

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3288-17/FGA
March 16-17, 2017

**2017 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY POSITIONS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) adopt the positions on pending legislation currently under consideration in the California Legislature as identified in the document titled Academic Senate of the California State University, Positions on Proposed Bills in the California State Legislature – 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED: That these adopted positions guide ASCSU advocacy activities during the 2017 legislative calendar; and be it further

RESOLVED: That if a change in the ASCSU position on a bill is warranted and, due to time or other constraints, consultation with the Academic Senate is not possible, the ASCSU Executive Committee is empowered to act on behalf of the Senate, in accordance with resolution [AS-3148-13/FGA \(Rev\)](#) and the ASCSU Bylaws, while exercising due diligence in keeping the ASCSU informed of such actions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution and document to the Governor of the State of California, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, California Faculty Association (CFA), California State Student Association (CSSA), CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (CSUERFA), Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges, Academic Senate of the University of California, President of the California Community Colleges' Board of Governors, Chair of the University of California Board of Regents, Senate Pro tem, Speaker of the California Assembly, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, Chair of the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee

RATIONALE: *This resolution is part of the ASCSU Legislative advocacy strategy for 2017, based on the guidelines approved by the Senate in fall 2013. Its purpose is to assist the Academic Senate and its members to be effective and to respond quickly to proposed legislation during the key period of the legislative calendar (March-May). It is during this time that Legislative bills are heard in committee in their House of origin. Advocacy efforts to shape and influence bill development are likely to be most effective at this time.*

Under the California state legislative calendar, proposed legislation is not introduced until late February. In the past, it has been the practice of ASCSU to

establish its position on legislation by means of resolutions addressing individual bills, which limits the number of bills to which the Academic Senate can respond meaningfully. Moreover, as a result of our practice of first and second readings, Senate legislative positions frequently were not finalized until the May plenary under this approach. By that time, important discussion on the bills in the legislative committees has already occurred. This resolution establishes official ASCSU positions on a wide range of bills early in the legislative process in order to enable the Academic Senate to participate more effectively in bill development.

Approved Unanimously - March 16-17, 2017

AB, SB, or SC	Bill #	Bill w/Link	PRIORITY	ASCSU Position	Bill Title	Brief Content/Intent of Bill	Author	Rationale; Explanation/Justification for Position Recommended	CFA Position	CSSA Position	CSU BOT Position
AB	422	AB-422	PRIORITY	1 Support	California State University: Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Program	This bill would repeal the earlier provisions and would authorize the California State University to establish Doctor of Nursing Practice degree programs that offer Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees.	Dr. Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno)	DNP is a good thing to develop.			Sponsored by BOT
AB	1464	AB-1464	PRIORITY	2 Support in Concept	California State University: tenure-track positions	Increase tenure density to 75%	Shirley N. Weber (D-San Diego)	Unfunded mandate? But about tenure-track density - good in theory.	Sponsor		Oppose
AB	95	AB-95	PRIORITY	3 Oppose Unless Amended	Public postsecondary education: California State University: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program	This bill would require the Trustees of the California State University to establish a Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program with the goal of creating a model of articulation and coordination among K-12 schools, community colleges, and campuses of the California State University that would allow students to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total cost not exceeding \$10,000, including the cost of textbooks.	Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer Sr. (D-Los Angeles)	Applies only to STEM fields. Still, it constitutes huge interference in the educational process by limiting cost, specifying required GPA, and requiring participating student's admission. Cost of living? Cost wouldn't change.			
AB	393	AB-393	PRIORITY	3 Oppose Unless Amended	Public postsecondary education: mandatory systemwide fees and tuition	The bill would require that the amounts of tuition and mandatory systemwide fees that are charged to students of the California State University, and the amount of the enrollment fee charged to students of the California Community Colleges, not be increased from the amounts that were charged as of December 31, 2016, until the completion of the 2019-20 academic year.	Sharon Quirk-Silva (D-Orange County)	This blindly puts the brakes on any tuition increase; and takes authority away from the CSU; Amendment needs to provide sufficient funding to avoid tuition increases.	Sponsor		Oppose
AB	394	AB-394	PRIORITY	3 Oppose Unless Amended	California State University: assessment and course placement of admitted students	This bill would require, as a condition of receipt of state funding for the Graduation Initiative 2025, the trustees to approve, by August 1, 2018, a pilot program where a minimum of 10 campuses use multiple measures for the assessment and course placement of admitted students, as specified.	Jose Medina (D-Riverside)	Takes admission and other decisions away from faculty.			

SB	803	SB-803	PRIORITY	3 Oppose Unless Amended	Public postsecondary education: the California Promise	California Promise , which requires specified minimum numbers of campuses of the California State University. The bill would prohibit systemwide tuition charged to a California State University student who participates in a California Promise program for an academic year from exceeding the amount of tuition charged to the student for the academic year of	Steve Glazer (D-Orinda)	Takes decision making away from the CSU BOT.			Watch
AB	1	AB-1		1 Support	Transportation funding	Transportation funding: \$2,000,000 annually of the funds available for the program to the California State University. The bill would continuously appropriate \$2,000,000 annually of the funds available for the program to the California State University for the purpose of conducting transportation research and transportation-related workforce education,	Jim Frazier (D-Discovery Bay)	\$2,000,000 oer year for transportation research and transportation-related workforce education, training, and development.			Support
AB	1062	AB-1062		1 Support	Postsecondary education: Trustees of the California State University	Composition of BOT.	Marc Levine (D-Marin County)	Enables the faculty trustee to remain in office after the term expires for one additional year, or until a successor is appointed by the Governor, whichever occurs first.			
SB	1	SB-1		1 Support	Transportation funding	\$2,000,000 annually of the funds available for the program to the California State University... Transportation funding	James Beall Jr. (D-San Jose)	It's a bill for continuing \$2 million yearly for Research in Transportation affecting CSU students. Hertzberg procured funding for the LA-RTD for CSUN. It needs to be supported on an ongoing basis.			Support
SB	307	SB-307		1 Support	Postsecondary education: student housing insecurity and homelessness	To enact legislation to create a task force to implement guidelines to create a postsecondary student housing insecurity framework for use in legislative bill analysis.	Janet Nguyen (R-Garden Grove)	Establishes a task force and results in a LAO report on housing insecurity among existing or potential CSU students. Report is due Deember 2018 and presumably will be used to recommend financial aid to mitagate such occurrence. Since its estimated 20% of of our students suffer this fate, it is our obligation to support.			
SB	319	SB-319		5 Watch	Public postsecondary education: remedial coursework	Provide for entrance counseling and assessment or other suitable means to fully inform an incoming student, prior to that student completing registration, of any remedial coursework the student will be required to register for or complete and the reasons for the requirement.	Janet Nguyen (R-Garden Grove)	The CSU is presumably already doing this. But remediation is a major problem in us getting students through in four years. This may help.			

SB	483	SB-483		1 Support	Education finance: Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018	This bill would enact the Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2018, which, upon approval by the state electorate, would authorize the issuance of state general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000,000 for purposes similar to those specified in the Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 1986, ...	Steve Glazer (D – Orinda), Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica)	Allows bonds to be issued for educational facilities			Watch
AB	10	AB-10		2 Support in Concept	Feminine hygiene products: school and college bathrooms and shelters.	This bill would require the department to provide public and private schools, including charter schools, with an adequate supply of feminine hygiene products sufficient to meet the needs of all female pupils and to ensure that female pupils have direct access to feminine hygiene products in school bathrooms.	Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens)	Reasonable requirements.	Approve		Watch
AB	17	AB-17		2 Support in Concept	Transit Pass Program: free or reduced-fare transit passes.	The bill would require the Controller of the State of California to allocate moneys made available for the program, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to support transit pass programs that provide free or reduced-fare transit passes to specified pupils and students.	Chris R. Holden (D-Pasadena)	Introduced 12/16. Doesn't appear to be an unfunded mandate for CSU; focus is Dept of Transportation.	Approve		Support
AB	21	AB-21		2 Support in Concept	Public postsecondary education: Access to Higher Education for Every Student	Would require the Trustees of the California State University ... to the fullest extent consistent with federal law, to: refrain from releasing certain information regarding the immigration status of students and other members of the communities served by these campuses.	Ash Kalra (D-San José)	There are definite cost concerns relative to this Bill; but protects privacy.	Sponsor		Watch
AB	172	AB-172		2 Support in Concept	Public postsecondary education: residency: dependents of armed forces members	This bill would extend the resident classification for designated dependents of transferred and retired members of the Armed Forces of the United States to those dependents who have been admitted to a public postsecondary institution before the transfer or retirement.	Rocky John Chávez - (R-Northern San Diego County)	Good idea that ASCSU also supported last year.	Approve		
AB	214	AB-214		2 Support in Concept	Postsecondary education: student hunger	Postsecondary education: student hunger. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to reduce the incidence of hunger and homelessness among college students in California.	Shirley N. Weber (D-San Diego)	There are definite cost concerns relative to this Bill; but an important issue.	Watch		

AB	217	AB-217		2 Support in Concept	Postsecondary education: Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability	Would require the governing boards and institutions of public postsecondary education to submit data to the office on plans and programs, costs, selection and retention of students, enrollments, plant capacities, and other matters pertinent to effective planning, policy development, and articulation and coordination. To the extent that this provision would impose new duties on community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.	Evan Low, (D-Campbell)	Sounds like another office in the bureaucratic labyrinth. Do we not have functionaries in place that already collect this data and submit it to the appropriate State legislative bodies? Nonetheless, such information is important.	Support		
AB	1038	AB-1038		2 Support in Concept	Postsecondary education: higher education policy	California must create and fund a Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Postsecondary Education to develop a written plan to ensure that public universities and colleges in California are tuition-free and affordable to all students, including low-income and underrepresented students, and have the capacity to provide universal participation for all high school graduates by the year 2030. Re Master Plan.	Rob Bonta (D-Oakland), David Chiu (D-San Francisco), Jimmy Gomez (D-Los Angeles)	Creates a Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Postsecondary Education to make recommendations on improving access to and affordability in postsecondary education for Californians. Funding is an issue.	Support		
AB	1306	AB-1306		2 Support in Concept	California Cybersecurity Integration Center	This bill would establish in statute the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) within the Office of Emergency Services to develop a cybersecurity strategy for California in coordination with the Cybersecurity Task Force.	Jay Obernolte (R-Adelanto)	CAL-CSIC includes at least one CSU person - support in concept; no reason to oppose.			
AB	1307	AB-1307		2 Support in Concept	Public postsecondary education: exemption from nonresident tuition	A student, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of paragraph (15) of subsection (a) of Section 1101 of Title 8 of the United States Code, who meets all of the following requirements shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California State University.	Jimmy Gomez (D-Los Angeles)	This is stated to be a non-substantive change to existing law. Is the exclusion of nonimmigrant aliens an issue?			
SB	54	SB-54		2 Support in Concept	Law enforcement: sharing data	This bill would, among other things, prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies and school police and security departments from using resources to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes.	Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles)	Good to not target immigrants, not sure how additional reporting requirements would impact fiscally.	Support		
SB	244	SB-244		2 Support in Concept	Privacy: agencies: personal information	This bill would prohibit the department from disclosing this information except in response to a warrant issued by a state or federal court in an individual criminal prosecution.	Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens)	Raises the bar from request to warrant under criminal investigation for state to disclose personal information from any of its databases (e.g. DMV) to state or Federal law enforcement. Promotes privacy.			Watch

AB	847	AB-847		3 Oppose Unless Amended	Academic senates: membership rosters	This bill would require the local academic senate to post its membership roster on its Internet Web site or Internet Web page.	Raul Bocanegra (D-Pacoima)	Another state interference (work and costs). Since senate membership changes constantly this would create constant work for no visible reason. Some senates are ALL faculty. Requirement, at most, should be to place names at beginning of academic year.			
AB	957	AB-957		3 Oppose Unless Amended	Public postsecondary education: higher education regional workforce coordination	Participate in regional conversations pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. submit, by Jan. 2019, a report on the efforts made to increase the number of degrees that meet regional workforce demands and on barriers to addressing regional workforce demands and the progress made in overcoming these demands.	Marc Levine (D-Marin County)	In effect, another unfunded mandate. Amendment - provided no interference in curriculum.			
AB	405	AB-405		4 Oppose	Public postsecondary education: community college districts: baccalaureate degree cybersecurity pilot program	This bill would authorize the board of governors, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, to establish a statewide baccalaureate degree cybersecurity pilot program at not more than 10 community college districts, to be determined by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and approved by the board of governors.	Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks)	This is mission creep; the CSU should maintain priority in such baccalaureate programs. The CSU focuses on education and just training; and accreditation may be an issue.			Watch
SB	577	SB-577		4 Oppose	Public postsecondary education: community college districts: teacher credentialing programs of professional	This bill would authorize the board of governors, in consultation with the California State University and the University of California, to authorize a community college district to offer a teacher credentialing program of professional preparation that meets specified requirements	Bill Dodd (D-Napa)	Bill authorizes Community Colleges to offer teacher credentialing programs. It is mission creep, should be responsibility of the CSU.			Watch
SB	769	SB-769		4 Oppose	Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program	The bill would extend the operation of the CCC statewide baccalaureate degree pilot program indefinitely and would no longer require a student to complete his or her degree by the end of the 2022-23 academic year. The bill would increase the maximum number of district baccalaureate degree pilot programs to 30 programs	Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo)	Allows the CCC Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program to permit programs up to within 100 miles of a CSU -- too permissive. Existing law limited to programs not offered by a CSU.			Watch
SCA	10	SCA-10		4 Oppose	Public employee retirement benefits	State Constitutional Amendment. This measure would prohibit a government employer from providing public employees any retirement benefit increase until that increase is approved by a 2/3 vote of the electorate of the applicable jurisdiction and that vote is certified.	John Moorlach (R-Sacramento)	Existing law permist CALPERS (for example) to have authority over retirement benefits.	Watch		

CSSA Legislative Database : Sheet1

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1	DATABASE LAST UPDATED 3/15/2017 - RB					
2	Bill Number	Author(s)	Discussion Date	Action Date	Position Taken	Location
3	S. 3542	Graham, Flake, Denham	January (SLO)	February (SF)	Support	Referred to Committee on the Judiciary
4	SB 16	Wieckowski	January (SLO)	February (SF)	Support	Referred to Sen. Cmte. on Judiciary and Appropriations
5	SB 54	de Leon	January (SLO)	February (SF)	Support	Re-referred to Sen. Cmte. on Public Safety and Sen. Cmte. on Appropriations after amendments by co-author
6	SB 68	Lara	January (SLO)	February (SF)	Support	Referred to Sen. Cmte. on Education
7	AB 17	Holden	February (SF)	March (CHESS)	Support	Referred to Asm. Cmte. on Transportation
8	AB 214	Weber	February (SF)	March (CHESS)	Co-Sponsor	Referred to Asm. Cmte. on Higher Education and Asm. Cmte. on Human Services
9	AB 216	Gonzalez-Fletcher, Low	February (SF)	March (CHESS)	Support	Referred to Asm. Cmte. on Elections and Redistricting
10	AB 393	Quirk-Silva	February (SF)	March (CHESS)	Watch	Pending Referral by Asm. Cmte. on Rules
11	AB 1622	Low	March (CHESS)		None	
12	AB 370	Rodriguez	March (CHESS)		None	
13	AB 422	Arambula	March (CHESS)		None	