



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ACADEMIC SENATE

2006 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 the University of California's legislative policy positions. In 2006, the second year of the 2005-06 California State Legislative Session, the Academic Senate identified and monitored 54 bills of interest. Input was provided, through an Academic Council-approved [review process](#), for the development of UC's positions on 18 of these state legislative measures.

Carryover and Gutted Bills

Thirteen of the bills monitored by the Academic Senate in 2006 were "carryover bills" or "two-year bills" from 2005. A list of those bills carried over from the first year of the legislative session is contained in the [2005 State Legislation Year-End Report](#). Four of the 54 bills monitored by the Academic Senate in 2006 were amended substantially and deemed to no longer impact or be of significant interest to the UC faculty. These 4 "gutted" bills were removed from the Academic Senate's legislative tracking list:

[AB 1568 \(Torrico\) Public Employees Retirement Systems](#)

This bill stated the intent of the Legislature to enact the statutory changes necessary to ensure that public employee retirement systems operate in a manner that provides state and local government fiscal stability while safeguarding their ability to attract and retain the highest caliber of employee.

This bill was amended on January 4, 2006, to narrowly focus on retirement systems operated under the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937.

[AB 2017 \(Dymally\) Accrediting Agencies](#)

This bill deleted the requirement that a postsecondary institution be accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) to qualify for the Cal Grant program. The bill instead required that the institution be accredited by an accrediting agency that the Student Aid Commission has determined holds public meetings following procedures that are substantially consistent with the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act when it considers matters relating to the accreditation of any campus of the University of California, the California State University, or the California Community Colleges.

This bill was amended on April 24, 2006, to make legislative findings regarding the procedures for conducting elections in the city of Vernon.

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[SB 1769 \(Escutia\) Systemwide Articulation Agreements](#)

This bill added a provision to the act to require that, on or before January 1, 2008, the governing boards of each of the public postsecondary education segments shall enter into formal systemwide course articulation agreements that enable students to transfer units freely between and among each of the public colleges and universities in the state. (The Academic Council submitted comments on this bill on April 3, 2006.)

This bill was amended on June 22, 2006, to enact legislation regarding K-8 instructional materials.

[SB 1819 \(Figueroa\) College Textbooks](#)

This bill expressed the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation related to costs of college textbooks. (The Academic Council submitted comments related to this bill on February 15, 2006.)

This bill was amended on June 21, 2006, to enact legislation regarding financial aid for GED test takers.

Final Legislative Outcomes

A summary of the final legislative actions for the remaining 50 monitored bills of interest in 2006 is as follows:

- 35 bills were held and did not progress through the legislative process
- 2 bills failed passage in committee
- 3 bills were vetoed by the Governor
- 10 bills were chaptered by the Secretary of State

The following table provides further details about these 50 bills and their final legislative outcomes.

BILL NO. (Author)	DESCRIPTION	LEGISLATIVE OUTCOME	UC POSITION	Academic Council POSITION
<u>AB 172 (Chan)</u>	State Preschool Programs: Appropriates \$50 million identified in the current year Budget Act and \$5 million of unexpended funds from the 2005-2006 Budget Act to be appropriated for preschool programs. [Included provisions for postsecondary curriculum until amended 08/28/06].	<u>CHAPTERED</u> by Secretary of State - Chapter 211, Statutes of 2006.		INFO (04/28/05)
<u>AB 196 (Liu)</u>	Postsecondary Accountability: Establishes state-wide postsecondary accountability structure to assess meeting policy goals; requires CCC, CSU and urges UC to provide annual reports to CPEC, the Legislature and Governor. [2003-04: <u>AB 655-Held</u> , <u>AB 2923-Vetoed</u> , <u>SB 1331-Vetoed</u>]	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.	<u>SUPPORT AMENDED (08/12/05)</u>	AMEND (08/15/05)

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AB 358 (Liu)	Cal Grant Program: Expresses legislative intent that the maximum Cal Grant for students attending independent and private postsecondary institutions shall be equal to 90% of the weighted public cost of educating a needy student at UC or CSU; requires a report related to equity issues in Cal Grant B.	VETOED by the Governor.	NEUTRAL (06/16/05)	
AB 546 (Garcia)	State Computers Prohibited Use – Obscene Matter: Makes it unlawful for any person to use a state-owned or state-leased computer to access, view, download, or otherwise obtain obscene matter, except for specified purposes. [2003-04: AB 2046-Held]	CHAPTERED by Secretary of State - Chapter 848, Statutes of 2006.	NEUTRAL (01/09/06)	
AB 775 (Yee)	UC Regents Open Sessions: Requires discussion of and action on an executive compensation proposal concerning the UC President, Chancellors, specified VPs, Treasurer, University Counsel, or Secretary to occur in an open session; requires any final discussion or action on that proposal to take place in an open session of the full board.	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.	OPPOSE (07/21/06)	
AB 918 (Wyland)	Career Technical Education Courses: Requires CSU, in partnership with UC, to work with secondary and postsecondary career technical education (CTE) faculty so that more CTE courses may be approved for college preparatory certification. [See also SB 1543]	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.	NO POSITION (06/20/06)	
AB 1062 (Saldana)	Biomonitoring Research – Informed Consent: Adds specified disclosure requirements for biomonitoring research involving human subjects.	VETOED by the Governor.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED (06/22/06)	
AB 1072 (Liu)	Student Fee Policy: Requires UC and CSU develop methodologies for the adjustment of student fees in accordance with a prescribed procedure; requires CPEC to convene a working group to develop a plan for annually assessing and reporting on the affordability of undergraduate education at UC and CSU. [2003-04: AB 2710-Vetoed]	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.	UNLIKELY TO ADOPT (01/11/06)	
AB 1452 (Nunez)	California Student Access Scholarship: Enacts the California Student Access Scholarship Endowment Act, administered by the Student Aid Commission, for the purpose of providing need-based grant awards to eligible transfer students attending participating UC and CSU campuses. [This bill pertained to "Admissions Policies" until amended 06/22/06]	To Senate inactive file on motion of Senator Scott.	NO POSITION (04/12/05)	NEUTRAL (03/18/05)

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AB 1801 (Laird)	Budget Act of 2006: Makes appropriations for the support of the government of the State of California and for several public purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of California. [See also AB 1811]	CHAPTERED by Secretary of State - Chapter 47, Statutes of 2006.		
AB 1811 (Laird)	Budget Act of 2006 – Supplement: Makes appropriations for the support of the government of the State of California and for several public purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of California. [See also AB 1801]	CHAPTERED by Secretary of State - Chapter 47, Statutes of 2006.		
AB 1836 (Daucher)	Math, Science and Engineering Professionals – Teacher Recruitment: Requires the Department of Education to approve pilot programs to recruit professionals in the fields of Math, Science and Engineering to serve as K-12 teachers. [This bill enacted the “Education Facilities Bond Acts” (Governor’s Plan) until amended 04/06/06]	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.		
AB 1896 (Coto)	High School Curriculum Requirements: Requires high school students enroll in either a college preparatory course of study that meets UC and CSU requirements or a career technical course of study.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.	NO POSITION (05/08/06)	
AB 2053 (Strickland)	Resident Classification – Immigration Status: Deletes a person without lawful immigration status from eligibility for paying in-state resident tuition at CSU and CCC. [This bill pertained to “Postsecondary Remedial Instruction” until amended 04/19/06]	Held in Assembly Higher Education Committee.		INFO (03/07/06)
AB 2168 (Liu)	Common Core Curriculum: Replaces the Inter-segmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) with a new single common core curriculum for the purposes of transfer, jointly developed by UC, CSU and CCC on or before June 1, 2008.	Held in Senate Education Committee.		OPPOSE (06/21/06)
AB 2179 (Leslie)	UC Sudan Divestment Indemnification: Provides for indemnification of UC Regents, officers, employees and contractors due to claims resulting from decisions not to invest in firms with significant business activities that benefit the Sudanese government. [This bill originally pertained to “Postsecondary Education Funding” until significantly amended 03/30/06]	CHAPTERED by Secretary of State - Chapter 441, Statutes of 2006.	SUPPORT (06/06/06)	
AB 2356 (McLeod)	Law Enforcement Surveillance: Adds welfare fraud investigators to law enforcement officers permitted to overhear or record communications. [2005: AB 992-Failed ; 2003-04: AB 1884-Vetoed]	Senate Public Safety Committee: FAILED PASSAGE (2-2).		

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AB 2420 (Lieu)	Collection of Demographic Data: Requires any state agency, board, commission, CCC and CSU to collect, tabulate, report and make publicly available data on 12 additional categories of Asian and Pacific Islander groups; encourages UC to implement.	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.		INFO (04/24/06)
AB 2422 (Wyland)	Teacher Preparation – Career Technical: Requires postsecondary institutions that offer professional teacher preparation programs to offer a course of study in career technical education.	Held in Assembly Higher Education Committee.		OPPOSE/ AMEND (04/03/06)
AB 2472 (Wyland)	Resident Classification – Military Service: Extends resident classification, for purposes of receiving in-state tuition benefits at California's public postsecondary institutions, to specified members of the armed forces, the national guard and their dependents.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.		
AB 2487 (Cogdill)	CCC Enrollment Fee Reimbursement: UC and CSU to reimburse graduates for the amount paid for enrollment fees for up to 70 semester units at a CCC.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.		
AB 2578 (Frommer)	California Hope Endowment: Establishes an endowment to fund academic preparation programs using revenue from state real estate rents and sales. [2005: AB 593-Vetoed]	VETOED by the Governor.	NEUTRAL (04/13/06)	INFO (03/01/05)
AB 2653 (Dymally)	Accreditation Commission: Establishes the California Commission on Accreditation, charged with the responsibility of reviewing and accrediting all elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools in this state that apply to the commission for accreditation.	Held in Assembly Education Committee.		
AB 2665 (Goldberg)	California American Indian Education Commission: Establishes the California American Indian Education Commission to encourage specified entities to work to improve educational opportunities for American Indian students residing in California. [See also AB 2666]	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.	SUPPORT (06/23/06)	
AB 2666 (Goldberg)	Resident Classification – Tribal Members: Extends resident classification, for purposes of receiving in-state tuition benefits at California's public postsecondary institutions, to members of federally recognized Native American tribes. [See also AB 2665]	Held in Senate Education Committee.		
AB 2721 (Mullin)	Intellectual Property: Establishes an Office of Intellectual Property to track state-funded research; requires that intellectual property policies established after Jan. 1, 2008, meet specified requirements.	Held in Senate Govt. Org. Committee.	AMEND (06/11/06)	

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ACA 1 (Calderon)	Two-Year Budget: States legislative intent to enact necessary statutory changes and to propose constitutional amendment to enact a budget each even-numbered year. [See also SCA 30]	Held in Assembly Committees on Budget and Appropriations.		
ACA 5 (Richman)	Public Pensions: Establishes the California Public Employee Defined Contribution Plan for retirement; UC named as public agency. [See also ACA 23 , ACA-X1 1]	Held in Assembly Public Employee, Retirement & Social Security Committee.		OPPOSE (01/18/05)
ACA 23 (Richman)	Public Employee Retirement Plan: Establishes the California Public Employee Retirement Plan; UC may exceed contribution cap to remain competitive for recruitment and retention purposes. [See also ACA 5 , ACA-X1 1]	Held in Assembly Public Employee, Retirement & Social Security Committee.		
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. [See also ACA 5 , ACA 23]	Held in Assembly Public Sector Committee.	CONCERN (03/01/05)	OPPOSE (01/18/05)
ACR 34 (Liu)	Student Compact: Declares that it is time for a compact with the students enrolled in California's public colleges and universities; makes recommendations relating to affordability, access to courses, student loan debt, and student diversity. [This bill pertained to "Public Higher Education Facilities" until amended 04/05/06]	CHAPTERED by Secretary of State – Res. Chapter 114, Statutes of 2006.		
SB 69 (Perata)	Public Education Facilities Bond Acts: Authorizes the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006 and other related Bond Acts (Governor's Plan). [See also SB 1164]	Action deferred pursuant to Senate Rule 29.10.		
SB 401 (Ortiz)	Stem Cell Research – ICOC Procedures: Changes public hearing and conflict-of-interest procedures for the Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee (ICOC) established under the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.	CONCERN (05/12/06)	
SB 635 (Alarcon)	Advancement Via Individual Determination: Makes legislative findings and declarations concerning the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, a college outreach program. [This bill proposed "Admission by Empowerment Zones" until amended 04/25/05]	In Assembly: read first time, held at desk.		SUPPORT IF AMEND (03/09/05)

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SB 652 (Scott)	Streamlining UC/CCC Articulation: Requests UC address deficiencies in the articulation of major preparation courses between the CCCs and UC campuses; requests UC to identify commonalities and differences in similar majors across all UC campuses, develop individual transfer admission agreements with CCC students, and implement various other efforts to facilitate transfer to UC campuses. This bill is intended to reflect the University of California "Transfer Preparation Paths" effort that is being developed as part of the implementation of Academic Senate Regulation 477 ("Streamlining" Articulation), which was enacted on May 11, 2005.	CHAPTERED by Secretary of State - Chapter 804, Statutes of 2006.	SUPPORT (08/15/06)	AMEND (8/09/06)
SB 845 (Scott)	College Opportunity Act of 2006: Requires the Department of Education to periodically notify students about access to higher education and financial aid programs; requires CCC and CSU, and requests UC, to report data to the Legislature and Governor on freshman enrollment, transfer admissions, completion rates, units to degree, and other efficiency indicators. [See also SB 1709]	Held in Assembly Rules Committee.		
SB 925 (Alarcon)	College Preparatory Courses: Expresses legislative intent that all public high school pupils be enrolled in core curriculum that will enable them to pursue postsecondary options; specifies that a school district cannot deny a pupil access from enrolling in college preparatory courses, if he or she has met the prerequisite coursework.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.	NEUTRAL (04/26/05)	
SB 1117 (Denham)	UC Executive Compensation: Expresses intent to amend the California Constitution to eliminate the independence of UC if the Regents refuse to voluntarily disclose the system of compensating executives.	Held in Senate Rules Committee.		
SB 1164 (Runner)	Public Education Facilities Bond Acts: Authorizes the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006 and other related Bond Acts (Governor's Plan). [See also SB 69]	Held in Senate Education Committee.		
SB 1181 (Maldonado)	Administrative Salaries & Compensation: Requires the state's three public higher education segments to report the total compensation, as defined, of specified executive and senior administrative positions.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.	CONCERN (06/19/06)	

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SB 1260 (Ortiz)	Reproductive Health and Research: Deletes sunset dates of certain provisions in existing law relating to the derivation or use of human embryonic stem cell research; establishes guidelines relating to egg donation for stem cell research funded outside of Proposition 71. [2005: SB 18-Vetoed]	CHAPTERED by Secretary of State - Chapter 483, Statutes of 2006.	AMEND (06/15/06)	
SB 1265 (Alquist)	Political Reform Act of 1974: Changes Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) filing requirements for public officials and designated employees of public agencies; includes provision for online filing after June 30, 2007.	Senate Elections, Reapportion. & Constitutional Amends: FAILED PASSAGE (2-0).		
SB 1383 (Ortiz)	Cal Grant Eligibility: Specifies that a student who has completed the coursework necessary to receive a high school diploma, but who has not passed the high school exit examination, satisfies the requirement of obtaining the equivalent of high school graduation for the purposes of Cal Grant eligibility requirements.	CHAPTERED by Secretary of State - Chapter 652, Statutes of 2006.	NEUTRAL (04/06/06)	
SB 1412 (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. [2005: SB 5-Failed ; 2003-04: SB 1335-Failed]	Held in Senate Education Committee.		OPPOSE (04/14/06)
SB 1543 (Alarcon)	Career Technical Education Course Standards: Requests UC and directs CSU to adopt "model uniform academic standards" for high school career technical education (CTE) courses to satisfy completion of the College Preparatory ('g') subject requirement for freshman admissions eligibility. If, by July 1, 2008, model standards for CTE courses have not been adopted, UC is requested and CSU is required to recognize the completion of all high school CTE courses that meet the model curriculum standards developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (pursuant to Education Code § 51226) as satisfying the completion of the 'g' subject requirement for freshman admissions eligibility. [See also AB 918]	CHAPTERED by Secretary of State - Chapter 669, Statutes of 2006.	NO POSITION (08/29/06)	OPPOSE (04/25/06)
SB 1571 (Maldonado)	Employee Compensation: Requires CSU and CCC, and requests UC, to post on websites the policies for setting and adjusting compensation, and approving transfer, separation and settlement agreements for all employees, including general information on the total value of settlements.	Held in Senate Education Committee.		NO POSITION (03/22/06)

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<u>SB 1709</u> <u>(Scott)</u>	College Opportunity Act of 2006: Requires the Department of Education to periodically notify students about access to higher education and financial aid programs; requires CCC and CSU, and requests UC, to report data to the Legislature and Governor on freshman enrollment, transfer admissions, completion rates, units to degree, and other efficiency indicators. [See also <u>SB 845</u>]	Held in Senate Appropriations Committee.		
<u>SCA 13</u> <u>(Ortiz)</u>	Stem Cell Research: Amends Prop. 71 (Stem Cell) provisions to include requirements for conflict-of-interest, financial reporting, funding restrictions, and royalty and licensing revenues. [See also <u>SB 401</u>]	Placed on Senate inactive file at author's request.	CONCERN (04/19/05)	
<u>SCA 30</u> <u>(Maldonado)</u>	Two-Year Budget: States legislative intent to enact necessary statutory changes and to propose constitutional amendment to enact a budget each odd-numbered year. [See also <u>ACA 1</u>]	Held in Senate.		
<u>SCR 31</u> <u>(Simitian)</u>	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.	In Assembly, held at desk.		INFO (03/09/05)