



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC SENATE

2005 State Legislation Year-End Report

Overview

The systemwide Academic Senate identifies and monitors state legislation of potential impact to faculty, students and the University's teaching, research and service missions, and provides the faculty perspective in the development of UC's legislative policy positions. In the first year of the 2005-06 California State Legislative Session the Academic Senate identified and monitored 47 bills of interest. Input was provided, through an Academic Council-approved [review process](#), for the development of UC's legislative policy positions on 16 of these bills.

Carryover Bills for 2006

Thirteen of the bills monitored by the Academic Senate in 2005 became "carryover bills," having passed the house of origin on or before the January 31st constitutional deadline, and will be acted on by the legislature in 2006 ([Joint Rule 56](#)). These "carryover" or "two-year" bills will continue to be monitored by the Academic Senate in 2006:

[AB 172 \(Chan\)](#) Universal Preschool: Preschool for All and Investment in Postsecondary Education for Well-Qualified Workforce.

[AB 196 \(Liu\)](#) Postsecondary Accountability: Establishes statewide postsecondary accountability structure.

[AB 358 \(Liu\)](#) Cal Grant Program: Sets maximum grant for recipients at four-year programs and independent institutions.

[AB 1072 \(Liu\)](#) Coordination of Higher Education: Terminates CPEC and establishes the California Commission on Higher Education.

[AB 1452 \(Nunez\)](#) Admissions Criteria: Authorizes UC and CSU to consider race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, geographic origin, household income and other factors in admissions.

[AB 1568 \(Torrico\)](#) Public Pensions: Enacts statutory changes necessary to ensure that public employee retirement systems operate in a manner that provides fiscal stability while safeguarding the ability to attract and retain employees.

[ACA-X1 1 \(Richman\)](#) Public Pensions: Amends the state constitution to prohibit all non-federal public employees in California hired on or after July 1, 2007 from enrolling in a defined benefit plan.

[ACA 5 \(Richman\)](#) Public Pensions: Establishes the California Public Employee Defined Contribution Plan for retirement.

[ACR 34 \(Liu\)](#) Education Facilities: Declares current higher education space utilization standards obsolete; recommends that CCC, CSU and UC provide a biennial report on the utilization of classrooms and teaching laboratories.

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SB 635 (Alarcon) Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID): Makes legislative findings and declarations concerning the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) academic preparation program.

SB 652 (Scott) Student Transfer Curriculum: Establishes a lower-division transfer curriculum; requires CCC and requests UC to articulate the courses making up this curriculum by January 1, 2007.

SCA 13 (Ortiz) Biomedical Research: Amends Prop. 71 (Stem Cell) provisions to include requirements for conflict-of-interest, financial reporting, funding restrictions, and royalty and licensing revenues.

SCR 31 (Simitian) Master Plan: Establishes the Joint Committee on the Master Plan for Education to conduct a review of the master plan and conditions of education in California.

Final Legislative Outcomes

A summary of the final legislative outcomes for the remaining 34 monitored bills of interest in 2005 is as follows:

- 15 bills failed deadline (in accordance with [Joint Rule 56](#), bills must pass out of the house of origin by the January 31, 2006 constitutional deadline)
- 7 bills failed passage in committee
- 4 bills were vetoed by the Governor
- 7 bills were chaptered
- 1 resolution was adopted

The following table provides further details about these 34 bills and their final legislative outcome.

BILL NO. (Author)	DESCRIPTION	LEGISLATIVE OUTCOME	UC POSITION	ACADEMIC COUNCIL POSITION
AB 39 (Walters)	Charter Schools Pilot Project: UC Regents, CSU Trustees, CCC Governors authorized to each establish one charter school at up to 10 campuses.	FAILED DEADLINE		
AB 58 (Nunez)	Education Facilities Bond Act: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006; establishes the 2006 Higher Education Capital Outlay Bond Fund to provide aid for California public higher education facilities.	FAILED DEADLINE	SUPPORT (01/09/06)	

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AB 171 (Yee)	K-12 Learning Support: Establishes the Comprehensive Pupil Learning Support System (CPLSS) pilot program to facilitate efforts to enhance the way schools address barriers to learning and promoting healthy development.	FAILED DEADLINE		
AB 511 (Richman)	Public Employees Retirement: Prohibits public agency contributions to a Defined Contribution plan for employees covered by Social Security from exceeding 6% of an employee's base salary and 9% of a salary for public safety employees.	FAILED DEADLINE		
AB 589 (Emmerson)	Undocumented Residents: Prohibits undocumented residents from receiving in-state tuition or fees for CCC and CSU. [See also SB 349]	FAILED PASSAGE Assembly Higher Education Committee (Vote: 0-6)	NO POSITION	
AB 593 (Frommer)	Academic Preparation: Establishes the California Hope Endowment to fund academic preparation programs using revenue from state real estate rents and sales.	VETOED	NEUTRAL	INFO (03/01/05)
AB 702 (Koretz)	Nursing Education Programs: Requires a commitment to teaching nursing in a state nursing school for 5 years in order to receive a scholarship or loan repayment for a master's or doctoral degree program.	CHAPTERED		
AB 870 (Bermudez)	Tuition/Fees: Beginning with 2005-06 fiscal year, limits tuition and mandatory systemwide fees increases at UC, CSU and CCC.	FAILED DEADLINE	OPPOSE (04/12/05)	
AB 894 (La Suer)	Licensed Counselors: Establishes specific educational requirements for professional counselor licensing.	FAILED DEADLINE		OPPOSE/ AMEND (01/18/06)
AB 933 (Emmerson)	Tuition/Fees: Provides that the level of mandatory systemwide fees and tuition for resident undergraduate students at UC, CSU and CCC shall be set as an unspecified percent of the total cost of instruction.	FAILED DEADLINE		
AB 992 (Spitzer)	Law Enforcement Surveillance: Exempts UC and CSU law enforcement officers from specified prohibitions related to surveillance.	FAILED PASSAGE Senate Public Safety Committee (Vote: 3-2)	SUPPORT/ SPONSOR (06/24/05)	OPPOSE/ AMEND (03/30/05)

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AB 1088 (Oropeza)	Crimes Against Women: Establishes mandatory prevention and education programs about violence against women for all incoming students at UC, CSU and CCC.	CHAPTERED	NEUTRAL	
AB 1280 (Maze)	CCC Joint Baccalaureate Degrees: Establishes the California Community College Baccalaureate Partnership Program to offer joint baccalaureate degree programs on participating CCC campuses.	CHAPTERED	AMEND	
AB 1350 (Cogdill)	Community College Enrollment Fee Reimbursement Program: Reimburses enrollment fees for up to 35 semester units at any CCC campus if that student earns 60 to 72 CCC semester units and earns a bachelor's degree at any UC or CSU campus within 7 years of the date first enrolled at a CCC campus.	FAILED DEADLINE	NEUTRAL	
AB 1698 (Nunez)	Health Care Coverage: Raises the limits on dependent children covered by health care insurance contracts and policies from age 23 to age 26 years.	VETOED	COST/ CONCERN (05/18/05)	
AB-X1 3 (Richman)	Public Pensions: Establishes defined contribution plans and hybrid plans for public employees hired on and after July 1, 2007, and makes various changes to the laws governing public employee retirement systems.	FAILED PASSAGE Assembly Public Sector Committee (Vote: 2-4)		
ACA 6 (Wyland)	Undocumented Residents: Prohibits undocumented residents from receiving in-state tuition or fees for postsecondary education and other public benefits.	FAILED PASSAGE Assembly Judiciary Committee (Vote: 2-6)		
ACA-X1 8 (Richman)	Public Pensions: Establishes the California Public Employee Defined Contribution and Hybrid Plans; prohibits any newly hired public employee from enrolling in a defined benefit plan beginning July 1, 2007.	FAILED PASSAGE Assembly Public Sector Committee (Vote: 2-4)		
ACR 24 (Mullin)	Stem Cell Research: Requests California Council on Science & Tech form a study group to develop guidelines defining how the state can achieve maximum public benefit from research funded through Prop. 71 (Stem Cell).	ADOPTED	NO POSITION	

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SB 5 (Morrow)	Student Bill of Rights: Requests UC and directs CSU and CCC to develop guidelines and implement specified principles, relating to academic freedom, of a Student Bill of Rights.	FAILED DEADLINE		OPPOSE (12/17/04)
SB 13 (Bowen)	Research and Personal Data: Requires Independent Review Board approval before state agencies may release data including personal information to UC and other research institutions.	CHAPTERED	NEUTRAL	
SB 18 (Ortiz)	Stem Cell Research: Requires State Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine and the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee (Prop. 71 - Stem Cell); regulates assisted reproductive technology services.	VETOED		
SB 337 (Maldonado)	Students Convicted of Specified Offenses: Requires CCC and CSU and requests UC to immediately dismiss any student who is convicted of specified offenses; prohibits a person convicted of specified offenses from being eligible for a Cal Grant award for two years.	FAILED DEADLINE	OPPOSE	OPPOSE (03/08/05)
SB 349 (McClintock)	Nonresident Admissions Criteria: Deletes a person without lawful immigration status from eligibility for paying nonresident tuition at the CCC and CSU. [See also AB 589]	FAILED PASSAGE Senate Education Committee (Vote: 2-8)	NO POSITION	
SB 439 (Simitian)	Public Records Disclosure - Public Investment Funds: Enables public retirement and investment funds to maintain access to high-performing private equity investments by providing a limited exemption from the California Public Records Act.	CHAPTERED	SUPPORT/ SPONSOR (08/26/05)	
SB 445 (Ducheny)	Statewide Postsecondary Education Coordination: Establishes the California Commission on Statewide Postsecondary Education Policy and Planning.	FAILED DEADLINE	AMEND	AMEND (03/18/05)
SB 724 (Scott)	CSU Applied Doctorates: Amends the Education Code to allow CSU to independently award the Ed.D. degree.	CHAPTERED	NEUTRAL AS AMENDED (07/05/05)	OPPOSE (03/08/05)

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SB 755 (Poochigian)	Pupil Assessment and Educational Enrichment: Extends the California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science until January 1, 2008, and establishes the tuition fee UC is allowed to charge for this program.	CHAPTERED	SUPPORT (09/09/05)	
SB 780 (Ortiz)	UC Medical School Admissions Criteria: Requests the Regents to require UC medical schools to consider specified admissions criteria related to the likelihood the applicant will practice in a medically underserved area or with an underserved population.	VETOED	VETO (09/12/05)	OPPOSE (05/06/05)
SB 844 (Poochigian)	Charter Schools: Permits UC chancellors, among others, to authorize charter schools.	FAILED PASSAGE Senate Education Committee (Vote: 4-6)		
SB 871 (Scott)	Postsecondary Accountability Act: Establishes a statewide California Postsecondary Education Accountability (CPSEA) structure that would measure progress in educational opportunity and student success.	FAILED DEADLINE		SUPPORT (03/03/05)
SB 884 (Ashburn)	Public Employees' Retirement Benefits: Modifies the retirement formulas under the Public Employees' Retirement Law.	FAILED DEADLINE		
SB 888 (Ashburn)	Public Employees' Hybrid Retirement Programs: Creates a hybrid retirement program that contains a defined benefit plan funded by employer contributions and a defined contribution plan funded by employee contributions.	FAILED DEADLINE		
SB 918 (Speier)	Admissions Requirements: Delays the requirement that CSU and UC establish model academic standards for high school courses and implement a speedy approval process for high school courses that satisfy admissions requirements.	FAILED DEADLINE	NEUTRAL	