appropriated Affordable Student Housing Fund, as established by the bill, to finance the construction of student housing near the campuses of the California State University and the University of California.

**Status:** Introduced February 23

***Senate Bill 317 (Ortiz) Nursing Education.*** Senate Bill 317 would express the intent of the Legislature to address the nurse shortage being experienced in California and the methods of improvement regarding the academic qualifications, the level of diversity, and the access for education of registered nurses, by creating the Expansion Nursing Education Program.

**Status:** Introduced February 23

***Senate Bill 327 (Scott) California State University: Biotechnology.*** This bill would express legislative intent to provide additional state funding to the California State University for development of a bioscience center that would integrate research and innovation, applied workforce training, and incubation of new bioscience enterprises.

**Status:** Introduced February 23

***Senate Bill 457 (Scott) Public Postsecondary Education: Nursing Programs.*** Senate Bill 457 would require the California Community Colleges and the California State University to standardize all nursing program prerequisites on a statewide basis between the 2 systems, enter into transfer agreements between all of the universities of the State University and all community

colleges statewide, and create and implement a statewide nursing program vacancy information system.

**Status:** Introduced February 23

***Senate Bill 494 (Karnette) California State University.*** This bill would require that, when a campus of the California State University operates on a year-round schedule, the employment standards of each academic employee at that campus who is employed during the extended academic year is to be maintained at the level applied to academic employees in the academic year prior to the commencement of year-round operation.

**Status:** Introduced February 23

***Senate Bill 632 (Perata) Mental Health Training.*** Among other provisions, Senate Bill 632 would require the California State University, in conjunction with the State Department of Mental Health, the State Department of Social Services, county welfare directors and county mental health directors, and the California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies, to develop programs to expand the number of master's degree positions offered in social work, including internships at publicly funded mental health, child welfare, and child protective services programs that utilize social workers. The bill would also require the Department of Corrections, the State Department of Mental Health, and county mental health directors to work in partnership with California State University, Sacramento, community colleges, and other institutions that train nurses, in order to develop a proposal for submission to the Legislature, to increase the number of nurse practitioners who will be qualified to work in publicly funded mental health services.

**Status:** Introduced February 23

***Senate Bill 1070 (Ortiz) Postsecondary Education: Student Aid Commission.*** This bill, sponsored by Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante, would establish a coordinated statewide information dissemination and outreach program about college under the administration of the Student Aid Commission.

**Status:** Introduced February 23

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The following resolution is presented for adoption:

**RESOLVED**, By the Board of Trustees of the California State University,  
that the 2001-02 Legislative Report No. 2 is adopted.