

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Meeting: 11:35 a.m., Thursday, November 21, 2024
Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Yammilette Rodriguez, Chair
Raji Kaur Brar, Vice Chair
Douglas Faigin
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie
Jazmin Guajardo
Lillian Kimbell
Julia I. Lopez
Jonathan Molina Mancio
Sam Nejabat
Jose Antonio Vargas
Darlene Yee-Melichar

Consent

1. Approval of Minutes, *Action*
2. Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance, *Information*
3. State Legislative Update, *Information*

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

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

September 25, 2024

Members Present

Yammilette Rodriguez, Chair
Douglas Faigin
Leslie Gilbert-Lurie
Lillian Kimbell
Julia I. Lopez
Sam Nejabat
Jose Antonio Vargas
Darlene Yee-Melichar

Jack B. Clarke, Jr., Chair of the Board
Mildred García, Chancellor

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the July 24, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted.

Before moving to the remaining business of the committee, Trustee Rodriguez acknowledged a public comment regarding advocacy efforts. She emphasized that the CSU is dedicated to advocacy and is developing a robust advocacy plan that will include all stakeholders, including faculty, students, alumni, presidents, staff and other partners. She also thanked Chancellor García and President Perez for representing the CSU at the NAGPRA hearing in August.

Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance

Greg Saks, vice chancellor for external relations and communications and Nathan Dietrich, assistant vice chancellor for advocacy and state relations, provided an update on the work being done at the systemwide level to comply with NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA and to implement AB 389.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich reported that an oversight hearing was held on August 6 by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and the Assembly Select Committee on Native American Affairs. The focus was on both the CSU and the UC, and Chancellor García and Chico State President Perez both testified. Issues raised by legislators included how long it will take for full repatriation, how much funding is needed, the role of campus committees, how the state can hold the CSU and the UC accountable, and the roles of archaeology departments and field schools.

He also provided an update on the development of the systemwide NAGPRA policy. The CSU held 10 listening sessions this spring and has sent a copy of the draft policy to each Tribe on the Native American Heritage Commission's (NAHC) statewide list for consultation purposes in July. The 90-day consultation period will run through November 30. Additional consultation sessions with Tribes on the draft policy will be held at Chico State, San Diego State, in the Imperial Valley and virtually. After the consultation period, the policy will be refined and shared further with the NAHC, Tribes and across the Chancellor's Office. The CSU will hold a final 30-day consultation period with the Tribes in May 2025.

Funding has been assigned to the universities to support the repatriation of ancestors and cultural items. The 2024-2025 operating budget request included \$4.25 million for NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA compliance. \$3.4 million was allocated to the 21 universities with collections. Each university was allocated between \$115,000 and \$200,000 based on the size of their collection. Funds may be used to support repatriation-related costs, including hiring and training staff, supporting university committees, engaging in Tribal consultation, and fulfilling Tribal requests. \$550,000 was allocated to the Chancellor's Office to support the systemwide efforts, including personnel, training, a collection management system and travel.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich provided additional key updates and priorities:

- Twenty of the 21 universities now have a NAGPRA coordinator. The remaining university had to repost their position after not attracting a qualified candidate.
- Universities are currently conducting a thorough search across campus for all Native American remains and cultural items that must be included in the university's NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA inventories.
- For the campus-based NAGPRA committees, there are now 29 committee members appointed at 13 universities. There are still 118 openings, and the CSU is redoubling its efforts to attract qualified applicants.
- The recruitment for the executive director of tribal relations is currently underway. This position will lead the Office of Tribal Relations and report directly to the vice chancellor, external relations and communications.

Cal State San Bernardino President Tomás Morales shared updates from the universities on behalf of his fellow presidents:

- Sonoma State hired a director of tribal relations;
- San Francisco State held 13 consultation sessions with 10 Tribes and was awarded a \$100,000 federal grant from the U.S. National Park Service to support its university's repatriation efforts;
- Sacramento State submitted nine notices to the Federal Register and physically transferred a collection to the Konkow Valley Band of Maidu for reburial;
- San Diego State repatriated two separate collections of cultural items to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians and the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians;
- Cal State Fullerton and UCLA are working on joint consultation and repatriation of five Orange County site collections; and
- Staff and students from several universities will join Chancellor García in Sacramento on Friday for Native American Day.

Trustee Rodriguez thanked the presidents and the campus coordinators for their intentional work; it is evident that the CSU is making an effort and creating meaningful change. Trustee McGrory asked if there is a way to establish a metric on how the CSU is doing on repatriation. Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich said there are three metrics: 1) the number of consultations; 2) the number of notices in the Federal Register; and 3) the completion of repatriation. Trustee McGrory and Trustee Rodriguez asked for data on repatriation efforts.

State Legislative Update

Vice Chancellor Saks shared that the legislature concluded its session on August 31. The Advocacy and State Relations team and colleagues across the system worked hard to secure a favorable outcome on many bills introduced this session.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Dietrich reported that all three of the board's sponsored bills have successfully passed the legislature (AB 3290, AB 2395 and AB 2005). He shared highlights from the legislative session, including bills addressing Title IX, hazing liability, nursing programs and undocumented student employment.

He also provided a recap on recent advocacy activities, including upcoming legislative staff visits at CSU San Marcos and San Diego State, and gave a preview of some of the issues that may be addressed in the next legislative session.

Trustee McGrory believes the CSU needs to come up with another strategy to address its aging facilities since the state has not included the CSU in the public educational facilities bond in 18 years. Trustee Rodriguez would like to investigate the possibility of changing legislation that would allow the CSU to have its own bond measures like K-12 and community college districts. Trustee Lopez asked why the governor has not yet signed AB 2395. Trustee Yee-Melichar asked how the CSU is preparing for the possible implementation of AB 2005 and AB 2395. In the next

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legislative session, Trustee Vargas stated that the CSU needs to advocate for all its students, including undocumented students, by talking about workforce development and how these students contribute to the state. He also shared a UC study that enrollment of low-income, undocumented students has declined by half at the UC and the CSU. Trustee Rodriguez expressed her appreciation to the campuses for the DREAM centers and all the services that support undocumented students.

Trustee Rodriguez adjourned the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Update on NAGPRA and CalNAGPRA Compliance

Presentation By

Greg Saks
Vice Chancellor
External Relations and Communications

Nathan Dietrich
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

This agenda item provides an update on systemwide compliance in relation to federal and state laws that require the repatriation of Native American ancestral remains and cultural items that are in a university's possession or control.

Background

The January 2024 Board of Trustees meeting included a discussion on systemwide and university compliance in relation to the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (CalNAGPRA), AB 389, and the 2023 state audit. The Board of Trustees has requested updates at future meetings on progress made towards meeting our responsibilities under state and federal law.

California Native American Day

Chancellor Mildred García was invited by the organizers of the California Native American Day celebration to speak at the annual event that was held at the State Capitol on September 27, 2024. She took the opportunity to apologize to the Tribes, tribal leaders and the tribal communities in attendance for the harm and trauma the CSU's lack of repatriation has caused and continues to cause Tribes. Furthermore, the Chancellor stressed that the CSU is committed to the full repatriation of all ancestors and cultural items that are in the possession or control of our universities, while also building trust and working in partnership with Tribes on a number of issues.

State Audit Update

As previously reported at the July Board Meeting, the Chancellor’s Office submitted its one-year response to the California State Auditor, which details the progress made on the auditor’s eight recommendations. The State Auditor has determined that the recommendations associated with the Chancellor’s Office administrative structure and budget estimates have been fully implemented, while the remaining items are still in progress. The next report to the State Auditor is due in June 2025.

Systemwide Policy Development and Listening Sessions

AB 389 requires, and the 2023 state audit recommends, that the Chancellor’s Office adopt a systemwide policy to better implement the state and federal NAGPRA laws that includes conducting meaningful consultation and timely repatriation. AB 389 requires that this policy must be done in consultation with Tribes and the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). In July, the Chancellor’s Office shared a working draft policy for tribal consultation purposes with California Tribes and the NAHC. A formal 90-day consultation period for Tribes will run from September 1 through November 30. Several one-on-one Tribal consultation meetings have taken place. In addition to holding individual virtual consultations and open forum discussion sessions, the Chancellor’s Office met with Tribes in the San Diego, Inland Empire, Chico, and Los Angeles areas. As of October 31, more than a dozen Tribes have taken part in consultation sessions.

The remaining schedule, with additional descriptions, for the systemwide policy development process is below:

September 1 – November 30, 2024	90-day Tribal consultation period of the working draft policy
December 1 – December 31, 2024	Tribal feedback reviewed and incorporated into the working draft policy to develop the draft of the Systemwide NAGPRA Policy
January – March 2025	Draft Systemwide NAGPRA Policy released for review by all stakeholders including Tribes, NAHC, and CSU; consultation opportunities will be offered
April 2025	Incorporate stakeholder feedback to develop the final draft of the Systemwide NAGPRA Policy
May – June 2025	Final draft of the Systemwide NAGPRA Policy stakeholder review period. Additional feedback received will be incorporated.
July 2025	Adoption and implementation by CSU

Campus Coordinators

AB 389 requires campuses with Native American remains and cultural items to have full-time, experienced repatriation coordinators on or before July 1, 2024, to ensure that universities pursue timely repatriation. The state audit also recommended that universities employ full-time coordinators. As of November 15, 2024, all 21 of the universities required to have a full-time experienced coordinator have hired one.

Additionally, across the CSU, the Chancellor's Office staff and university leaders continue to work with all coordinators as they begin, or continue, their work on conducting campus inventories, consulting with tribes, and undertaking the repatriation process.

Systemwide Committee and Campus Committees

AB 389 requires the creation of systemwide and campus-based NAGPRA committees; the state audit also recommends it. The law requires the NAHC to review applicants and nominate them to the chancellor for appointment. Each systemwide and campus-based committee will include four voting Tribal representatives and three voting university members. At the NAHC's October 18, 2024, meeting, 21 committee members were nominated, and the Chancellor has appointed each to their campus committee. In total, 50 committee members have now been appointed to committees at 19 universities. Chico State has a full committee, and quorums exist at San Diego State, San Francisco State, Sacramento State and Sonoma State.

More than 100 additional committee members are still needed across the system. The NAHC will continue to take applications for nominations for committee members until all positions are filled. The CSU will continue to encourage qualified applicants to apply for committee positions, and the NAHC will continue to review and nominate committee members. Earlier this year, the NAHC and Chancellor's Office decided to prioritize filling campus committees before nominating applicants to the systemwide committee.

Prohibition on Teaching, Research, and Display

AB 389 and the new federal regulations place an additional emphasis on prohibiting the use of ancestral remains or cultural items that are in a university's collection for the purpose of teaching, research or display. On March 18, 2024, Chancellor García issued a memorandum directing university presidents to abide by the state and federal regulations and to ensure ancestral remains or cultural items that are in a university's collection are not used in teaching, research or are on display. The future systemwide policy will include this prohibition and federal Duty of Care requirements.

Status of Inventories

AB 389 requires the CSU to report to the legislature on the progress that each university has made reviewing its collections of Native American ancestors and cultural items by December 31, 2024. To ensure comprehensive assessment, universities are conducting campuswide assessments, encompassing departments and storage facilities including off-site or satellite locations.

The upcoming required report to the legislature will detail the progress made by each campus in meeting this requirement. On July 8, 2024, Chancellor García issued a memorandum to each university to complete an inventory search and report findings to the Chancellor's Office by November 4, 2024. Information from the surveys will be shared with the legislature in December. The Chancellor's Office is working with universities to ensure any issues surrounding their inventory status is resolved in time to report the update to the legislature.

Fiscal Planning

The CSU 2024-2025 operating budget request included \$4.25 million for NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA compliance and the Chancellor's Office has allocated the full amount. This was the first time that the CSU has allocated funding to universities for their repatriation efforts. In August, as part of the annual budget allocation process, the Chancellor's Office allocated \$3.4 million to the 21 universities with collections. Each university was allocated between \$115,000 and \$200,000, with the universities with the largest collections receiving the larger amount. Universities may use funds to support repatriation-related costs, including, but not limited to hiring and training staff, supporting university committees, engaging in Tribal consultation, and fulfilling Tribal requests. Universities are also encouraged to use their existing funds in addition to the new allocations. Of the \$4.25 million allocated, \$550,000 was allocated to the Chancellor's Office to support the systemwide efforts that the auditor has recommended and AB 389 requires.

The Board of Trustees' adopted 2025-2026 operating budget request includes an additional \$4.5 million for NAGPRA/CalNAGPRA compliance

Chancellor's Office Support

Earlier this year, the Chancellor's Office announced that it will establish an Office of Tribal Relations (OTR). OTR will be located within the Division of External Relations and Communication and its leadership will report to the vice chancellor. ASR will continue to lead the Chancellor's Office repatriation efforts until the OTR is fully formed and operational. The Chancellor's Office is in the process of hiring an executive director to lead the OTR. The position has been posted, a hiring committee has been established, interviews have taken place, and the goal is to have the office established before the end of the year.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

State Legislative Update

Presentation By

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Nathan Dietrich
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Advocacy and State Relations

Summary

The Legislature adjourned for the fall interim on August 31 and will remain in recess until December 2, when they will reconvene to swear in newly elected members and begin the new two-year legislative session. The Governor considered all bills passed by August 31 and took action on each by September 30. Bills signed into law by the Governor will go into effect January 1, 2025, unless the bill includes either an urgency statute making it effective immediately, or language that explicitly delays implementation until a specified date.

Legislative Session Review

The CSU and its universities enjoyed a successful legislative session. The Governor signed every bill sponsored by the Board of Trustees into law and vetoed several bills that if enacted, would have had challenging policy and fiscal implications for the CSU.

The success achieved this session would not have been possible without the active engagement from universities, trustees and key stakeholders. As a result, AB 2005 (Ward), a Board-sponsored bill, was signed and will allow the CSU's residential development partners to utilize Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to develop affordable housing for faculty and staff on university-owned land. A second sponsored bill, AB 2395 (Quirk-Silva), provides CSU universities flexibility to use professional and continuing education funds to develop and expand innovative academic programs in order to improve student access and workforce preparation. Several of the chaptered bills, which are summarized below, relate to Title IX, and CSU worked closely with legislators to address this important topic.

Governor Newsom vetoed a number of bills that would have had significant operational, financial or Master Plan-related impacts on the system and its universities. Vetoed bills included legislation authorizing community colleges to offer baccalaureates in nursing (AB 2104, SB 895), expanded

tuition waivers (AB 3034), and new regulations around project labor agreements for public agencies, including the CSU (SB 984).

As we look ahead to the 2025-2026 legislative session, staff will continue to actively engage in discussions pertaining to college athletics, intersegmental coordination, basic needs, Title IX, and other issues.

End of Session Legislative Summary

The report is organized to reflect the Governor's actions as follows:

- Chaptered bills
 - BOT Sponsored Legislation
 - Senate bills
 - Assembly bills
- Vetoed bills
 - Senate bills
 - Assembly bills
- Bills that Failed to Advance to the Governor

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SPONSORED LEGISLATION

AB 2005 (Ward) – California State University: Faculty and Employee Housing

This bill would allow the California State University (CSU) residential development partners to utilize Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to develop affordable housing for faculty and staff on university-owned land.

- **CSU Position:** Sponsor
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 558, Statutes of 2024

AB 2395 (Quirk-Silva) – California State University: Extension Programs, Special Session, and Self-Supporting Instructional Programs

This bill would provide CSU campuses flexibility in the use of professional and continuing education funds so they can be used to develop and expand innovative academic programs to improve student access and workforce preparation and require annual reporting on the use of these funds.

- **CSU Position:** Sponsor
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 828, Statutes of 2024

AB 3290 (Committee on Higher Education) Postsecondary Education: Omnibus Bill

While AB 3290 is not a formally sponsored bill, it includes the Board-sponsored legislation that allows members of the military who are serving in the United States Armed Forces to receive in-state tuition if they are stationed in California for the express purposes of furthering their education.

This bill is also used to provide clarifying and conforming changes to various provisions of the Education Code affecting higher education.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 440, Statutes of 2024

Senate Bills

SB 1015 (Cortese) – Nursing Schools and Programs

This bill would require the Nursing Education and Workforce Advisory Committee, within the Board of Registered Nursing, to study and recommend to the legislature how schools of nursing can coordinate clinical placements.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 776, Statutes of 2024

SB 1166 (Dodd) – Annual Report: Sex Discrimination

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to report to the legislature with a summary of the activities undertaken by each campus and by the systemwide Title IX office to ensure campus programs and activities are free from sex discrimination.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 883, Statutes of 2024

SB 1287 (Glazer) – Equity in Higher Education Act: Prohibition on Harassment, Intimidation, and Discrimination

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to adopt a policy within their student code of conduct to prohibit violence, harassment, intimidation and discrimination that create a hostile environment on campus and to develop a mandatory training program to educate students on how to exchange views in an atmosphere of mutual respect and civility, among other requirements.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 892, Statutes of 2024

SB 1348 (Bradford) – Postsecondary Education: California Black-Serving Institutions Program

This bill would establish the Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions (BSI) to recognize campuses of these segments that excel at providing academic resources to Black and African American students. The CSU is designated as the managing entity for BSI designations.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 627, Statutes of 2024

SB 1491 (Eggman) – Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act

This bill requires the CSU and CCC to designate a non-responsible employee at each campus to be a point of contact for the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, pansexual, transgender, gender-nonconforming, intersex and two-spirit faculty, staff and students.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 490, Statutes of 2024

Assembly Bills

AB 810 (Friedman) – Hiring Practices: Academic, Athletic, and Administrative Appointments

This bill requires the CSU, UC and CCC to require applicants for an academic, athletic or administrative position to disclose any administrative or judicial finding that the applicant committed sexual harassment. The applicant would also be required to sign a release form that authorizes their former employer to release information regarding any substantiated allegations of misconduct.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 673, Statutes of 2024

AB 1205 (Bauer-Kahan) – CSU Students: California Promise: Finish in Four and Through in Two

This bill changes the name of the California Promise Program to 'Finish in Four and Through in Two,' eliminates the 2026 sunseting of the program, requires each campus to implement outreach techniques to promote the program to students, and requires annual reporting to the legislature on program participation.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 677, Statutes of 2024
 - *Note: This was an end of session gut-and-amend that inserted the provisions of SB 1200 (Glazer) into AB 1205.*

AB 1524 (Lowenthal) – Postsecondary Education: On-Campus Access to Drug Testing Devices and Antitampering Devices

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to stock devices that detect the presence of drugs in a health center located on each campus and offer them free of charge.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 679, Statutes of 2024

AB 1575 (Irwin) – Postsecondary Education: Designated Advocates: Students Codes of Conduct: Advisers

This bill requires public postsecondary institutions to advise students involved in disciplinary procedures that they are allowed to select a respondent adviser to assist them in navigating the adjudication procedures.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 808, Statutes of 2024

AB 1577 (Low) – Health Facilities and Clinics: Clinical Placements: Nursing

This bill requires a health facility or clinic to meet with the community college or the CSU and work in good faith to meet the needs of the community college or CSU program.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 680, Statutes of 2024

AB 1790 (Connolly) – CSU: Sexual Harassment: Implementing California State Auditor Recommendations

This bill would require the CSU to implement the recommendations of the 2023 state audit on Title IX and report to the Legislature on the status of implementation.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 86, Statutes of 2024

AB 1841 (Weber) – Student Safety: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication: Student Housing Facilities

This bill requires that the CSU and CCC mandate each university- or college-affiliated student housing facility to stock federally approved opioid overdose reversal medication, to train all residential staff members at each student housing facility on the administration of the opioid overdose reversal medication, and to distribute the opioid overdose reversal medication to all university or college-affiliated Greek-life housing facilities.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 942, Statutes of 2024

AB 1887 (Cervantes) – Student Financial Aid: Application Deadlines: Extension

This bill moves the deadline for students to apply for state financial aid from April 2, 2024, to May 2, 2024.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 5, Statutes of 2024

AB 1905 (Addis) – Employment: Settlements, Informal Resolutions, and Retreat Rights

This bill requires public postsecondary institutions to adopt a written policy prohibiting a supervisor or administrator from providing an official letter of recommendation if the employee is determined in a final administrative decision to have committed sexual harassment, resigns from their position during an investigation before a final decision is reached, or enters into a settlement before a final decision is reached.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 813, Statutes of 2024

AB 2015 (Schiavo) – Nursing Schools and Programs: Faculty Members, Directors, and Assistant Directors

This bill would authorize the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to approve an individual to serve as a member of the faculty, director or assistant director of an approved school of nursing program unless the nursing program is actively accredited.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 370, Statutes of 2024

AB 2033 (Reyes) – Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards: Basic Needs Services and Resources

This bill would require the CSU and request the UC to establish a Basic Needs Center and employ a Basic Needs Coordinator at every campus who would perform specified duties.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 913, Statutes of 2024

AB 2047 (Fong, Mike) – Discrimination Prevention: Systemwide Offices of Civil Rights

This bill requires the CSU and UC to maintain Title IX offices on every campus and a systemwide Office of Civil Rights and outlines the responsibilities of each office.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 693, Statutes of 2024

AB 2193 (Holden) – Hazing: Educational Institutions: Civil Liability

This bill establishes civil liability for an education institution, including the CSU, if the institution had direct involvement in or knew of dangerous hazing practices and failed to take reasonable steps to stop the hazing practices of the organization. Reasonable steps to stop hazing include instituting a comprehensive prevention and outreach program to inform students on the prohibition on hazing.

- **CSU Position:** Neutral
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 704, Statutes of 2024

AB 2275 (Fong, Mike) – Trustees of the CSU: Appointees

This bill would require that members selected to serve on the CSU Board of Trustees be inclusive and representative of the demographic groups of California and that the board reflect diversity of race, gender, as well as disabled persons and veterans.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 103, Statutes of 2024

AB 2326 (Alvarez) – Equity in Higher Education Act: Discrimination, Compliance, Regulations, and Reports

This bill states that the leader of the system shall have responsibility for monitoring the compliance of each campus in ensuring that programs are free from discrimination. The Chancellor’s Office shall annually submit a report to the Board of Trustees and to the legislature detailing efforts to prevent and respond to discrimination, and the Chancellor shall testify annually before the legislative budget subcommittees on the state of the system in responding to all forms of discrimination.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 827, Statutes of 2024

AB 2407 (Hart) – Sexual Harassment Complaints: State Audits

This bill requires the California State Auditor to, on or before January 1, 2026, and every five years thereafter until January 1, 2044, conduct an audit of the CSU, CCC and UC regarding their respective handling and investigation of sexual harassment complaints, and would require the findings of those audits to be reported to the legislature.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 830, Statutes of 2024

AB 2458 (Berman) – Public Postsecondary Education: Student Parents

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to post additional information on student parent webpages on campus websites; to develop and implement a systemwide policy for estimating and adjusting cost of attendance information for student parents; to establish a data field in the campuses’ data management information system to identify student parents; and to update its campus net price calculator to include a baseline student parent cost estimate.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 962, Statutes of 2024

AB 2608 (Gabriel) – Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment: Training

This bill requires public and private postsecondary institutions to update their annual sexual violence and sexual harassment training to include additional topics, such as how to recognize if someone is at risk of drug-facilitated sexual assault and where to access additional confidential resources on- and off-campus.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 110, Statutes of 2024

AB 2633 (Alvarez) – Joint Degrees: International Institutions of Higher Education

The bill would authorize the CSU to award undergraduate and graduate degrees jointly with international institutions of higher education and offer doctoral degrees with international institutions of higher education only if the doctoral degree does not duplicate UC doctoral degrees.

- **CSU Position:** Pending
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 729, Statutes of 2024

AB 2821 (Grayson) – Postsecondary Education: Students with Disabilities

This bill requires public postsecondary institutions to provide training with information regarding disability access and compliance to all personnel during onboarding. It would also require the CSU, UC and CCC to report program cost and budget breakdowns for disabled student programs at each campus every five years.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 905, Statutes of 2024

AB 2834 (Rendon) – Part Time Faculty

This bill would require, when possible, that the names of part-time community college faculty be listed in the class schedule once they are assigned to a class and extend the same preferences to part-time faculty at CSU campuses, including other specified requirements.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 418, Statutes of 2024

AB 2883 (Low) – Lunar New Year Holiday

This bill will allow the CSU, and would request each campus of the UC, to observe Lunar New Year as a paid holiday in place of another prescribed holiday.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 972, Statutes of 2024

AB 2925 (Friedman) – Equity in Higher Education Act: Prohibition on Discrimination: Training and Notice

This bill specifies that California's postsecondary educational institutions have an obligation to combat hate-based discrimination and requires that universities include training to address discrimination against the five most targeted groups in the state as part of any antidiscrimination or diversity, equity and inclusion training that is offered by the institution for students, faculty or staff.

- **CSU Position:** Support
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 844, Statutes of 2024

AB 2987 (Ortega) – Sex Discrimination Complaints: Status Updates and Notices

This bill requires the CSU and CCC, and requests the UC, to provide updates to parties involved with a Title IX case every 30 days upon request and to provide notice of disciplinary action to the respondent in a complaint of sex discrimination within five days of a decision being made.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking
- **Status:** Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 205, Statutes of 2024

GOVERNOR’S ACTIONS – VETOED

Senate Bills

SB 895 (Roth) – Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

This bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges (CCC) to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes 10 select community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

SB 906 (Skinner) – Collegiate Athletics: Student Athlete Compensation

This bill would require specified reporting, including a report by an entity that provides compensation to a student athlete, or the student athlete’s family, to report such compensation to the student athlete’s postsecondary educational institution.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

SB 984 (Wahab) – Public Agencies: Project Labor Agreements

This bill would require the CSU to identify, by January 2027, three projects in excess of \$35 million that will utilize a project labor agreement (that includes prevailing wage) and require the Department of General Services to report on any community benefit goals.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose Unless Amended

SB 1411 (Ochoa Bogh) – Instructional Quality Commission: Curriculum Framework and Evaluation Criteria Committee: Higher Education Faculty Representation

This bill would require the commission to ensure that the associated curriculum framework and evaluation criteria committee includes representation from higher education faculty with relevant subject matter expertise, and would authorize the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates to nominate two faculty from California public institutions of higher education for consideration to serve on the relevant curriculum framework and evaluation criteria committee.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

Assembly Bills

AB 2104 (Soria) – Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

This bill would require the CCC to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes 10 select community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 2447 (Valencia) – Fiscal Transparency: Internet Website

This bill, known as the California State University Transparency Act of 2024, would require the university to report any expenditures of state dollars over \$25,000 on a website available to the public on or before July 2026.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 3034 (Low) – Waiver of Tuition and Fees: California Conservation Corps

This bill would prohibit the CSU and UC, if adopted by resolution, from charging tuition or fees for students who are low or moderate income, and who meet certain requirements, including having completed one year in the California Conservation Corps.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 2586 (Alvarez) – Public Postsecondary Education: Undocumented Student Employment

This bill prohibits the CSU, CCC and UC from disqualifying a student for employment at a campus due to failure to provide proof of federal work authorization, except where proof is required by federal law or when proof is required as a condition of a grant that funds the work position for which the student has applied.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

AB 2936 (Jackson) – Higher Education Reconciliation Act

This bill would require the CSU and CCC, and request the UC, to each develop a reconciliation master plan to address cultural and political conflicts that arise on campus, which will include a forum for the purpose of students' voices being heard while feeling safe. This bill also requires each campus to develop individual reconciliation plans.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

BILLS THAT FAILED TO ADVANCE

Senate Bills

SB 28 (Glazer) – Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2024

This bill would place a \$15.5 billion facilities bond on the March 2024 ballot for K-16, that if approved by the voters, would allocate \$2 billion for the CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Support

SB 916 (Seyarto) – Waiver of Tuition and Fees: Veterans: Extended Education Courses

This bill would prohibit campuses of the three segments of public postsecondary education from charging tuition or fees for students who are veterans, along with their dependents, who choose to enroll in an extended education course if certain requirements are satisfied and the extended education course is being used to meet the requirements of undergraduate degree program.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

SB 995 (Padilla) – CSU: Teacher Recruitment and Retention

This bill requires the CSU Chancellor in consultation with the California Community College Chancellor to create a five-year pilot program starting with the 2025-2026 school year for students to complete a baccalaureate degree in teacher credentialing in four years.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

SB 1042 (Roth) – General Acute Care Hospitals: Clinical Placements: Nursing

This bill would require health care facilities to meet with public and private schools who provide nursing education to annually discuss their clinical placement needs and impose specified reporting requirements, which in turn should be used to help prioritize the clinical placement needs of approved schools of nursing, including the CSU.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

SB 1116 (Portantino) – Unemployment: Trade Disputes: Eligibility for Benefits

This bill would provide unemployment insurance benefits to employees who remain on strike for more than two weeks.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

SB 1023 (Wilk) – CSU: Antelope Valley or Victor Valley Campus

This bill would authorize the CSU Chancellor's Office to conduct and submit to the Board of Trustees a study on the feasibility of an independent CSU campus in the Antelope Valley or Victor Valley.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

SB 1200 (Glazer) – CSU: California Promise: Finish in Four and Through in Two

This bill changes the name of the California Promise Program to ‘Finish in Four and Through in Two,’ eliminates the 2026 sunset of the program, requires each campus to implement outreach techniques to promote the program to students, and requires annual reporting to the legislature on program participation.

- **CSU Position:** Pending

SB 1235 (Gonzalez) – Artificial Intelligence and Deepfake Working Group

This bill would require Cal State Long Beach to establish the Artificial Intelligence and Deepfake Working Group and develop a scoping plan to establish topics that may be addressed by the working group.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

SB 1378 (Min) – Pupil and Student Safety: Identification Cards: Federal Title IX Assistance Telephone Number

This bill requires all schools that serve pupils in grade seven through 12 as well as all higher education institutions to list contact information for their school’s Title IX Coordinator and the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights on their student identification cards.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

Assembly Bills

AB 25 (McCarty) – Student Financial Aid: Middle Class Scholarship Program

This bill amends the rules of the Middle-Class Scholarship Program to remove basic needs emergency aid from consideration in the awarding or adjusting of scholarship amounts. It also requires the Department of Finance to fully fund the program over five years, provided general fund revenues increase for two consecutive years.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 252 (Holden) – The College Athlete Protection Act

This bill establishes the College Athlete Protection (CAP) Act, for the purpose of providing various rights, benefits and protections to college athletes. The bill creates a 21-member panel to promulgate various regulations to ensure compliance with various health and safety standards and training programs.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 456 (Maienschein) – Public Postsecondary Education: Campus Mental Health Hotlines

This bill would require the Chancellor of the CCC and the Chancellor of the CSU, on or before January 1, 2026, to develop a plan to make a campus mental health hotline that is operated by an organization with expertise in student mental health available to students on their respective campuses, and to report to the legislature on this plan and other mental health hotlines available to students by January 1, 2026.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 506 (Fong, Mike) – CSU: Ethnic Studies Course Approvals

This bill requires the CSU to collaborate with the ASCSU, the CCC Ethnic Studies Faculty Council, and the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies to develop a process for CSU to approve CCC ethnic studies courses. It also suspends the current approval by one year and states that courses approved through 2023 will no longer satisfy the requirement.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 1160 (Pacheco) - Postsecondary Education: Debt Collection

This bill prohibits tax offset for debts owed to postsecondary institutions for two years after debt is incurred, creates new regulations for institutions utilizing third-party debt collection agencies, prohibits the withholding of a diploma or certificate because of institutional debts, allows for a one-time exemption from class registration or re-enrollment holds due to the student having a debt to the institution, and requires biennial reporting to the legislature on the amounts and types of debts owed by students to each institution.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 1393 (Calderon) – Student Aid Commission: California Dream Act: Food Support Pilot Program

This bill would establish the Food Support Pilot Program within the Student Aid Commission, which would provide food support grants to qualifying students who complete a California Dream Act application and receive financial assistance under the California Dream Act.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 1818 (Jackson) – Public Postsecondary Education: Homeless Students: Parking

This bill would require the CSU and CCC to develop a pilot program to allow overnight parking by students who use their vehicles as housing, provided that they have a valid parking permit and are parked in a campus-owned parking facility. By July 1, 2025, the CSU shall select five campuses to participate in the pilot program that would sunset on January 1, 2029.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 1942 (Cervantes) – Students: Paid Opportunities

This bill would require all students attending the CSU or CCC, regardless of immigration status, to be eligible to apply for and accept paid opportunities at the CSU or CCC, including, but not limited to, employment, fellowships, residencies, apprenticeships and contract work.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 2070 (Cervantes) – Trustees of the CSU: Faculty Appointees

This bill would add an additional faculty member to the Board of Trustees to be appointed by the governor, and also require the Academic Senate to provide four names, rather than two, to the governor for consideration.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 2076 (McCarty) – California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2022: State Fund Loan

This bill would require, upon appropriation by the legislature, the transfer of \$200 million to the California Student Housing Revolving Loan Program from the Surplus Money Investment Fund and other funds in the Pooled Money Investment Account to fund the program in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

- **CSU Position:** Support

AB 2116 (Grayson) – Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account: UC & CSU: Reports

This bill would require the CSU and UC, on or before January 1 of each year, to each submit a report to the Transportation Agency and specified legislative committees detailing its expenditures of moneys from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account for the previous fiscal year, including, but not limited to, research activities and administration.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 2150 (Arambula) – Public Social Services: Higher Education

This bill requires a county human services agency to receive input from campus basic needs directors when developing protocols for engagement between the agency and institutions of higher education located within the county. This bill also requires the Department of Social Services to consult with staff liaisons and basic needs directors to develop training related to determining student eligibility for public social services and to convene a workgroup to identify barriers to enrollment in public social services.

- **CSU Position:** Support

AB 2152 (McCarty) – CSU & UC: Graduation Requirements: Service-Learning Pilot Program

This bill requires that commencing with students graduating in the 2033-2034 academic year, the CSU and the UC, for at least three campuses each, shall, as a pilot program, adopt the completion of a service-learning program as an undergraduate graduation requirement. This bill also requires the CSU and requests the UC, commencing with the 2026-2027 academic year, to provide information on service-learning programs and opportunities for undergraduate students on campus websites.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose unless amended

AB 2305 (Fong, Mike) – Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program

This bill makes changes to the timeline requirements for community colleges to apply for a baccalaureate degree program and for applications to be approved.

- **CSU Position:** Support

AB 2398 (Kalra) – CSU: Audits

This bill would require a single external financial audit of each campus of the CSU to be conducted by January 2028 and the results of those audits to be made available to the public.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 2404 (Lee) – State and Local Public Employees: Labor Relations: Disputes

This bill allows public employees to strike in solidarity with other employee groups.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 2492 (Irwin) – Sex Discrimination Complaints: Advocates and Coordinators

This bill requires the CSU, CCC, and requests the UC, to designate at each campus a confidential student advocate, a confidential staff and faculty advocate, and a confidential respondent services coordinator to assist students, faculty or staff who have experienced or are accused of sex discrimination.

- **CSU Position:** Support

AB 2516 (Santiago) – Trustees of the CSU: Bargaining Unit Representative

This bill requires a bargaining unit representative to be added to the Board of Trustees for a two-year term. The bargaining unit representative is to be selected by the California State University Labor Council.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 2578 (Flora) – Nursing: Students in Out-of-State Nursing Programs

This bill permits students who reside in California but are attending an institution out of California for a nursing degree, to be allowed to have clinical placements at California hospitals.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose

AB 2852 (Garcia) – Public Postsecondary Education: California-Mexico Higher Education Development and Academic Exchange Program

This bill would establish an exchange program of 400 students who attend a CSU, UC or CCC to attend universities in Mexico, and 400 students who attend a university in Mexico to attend a CSU, UC or CCC each year. This bill would also establish a fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of funding this program.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 2953 (Alvarez) – UC And CSU: First-Generation Students: Outreach and Admission

This bill would require the CSU, and request the UC, to develop and implement a 4-year accountability plan for outreach to, and admission of, first-generation students.

- **CSU Position:** Tracking

AB 3015 (Ramos) – Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Nonresident Tuition and Fees: Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

This bill entitles a student to resident classification for the purpose of determining tuition and fees if the student is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe whose tribal land lies across the state border of California and Arizona, Nevada or Oregon, and the student has a residence in the bordering state.

- **CSU Position:** Support

AB 3112 (Essayli) – Tuition Increases: Consumer Price Index

This bill would prohibit all segments of public and private postsecondary education in the state, commencing with the 2029-2030 academic year, from increasing their tuition by an amount greater than the percentage increase in the United States Consumer Price Index.

- **CSU Position:** Oppose