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Annual Year-End Briefing recaps UC's legislative year

This 2016 edition of the UC Office of State Governmental Relations (SGR) *Year-End Briefing* wraps up legislation that posed a “significant impact” to the University during the past year.

Among the most important legislation this year were bills sponsored by the University, including: AB 1624 (Assembly Budget Committee), Best Value Procurement extension; AB 2664 (Irwin), expansion and acceleration of UC innovation and entrepreneurship activities; and SB 1214 (Allen), extension of the Best Value Construction Pilot Program. All three measures were signed by Governor Brown. The University only sought one gubernatorial veto: SB 959 (Lara), which would have required that bidders on select UC service contracts provide their employees with a total compensation package (salary and benefits) that is within 5% of the total compensation value of UC employees engaged in similar activities. The bill was vetoed by the Governor on September 28, 2016.

The University tracked approximately 290 “significant impact” bills this year and took positions on over 120 measures that directly affected academic affairs, business operations, and health sciences and services. Significant impact bills in 2016 included; AB 801 (Bloom), Success for Homeless Youth In Higher Education Act ; AB 1233 (Levine), public posting of whistleblower investigation policies; AB 1370 (Medina), nonresident student tuition policies; AB 1568 (Bonta), Medicaid Waiver Part I; AB 1711 (McCarty), cap on UC nonresident enrollment; AB 1726 (Bonta), API student data collection; AB 1747 (Weber), enhancing campus food services; AB 1823 (Bonilla), financing cancer clinical trials for low-income patients; AB 2009 (Lopez), higher education campus dream resource liaisons; AB 2455 (Chiu), automatic student voter registration; AB 2833 (Cooley), disclosure of alternative investments; SB 323 (Hernandez); nurse practitioner scope of practice; SB 815 (Hernandez), Medicaid Waiver Part II; SB 906 (Beall), foster youth priority enrollment; SB 1050 (de Leon), student diversity and student preparation; SCA 1 (Lara), terms of UC Regents; SCA 4 (Nguyen), cap on nonresident enrollment; and SCA 12 (Runner), UC's resident vs. nonresident academic comparisons. These bills, and others, are discussed in greater detail in the following sections.

UC's 2016 Legislative Portfolio

AB 1624 (Assembly Budget Committee) extends UC's ability to utilize "best value" procedures for the procurement of goods and services until January 1, 2019. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 13, 2016.

AB 2664 (Irwin) allows the University to expand the innovation and entrepreneurship infrastructure necessary to stimulate economic development in California. The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative established by AB 2664 seeks to build on the innovation and economic impact demonstrated by the California Institutes for Science and Innovation (Cal-ISIs)

by strengthening UC's innovation infrastructure that supports new startup companies and other entrepreneurial enterprises. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 30, 2016.

SB 1214 (Allen) provides a one-year extension of our Best Value Construction Pilot Program. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2016.

AB 1602 (Assembly Budget Committee) reauthorizes the California Subject Matter Projects (CSMP), among other provisions. The CSMP is a statewide network of subject-specific professional development programs for teachers. The project engages K-12 educators with faculty in the various disciplines from the University of California, California State University, and private higher education institutions to develop and deliver intensive institutes for education professionals. In order to continue as an authorized set of projects, the CSMP needed legislation extending their authorization, which was due to sunset on June 30, 2017. These programs have been extended in five-year increments for many years, and our goal this year was to have the sunset date permanently removed. Senate President pro Tem Kevin de Leon included this sunset removal in SB 1050 and then placed the provision in the budget measure (AB 1602), which was approved in June. Thus, the CSMP programs are permanently authorized.

Major Legislation Focused on the University of California

AB 801 (Bloom) enacts the Success for Homeless Youth in Higher Education Act. The bill requests UC, and requires California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State University (CSU) to extend priority registration for enrollment for foster/former foster youth indefinitely, and for homeless/former homeless youth until January 1, 2020. The University **supported** the bill and requested the Governor's signature on the bill, which he signed on September 21, 2016.

AB 1233 (Levine) would have required the University to publicly report, in the manner in which the State Auditor is authorized to publicly report, any investigation of a whistleblower complaint that has substantiated improper government activities. The University did not take a position on the bill, but did report costs. The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1370 (Medina) would have prohibited the number of undergraduate nonresident students enrolled at any UC campus from exceeding the number enrolled in the 2015-16 academic year and required UC, by the 2018-19 academic year and each academic year thereafter, not less than 50% of the revenues in excess of the marginal cost of instruction, generated from undergraduate nonresident enrollment, be directed to fund increased enrollment of undergraduate resident students across all campuses with undergraduate students. The bill would have also required UC to annually publish a report that includes the amount of revenues generated by undergraduate nonresident enrollment at each campus, the method by which the revenues were distributed among the campuses, and, for each campus, the purposes for which these revenues were expended, including the number of California resident undergraduate students admitted. The University expressed **concern** that AB 1370 would further hamper UC's ability to enroll all eligible California students and provide them with the financial aid and quality education they deserve and expect. The bill was held in the Senate Education Committee.

AB 1568 (Bonta) and **SB 815 (Hernandez)**, bills that require the Department of Health Care Services to implement a federal Section 1115 waiver/demonstration project, called Waiver 2020 to enable a delivery system transformation and alignment incentive program for designated

public hospital systems, (which includes the five medical centers). These bills have high value content for UC medical center operations and required significant University resources. The University **supported** both bills and they were both signed by the Governor in July.

AB 1711 (McCarty) would have required UC, in collaboration with UC Academic Senate, as a condition of receiving funds appropriated in the annual Budget Act, to ensure that implementation of any admissions policy for nonresident undergraduate student admission include guidance ensuring that the academic qualifications for admitted nonresident undergraduate students generally exceeds the academic qualifications of resident undergraduate students, and required UC to report to the Legislature annually regarding implementation of the policy, including, but not limited to, the mean and median scores on academic indicators of admitted resident and nonresident undergraduate students at each campus. The University **opposed** the bill because it would have tied our entire state budget allocation to compliance with this measure. Moreover, the Legislature has historically recognized the importance of keeping admissions policies in the hands of faculty both at UC and CSU. The bill deviated from this practice and we were concerned that it would have set a precedent for controlling admissions policy going forward. The bill was held in Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1726 (Bonta) requires the State Department of Public Health to report on health related data for Asian and Pacific Islanders according to categories prescribed in the bill. Although the bill was amended to remove higher education segments from this reporting requirement, UC will continue to collect undergraduate admissions and enrollment data for Asian and Pacific Islander students as specified in the bill. In addition, UC has plans underway to make this data available on our website consistent with federal reporting regulations under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The University **supported** the bill and the bill was signed by the Governor on September 25, 2016.

AB 1747 (Weber) requires each public and private postsecondary educational institution that is located in a county that participates in the Restaurant Meals Program to apply to become an approved food vendor for the CalFresh program, if the institution operates any qualifying food facilities on campus, or to provide contracting food vendors with specified information about the program. The University did not take a position on the bill, but did work with policy committee staff earlier in the year to express concern about how earlier versions of the bill would have impacted the University with respect to proposed surcharge-free ATM transactions and establishment of new payment processing systems within UC. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 12, 2016.

AB 1823 (Bonilla) establishes the California Cancer Clinical Trials Program at UC. This bill requests UC to create and administer a grant program for organizations that will provide support for ancillary costs to cancer patients to help them participate in clinical trials and will be funded by private donations. The SGR used a multi-divisional workgroup (research, policy, legal) on the design elements of the program which ultimately resulted in legislative language. The University **supported** the bill and requested the Governor's signature on the bill, which he signed on September 26, 2016.

AB 2009 (Lopez) would have requested UC to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of its respective campuses to assist students who meet the requirements of AB 540, including undocumented students. UC was supportive of the bill's call for streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for these students, commencing with the

2017-18 academic year, and for the authorization of the CSU Trustees, CCC Board of Governors, and UC Regents to seek and accept gifts, bequests, or donations to aid in the creation and operation of Dream Resources Centers at their respective systems. The University **supported** the bill and requested the Governor's signature on the bill, which he vetoed on September 28, 2016.

AB 2455 (Chiu) encourages UC to coordinate with the Secretary of State to develop and implement a process and the infrastructure by July 1, 2018 to allow a person who enrolls online at a UC campus to submit an affidavit of voter registration electronically on the Internet Web site of the Secretary of State. UC has consistently been supportive of efforts to increase access to student voter registration and student participation in the political process. UC has partnered with the Secretary of State on student voter registration in the past, including on the implementation of SB 854 in 2007. Recently, UC President Janet Napolitano expressed interest in implementing an automated process which would pre-populate student information into the voter registration form, and UC is currently working with the Secretary of State to explore this practice. The University **supported** the bill and requested the Governor's signature on the bill, which he signed on September 21, 2016.

AB 2833 (Cooley) requires a public pension or retirement system, including UCRP, to require alternative investment vehicles, as defined, to make specified disclosures regarding fees, expenses, and gross rate of return in connection with these vehicles and the underlying investments on a form prescribed by the system. The University's concern about the bill were addressed by amendments adopted in June which removed the bill's applicability to existing contracts. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 14, 2016.

SB 323 (Hernandez) would have made changes in the "scope of practice" for nurse practitioners who are licensed to practice in California. The University believes that enabling nurse practitioners to work and practice to the full extent of their education and training is an appropriate and available strategy that will help address the primary care physician shortage and expand access to care for many Californians. The University participated in an author led coalition on this bill. The University **supported** the bill. The bill was held in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

SB 906 (Beall) revises the definition of foster youth and former foster youth to include any person in California whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 16th birthday and who is no older than 25 years of age at the commencement of the academic year. The bill requests UC to extend priority registration for enrollment of foster youth or former foster youth indefinitely. UC has consistently been supportive of efforts to assist foster youth and former foster youth in their transition to the University and has worked to provide this student population with the necessary tools and guidance to ensure a successful higher education experience. The University **supported** the bill and requested the Governor's signature on the bill, which he signed on September 21, 2016.

SB 959 (Lara) would have modified the Public Contract Code to prohibit UC from entering into a contract for services unless the compensation a bidder pays its employees is commensurate with the average per-employee compensation, including benefits, for UC employees who perform comparable work. The University opposed the bill because it set forth requirements that go far beyond what is required to address those issues. In addition, the bill would have substantially increased UC operating costs, limited the ability of small bidders to compete for

University contracts, and undercut UC's sustained efforts to streamline operations and make contracting processes more efficient. The University **opposed** the bill and requested the Governor's veto on the bill, which he did on September 28, 2016.

SB 1050 (de Leon) would have established the K-12 College Readiness Block Grant to prepare California's high school pupils, particularly unduplicated pupils, to be eligible for admission into a postsecondary institution, and increased the 4-year-college-going rates of these pupils. The bill would have required UC, as a condition of Budget Act funding for specified enrollment increases, to develop an implementation plan to increase resident admissions, and significantly increase admissions for pupils enrolled in high schools with 75%+ enrollment for free/reduced-price meals. The bill would have also repealed the sunset provision in the California Subject Matter Projects (CSMP) statute. The bill was held in the Assembly Higher Education Committee. Provisions of the bill were included in the higher education budget trailer bill, **AB 1602 (Assembly Budget Committee)**, which was signed by the Governor.

SCA 1 (Lara) would have permitted UC Regents to serve two ten-year terms, with the ten-year limit applying to current Regents in their first term and would have made Regents serving their second term ineligible for reappointment. The University did not take a position on the constitutional amendment, but did express concerns on various versions of the bill which sought to limit Regent's terms. SCA 1 was held in the Senate.

SCA 4 (Nguyen) would have required UC to ensure that no more than 10 percent of the undergraduate students enrolled at any UC campus be nonresidents and preclude any increase in UC undergraduate tuition for the five-year period from 2016-17 through 2020-21. The University **opposed** the constitutional amendment because nonresident students are an important part of the academic and social vitality of our system, as well as a valuable source of revenue that has supplemented the state's investment. The constitutional amendment was held in the Senate Education Committee.

SCA 12 (Runner) would have amended the California Constitution to require specific reporting on student admissions. It would have required all UC campuses to report no later than July 1, 2017 uniform application, admission, and freshman class profiles of California students, out-of-state students, and international students enrolled at each campus. The University **opposed** the constitutional amendment because it believed the language to be overly prescriptive related to the types of data used to compare the relative merits of students the constitutional amendment was held in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Other Key Bills Followed Closely by UC

- Academic Affairs

AB 735 (Ridley-Thomas) deletes the repeal date of the Student Athlete Bill of Rights, thereby extending the rights for student athletes indefinitely. The University did not take a position on the bill. The Governor signed the bill on September 28, 2016.

AB 1653 (Weber) would have encouraged each UC campus and required CSU, CCC, and independent institutions of higher education to generate a biennial campus climate report as specified, post it on its Website, and submit it to the Governor, Attorney General, and

appropriate legislative policy committees. The bill also would have encouraged UC, and required CSU, CCC, and independent institutions of higher education to create, review every two years thereafter, and, as necessary, update protocols, policies, and procedures for compliance with the Jeanne Clery and Violence Against Women Reauthorization Acts. The University did not take a position on the bill. The Governor vetoed the bill on September 29, 2016.

AB 1837 (Low) would have established the Office of Higher Education Performance and Accountability as the statewide postsecondary education coordination and planning entity. The University had a **neutral** position on the bill. The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1914 (Bonilla) requires UC and CSU campus academic senates, in collaboration with students and administrators, to develop policies regarding required academic materials in order to encourage efforts to reduce redundancy in the delivery of academic materials, including, but not necessarily limited to, textbooks, as defined, and access codes. The bill also requests UC and requires CSU to submit the policies to the regents and trustees, as appropriate, for their review. The University took a position seeking amendments to the bill and the author accepted our suggested language. The Governor signed the bill on September 9, 2016.

AB 1936 (Chavez) would have extended 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. The University had a **neutral** position on the bill. The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 2064 (Allen) would have required CSU and requested UC to determine the amounts of undergraduate tuition and mandatory systemwide fees for each incoming first-year class. The bill would have prohibited the tuition and mandatory systemwide fees set for an incoming first-year class from being increased for that class and provided that the exceptions do not apply to a student during the time the student is taking a leave of absence to serve in the military. The University took a **concern** position because without a commensurate investment of state funds, we were concerned that the bill would exacerbate the need for significant future tuition increases. The bill failed passage out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2137 (Santiago) requests UC to submit annual reports, on or before March 1 in each year from 2017 to 2022, inclusive, on specified topics relating to community college student transfers to UC. The University took a position seeking amendments to the bill and the author accepted our suggested language. The Governor signed the bill on September 29, 2016.

AB 2164 (O'Donnell) prohibits UC, Hastings College of the Law (Hastings), CSU, and CCC from collecting mandatory systemwide tuition and fees from the surviving spouse/child of a person who died resulting from an industrial injury/illness arising out of and in the course of active law enforcement or fire suppression/prevention duties. The University had a **neutral** position on the bill. The Governor signed the bill on September 21, 2016.

AB 2166 (Cooper) would have prohibited Hastings, CSU and UC from collecting any mandatory campus-based fees from any surviving spouse/child of a deceased person who was a resident of the state and employed by or contracting with a public agency, whose principal duties consisted of active law enforcement service or active fire suppression/prevention, and who died

as a result of his/her duties. The University did not take a position on the bill. The bill was held in the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

AB 2269 (Waldron) prohibits a person or animal shelter from euthanizing an animal for the purpose of transferring the carcass to a research facility or animal dealer, as specified. This bill prohibits a person or animal shelter that accepts animals from the public or takes in stray or unwanted animals from selling, giving, or otherwise transferring a living animal to a research facility, animal dealer, or other person for the purpose of research, experimentation, or testing. The University had a **neutral** position on the bill – reached after working closely with the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine to secure amendments to the measure which protected the school's ability to continue partnering with animal shelters. The Governor signed the bill on September 24, 2016.

AB 2317 (Mullin) authorizes CSU to award the Doctor of Audiology degree and requires the degree to be distinguished from doctoral degree programs at UC. The bill also requires that the degree be focused on preparing audiologists to provide health care services and be consistent with the standards for accreditation set forth by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. The University did not take a position on the bill. The Governor signed the bill on September 9, 2016.

AB 2732 (Chang) would have required CSU and requested UC to provide, as part of established on-campus orientations, educational and preventive information about cyberbullying to students at all campuses of their respective segments. The University had a **neutral** position on the bill. The Governor vetoed the bill on September 26, 2016.

SB 893 (Nguyen) would have prohibited UC, Hastings, CSU, and CCC from collecting fees/tuition from a student in an undergraduate program who is the surviving dependent of any individual killed in the San Bernardino terrorist attack if Cal Grant A requirements are met and either the dependent or the person killed in the attack was a California resident on December 2, 2015. The University had a **neutral** position on the bill. The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 1359 (Block) requests UC, and requires CSU and CCC to identify in the online campus course schedule its courses that exclusively use digital course materials, as specified, and communicate to students that the materials for these courses are free of charge. The University did not take a position on the bill. The Governor signed the bill on September 13, 2016.

SB 1417 (Galgiani) would have created the Graduation Incentive Loan Payment Program which requested UC and required CSU to develop and implement a program to provide a \$2,500 student loan debt incentive to AB 540 students who complete an undergraduate degree within four years. The University shared our cost estimate on the bill. The bill was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

- Business Operations

AB 1260 (Thurmond) would have provided enhanced financing opportunities for the City of Richmond related to the envisioned Berkeley Global Campus at Richmond Bay and authorized the formation of a Joint Powers Authority for this purpose. The University **opposed** the bill

because it would have circumvented the local negotiation process and prescribed unworkable community-benefit elements [subsections (a)(1) through (a)(8) of 6531.3] related to UC's practices and agreements in the areas of capital construction, employment, and procurement—both in the case of this specific project by UC Berkeley and for the University's business practices on a system-wide basis. The bill was held in the Senate Education Committee.

SB 969 (Williams) would have required, until January 1, 2022, in order to receive state funds for student financial assistance, CCC, CSU, UC, and the governing board of each independent postsecondary institution to report, on or before October 2, 2018, and on an annual basis thereafter, specified data relating to cases of alleged sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The University did not take a position on the bill. The Governor vetoed the bill on September 30, 2016.

SB 1439 (Block) requires as part of the hiring process that applicants for appointments to academic or administrative positions at UC, CSU, or CCC disclose information on any final administrative/judicial decision determining past findings of sexual harassment. The University did not take a position on the bill. The bill was vetoed by the Governor on September 30, 2016.

AB 1577 (Eggman) establishes the Public Higher Education Pantry Assistance Program Account in the Emergency Food Assistance Program Fund, and requires that moneys in the account, upon legislative appropriation, be allocated to food banks that support on-campus pantry and hunger relief efforts serving low-income students. The University did not take a position on the bill. The Governor signed the bill on September 21, 2016.

AB 1654 (Santiago) requires Department of Justice to provide guidance to UC, CSU, CCC, and public/private higher education institutions regarding compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act and Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act. The University did not take a position on the bill. The Governor signed the bill on September 29, 2016.

AB 1778 (Quirk) would have required, commencing January 1, 2018, UC, CSU and CCC, in order to receive state funds for student financial assistance, to conduct annual employee training, in addition to the current required trauma-informed training, on the employee's obligations in responding to and reporting incidents of sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, and stalking involving students. The University had a **neutral** position on the bill. The Governor vetoed the bill on September 27, 2016.

AB 2181 (Brown) would have required UC to prepare and submit to the Legislature and the Governor a report on the greenhouse gas emissions that are associated with energy-intensive products in projects within UC jurisdiction and required UC to incorporate the greenhouse gas emissions information into its procurement processes, including bid specifications. The University did not take a position on the bill. The bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2214 (Harper) would have required CSU and CCC and requested UC to require their faculty members to annually disclose, on or before April 15, 2017, and on or before April 15 of each year thereafter, on a form and in a manner to be determined by CCC, CSU and UC, all of the income he/she received in the immediately preceding calendar year from a publisher, periodical, or provider of online content for royalties, advances, consulting services, or for any other

purpose. The University did not take a position on the bill – but did submit our estimate of costs to fiscal staff. The bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2654 (Bonilla) requires a postsecondary educational institution to post its written policy on sexual harassment on its Internet Web site and requires the policy to include specific rules and procedures for pursuing available remedies and resources, both on and off campus. The University took a **neutral** position on the bill. The Governor signed the bill on July 25, 2016.

SB 693 (Hueso) authorizes a public entity to require a bidder, contractor or other entity to use a skilled and trained workforce to complete a contract or project regardless of whether the public entity is required to do so by a statute or regulation and defines "skilled and trained workforce." The University did not take a position on the bill, though this measure was closely connected to UC's sponsored bill on Best Value Construction – SB 1214 (Allen). The bill was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2016.

SB 1006 (Wolk) would have enacted the California Firearm Violence Research Act and declared the intent of the Legislature that UC establish the California Firearm Violence Research Center to research firearm-related violence. The University had a **watch** position on the bill. The bill was held in the Assembly Higher Education Committee. However, provisions and funds (\$5 million) to establish the firearms violence research center, subject to Regents resolution, were included in the Budget Act of 2016: **AB 1602 (Assembly Budget Committee)** and **SB 826 (Leno)**.

- Health Sciences and Services

AB 1715 (Holden) would have licensed the practice of behavior analysis. AB 1715 would have allowed the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) to set licensing standards for the practice of behavior analysis in California. The University took a **concern** position on the bill because it believes that the state should not develop a licensing standard for a single modality (Applied Behavior Analysis - ABA) within the field of behavior analysis, as interpreted by a single non-state/non-academic entity, the BACB. The bill was held in the Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee.

AB 2399 (Nazarian) would have extended the \$2 fee on birth certificates and would have extended the sunset date on the Umbilical Cord Blood Collection Program (UCBCP) in California for another five years, through 2022. The UCBCP is operated by the UC Davis Health System. The University **supported** this version of the bill. The Assembly Appropriations Committee expressed concern with the birth certificate fee component contained in the bill and removed the program from the bill. The bill moved forward on an unrelated topic. The bill was held in the Senate Health Committee.

SB 1139 (Lara) prohibits discrimination against students in medical degree and health sciences programs based on immigration documentation status. However, initially this bill would have required the UC find a pathway for undocumented students to engage in medical residency training. The laws impacting medical residency requirements are outside of changes that could be made in state law. All university medical training programs in California expressed concerns that the bill would violate federal law, therefore UC joined with Stanford University, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) and the University of

Southern California to put forward amendments to the bill that removed our concerns. The bill was signed by the Governor on September 28, 2016.

SB 1365 (Hernandez) requires a general acute care hospital to provide a delineated notice to each patient scheduled for a service in a hospital-based outpatient clinic, when that service is available in a nonhospital-based location. The University worked on amendments to remove the original purpose of the bill relating to hospital charges in outpatient settings. On the new topic of notice, the University did not take a position on the bill. The University did not take a position on the bill. The Governor signed the bill on September 23, 2016.

SB 1476 (Senate Governance and Finance Committee) allows tax check-off programs to be eligible for renewal every seven years instead of five, and removes an inflation accelerator imposed on tax check-off forms and instead provides that \$250,000 will remain the minimum collection amount for qualifying to remain on the tax check-off form. This bill paves the way for the UC administered California Breast Cancer and Cancer tax check off programs to pursue extension of these programs. The UC tax check-off programs are considered modeled programs and will sunset next year. This bill realigned requirements for all tax check off programs which benefit UC. The University **supported** the bill and requested the Governor's signature on the bill, which he signed on September 24, 2016.