Update on California State Legislation
Dr. Perry’s report to the Board of Trustees – October 16, 2013

Background
The governor had until Sunday, October 13 to act on legislation sent to him by the Legislature before the interim recess. Below is the report on some of the bills that the Community College League was actively following that made it to the governor and the actions he took. If an item’s "Last Action" is "Chaptered by Secretary of State," that means it was signed by the governor and will become law January 1, unless another effective date is specified.

The governor signed nearly 90% of bills sent to him by the Legislature, according to media reports.

AB 182 (Buchanan and Hueso): Bonds: school and community college districts.
Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 477, Statutes of 2013. (10/02/13)

This bill eliminates the future ability of school and community college districts to issue capital appreciation bonds (CABs); requires that the ratio of total debt service to principal for each CAB series must not exceed four to one (4:1) and that each CAB maturing more than 10 years after its date of issuance be subject to redemption at the option of the issuer, before its fixed maturity date, beginning no later than the 10th anniversary of the date the CAB was issued. This bill expands on current law to require, if the sale of bonds includes CABs, that the board agenda item identify that CABs are proposed and require the governing board of the local agency to be presented with an analysis containing the overall cost of the CABs, a comparison to the overall cost of current interest bonds, the reason CABs are being recommended, and additional disclosures by the underwriter.

AB 595 (Gomez): Priority Registration for enrollment of EOPS and Disabled Students
Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 704, Statutes of 2013. (10/10/13)

This bill requires all California Community Colleges to extend priority registration for enrollment to students in the Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services program, and disabled students, within the meaning of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

AB 955 (Williams): Community Colleges: Intersession Extension Program
Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 710, Statutes of 2013. (10/10/13)

This bill creates, until January 1, 2018, a pilot program allowing the governing board of 6 specifically listed community college district to maintain an extension program offering credit courses during summer and winter intersessions if the college has been at enrollment capacity for the two previous years and provides that such an extension program may include any courses that are part of a course of study leading to a certificate, degree, or transfer to an institution that awards baccalaureate degrees. The bill also requires that the district use one-third of the revenues collected for the extension program to provide financial assistance to students eligible for the BOG fee waiver.

AB 1030 (Cooley): Student Trustees
Chaptered by Secretary of State – Chapter 188, Statutes of 2013. (08/28/13)

This bill provides that if the seat of a student member on a local community college board of trustees becomes vacant during his/her term, the governing board may authorize the officers of student body associations at each community college in the district to appoint a student to serve the remainder of the term in accordance with procedures established by the governing board.
AB 1358 (Fong): Student body association: student representation fee.
Chaptered by Secretary of State -- Chapter 714, Statutes of 2013. (10/10/13)

This bill, which is sponsored by the Student Senate, authorizes an election by the students of any community college to establish the student representation (SR) fee in the amount of $2, requires an affirmative vote of a majority (in place of the current 2/3) of the students voting in the election to establish the SR fee, and would, for an SR fee adopted on or after January 1, 2014, require $1 of that $2 fee to be expended to establish and support the operations of the statewide community college Student Senate, with governmental affairs representatives to advocate before the Legislature and other state and local governmental entities. The bill, for a SR fee adopted before January 1, 2014, provides that the student body association shall retain authority to continue to receive the $1 SR fee, and authorize the student body association to conduct an election to adopt a $2 student representation fee, as described above.

Chaptered by Secretary of State -- Res. Chapter 23, Statutes of 2013. (05/01/13)

This resolution expresses legislative recognition of the need for the inclusion of Sikhism in world religions, Eastern religions, Asian, and South Asian courses at all postsecondary educational institutions, including UC, CSU, and CCCs, and advises the concerned academic governing bodies, deans, and department chairs to include Sikh culture and faith in these courses at their institutions.

AJR 3 (Alejo): Immigration.
Chaptered by Secretary of State -- Res. Chapter 77, Statutes of 2013. (08/15/13)

This measure specifies goals for the reform of the nation’s immigration system, and urges Congress and the President of the United States to take a humane and just approach to solving the nation’s broken immigration system.

SB 150 (Lara): Pupils: concurrent enrollment in secondary school and community college.
Chaptered by Secretary of State – Res. Chapter 575, Statutes of 2013 (10/05/2013)

This bill authorizes a community college to exempt concurrently–enrolled high school students from nonresident tuition.

Comment: Under current law, students who are not documented for immigration purposes but attending a California high school concurrently with a community college are not eligible for in–state tuition because they have not graduated from a California high school, as required by AB 540.

SB 195 (Liu): California postsecondary education: state goals.
Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 367, Statutes of 2013. (09/26/13)

This bill states legislative intent that budget and policy decisions regarding postsecondary education generally adhere to three specified goals (improve access and success; align credentials with state needs, and improve efficient use of resource) and that appropriate metrics be identified, defined, and formally adopted to monitor progress toward the achievement of the goals. The bill requires "An appropriate educational administrative body, as determined by the Governor," to convene a working group to assist with the development of those metrics. The bill also requires the "appropriate state body, in consultation with the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst's Office, to submit recommended metrics to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature, the Governor, and the
Joint Legislative Budget Committee by January 31, 2014.

**SB 290 (Knight and Walters): Nonresident tuition exemption: veterans.**
*Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 696, Statutes of 2013. (10/10/13)*

This bill eliminates existing law that requires students serving in the Armed Forces to have been stationed in California for more than one year to receive resident tuition at the California Community Colleges, California State University and University of California and, instead, allows members of the United States Armed Forces to receive a nonresident tuition exemption, regardless of whether they were ever stationed in California.

**SB 440 (Padilla): Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act**
*Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 720, Statutes of 2013. (10/10/13)*

This bill requires a community college, before the commencement of the 2014--15 academic year, to create an associate degree for transfer in every major offered by that college that has an approved transfer model curriculum; and by the beginning of the 2015--16 academic year, create associate degree for transfer in two areas of emphasis, and an additional two by the 2016--17 academic year.

This bill requires the California State University (CSU) to accept transfer model curriculum--aligned associate degrees for transfer in each of the areas of emphasis listed above; and to develop an admissions redirection process for students admitted under this article who apply for admission to the CSU, but are not accepted into the CSU campuses specifically applied to.

The bill also requires the CCCs and the CSU, in consultation with students, faculty, student service administrators, the State Department of Education, the California Education Round Table, and other key stakeholders, to develop a student--centered communication and marketing strategy to increase the visibility of the associate degree for transfer pathway for all students in California.

**SB 490 (Jackson): Early Assessment Program: common core academic content standards.**
*Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 482, Statutes of 2013. (10/02/13)*

This bill requires community colleges participating in the Early Assessment Program (EAP) to consult with the Academic Senate in sequencing their pre-collegiate-- and transfer--level courses in English and mathematics to the recently--adopted common core content standards (or a standards--aligned successor assessment) rather than to the former elementary and secondary education academic standards.

**SB 595 (Calderon): Postsecondary education: financial aid.**
*Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 217, Statutes of 2013. (09/06/13)*

This bill prohibits California Community Colleges and the California State University from entering into contracts with banks or financial institutions that require students to open an account as a condition of the student receiving his/her financial aid disbursement.

In addition, this bill requires the California Community Colleges and the California State University to offer their students the option of receiving their financial aid disbursement via direct deposit into an account at a depository institution of the student’ s choosing, and ensure that its contract or contracts for financial aid disbursement entered into on or after January 1, 2014, provide that the contracting entity shall initiate the direct deposit within one business day of receipt of the financial aid disbursement moneys from any public postsecondary institution.