Faculty Senate Meeting

Agenda for January 15, 2014
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3:30 – Meeting of the Faculty Senate – Call to Order

3:32 – Approval of Minutes of the December Meeting

3:34 – Report of the Faculty Chair (T. Herrmann)
  ● Re-Affirmation of Nominating Committee Chair & members (first year Faculty Senators)
  ● Appointment of Nominating Coordinating Committee
  ● Election Calendar

3:50 – Report of the President (S. Ono)

4:10 – Old Business
  ● Planning Committee Resolution—A Resolution Regarding the Commencement of Fall and Spring Semesters in Academic years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 (J. Tilman)
  ● December Committee Reports—
    o Information Technology December Report: TEACH Act, Fair Use
      http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/info_tech.html
    o Academic Affairs December Report: TRAC Appeals, Student Evaluations
      http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/academic_affairs.html
  ● Other

4:30 – New Business
  ● Report on Diversity among UC Faculty: A 25-Year Retrospective (S. Furst-Holloway)
  ● Other

4:50 -- Report from the Undergraduate Student Government Association (C. Beer)—No Report

4:50 – Report from Graduate Student Government Association (A. Mazman)—No Report

4:50 – Report from the AAUP President (G. Loving)

5:00 - Adjourn
Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting, held Thursday, December 11th, 2014.

Recorded by Gail Pyne-Geithman, Secretary.

1. Call to order at 3.30 (TH)

2. Approval of the minutes of the November meeting (minutes were included in the emailed package)

On Dec 11, 2014, at 9:48 AM, Starbuck, Edith (starbuck) <starbuck@ucarmail.uc.edu> wrote:

Good morning Gail,

I read the Faculty Senate minutes from last month's meeting and would like to request a correction to the record of the following sentence under Old Business concerning the TEACH Act:

“Libraries are in the process of recruiting and scholarly communications officer, this would be their job.”

The correction below more closely reflects what I said:

“The UC Libraries are in the process of writing a scholarly communications officer job description.”

Thank you!

Edith Starbuck (libraries) proposed a correction (reproduced here). Edith repeated the request at the FSM, and the minutes were unanimously approved with the understanding that the corrected sentence would be in the minutes posted on the Faculty Senate Website.

3. Report of the Faculty Chair.

Reproduced here, as sent to GPG by TH.

Chair’s Report for December 11, 2014 FS meeting
1. TEACH Act Policy—A resolution will not be considered at this time due to questions and the draft nature of the policy.
2. IT Council & eLearning—An eClassroom Committee has been formed in the IT Governance structure to look at centrally and college scheduled classrooms and reinventing the classroom and refreshing digital equipment. A faculty senate representative is needed for this committee. Please let me know if you use these classrooms and are interested.
3. Search Committee for Director of Technology-Enhanced Learning—This is an instructional design position. A faculty representative is needed.
4. Life of Mind—The speaker has been selected and notification will occur in January. A 3 member panel will be needed. Many great nominees were presented.
5. Consultants for Medical Center planning visited and interviewed faculty and administration.
6. A new Enterprise Risk Management Council has been formed as an advisory group to the President to consider identification, categorization and resolution of risk related issues and the exclusions and gaps identified in UC’s programs. Assistant Vice President and Chief Risk Officer Anita Ingram serves as Chair of the Risk Council.
7. The reformed Diversity Council met yesterday and began planning for implementation of the Diversity plan. There will be a committee on Faculty to address the objective related to increasing the diversity of the faculty.
8. I've asked the Human Relations Committee to consider drafting a resolution related to social justice in light of the recent events that have resulted in racial unrest. Do you believe we should move in this direction? Please share any ideas you have with Datina Juram.
9. The next Faculty Senate meeting will be on January 15, 2014. Please plan to attend.
10. Our February meeting will be held as a joint meeting with the Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate Student Government. We are in the process of identifying a possible topic for a joint resolution. Safety has been a common issue. Are there any suggestions for topics that might warrant a joint resolution for faculty and students?

Social Notice: Graduate students and undergraduates bringing topics to their student government. There was a rally on 11/25/2014 to protest events in Ferguson. The comment was made that, given UC’s recent history and the guest speaker we had (regarding diversity), coming together over issues like this could be a good way to foster a good climate. Ayca Mazman (GS President) mentioned that the graduate students had partaken in 2 National Die-ins organized via the UC Students Against Racial Injustice (UCSARI) Facebook page. 2 students were arrested and their bail was raised using social media.

Note our next meeting will be a week later than usual, on January 15th and the February meeting will be a joint meeting with UG and GS Government. Please come to the next meeting with ideas for issues of joint governance and resolution that can be placed on the February agenda.
4. Discussion with President Ono.

I am going to talk a little about post-Ferguson events at UC. Student groups, African-American and others affected by a series of decisions in Ferguson, and Staten Island have been organizing events to raise awareness of social injustice. We held a Town-Hall meeting in the TUC Cinema which was attended by around 150 people. Many efforts have been via Social Media. I have been supportive of student and faculty rights to assemble and express concerns about inequities. It is good to express feelings and express opinions about social justice issues. The Alumni Association wrote a letter, to which I responded and I have remained in communication with the UC community. Some of our faculty is engaged in research in several aspects of social justice such as racial profiling and camera placement in law-enforcement uniforms. I am pledging funds from the President’s office to support inviting a speaker to act as provocateur of discussion on social justice issues. Let me know if you know anyone who would be good in this role. This would benefit UC, and the Cincinnati community as a whole.

Cal Adler (COM): we have at least one faculty member in Psychiatry who performs research involving racial profiling (Steve Strakowski).

SO: Thank you.

I recently attended a Higher Education Summit held at the White House. UC was mentioned above all others in relation to inclusion/diversity and accessibility achievements. The UC-bridge program that builds on Emerging Ethnic Engineers to reach into neighboring schools in STEM areas has created a curriculum pipeline and was praised (currently in Hughes High School and DePaul Cristo Rey High School). We offer experiential learning and Co-op opportunities for underrepresented and minority students.

We recently underwent a site visit by LEAF (specifically interested in retention of female faculty) and they identified some weaknesses. This will be a focus in the near future.

We are in the midst of the process to identify focus areas for the next round of fundraising. I had asked the Deans to consult their faculty and provide me with ideas to identify campaign priorities. These could include faculty development, buildings and infrastructure. Bill Ball will bring together the ideas from the health side (Pharmacy, Allied Health, Medicine and Nursing). I will now review all the suggestions and move forward.

SM (Education): the Education program here is rated on how well their students do, re. Job placement. I am concerned that our efforts to place teachers in Urban schools with challenging students is detrimental to the rating of our programs.

SO: Also, Government ranking of the Colleges and Universities may impact where students go. There are some other issues to, which is why I am so involved. Issues such as State and Federal funding for Medical Schools and a possible tuition cap.

We are now looking forward to commencement. We will be bestowing an honorary Doctorate on Andrew Young, former Mayor of Atlanta, GA, and civil rights activist.

5. Old Business

Seeking approval of A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED OHIO HOUSE LEGISLATION ON PROPRIETARY TEXTBOOKS, for which the vote of adoption is included in the meeting packet. This was presented at the last FSM by SM. Since this comes from a group (Academic Affairs Committee) this does not need a proposer and second. Any discussion? (none forthcoming). The resolution was unanimously approved.

Any more old business? (none forthcoming)
6. New Business

(i) Tuition Refund Appeals Committee (TRAC)

Presented by SM on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Q. Can you please clarify the issue?

(Doug Burgen, Registrar) This allows streamlining of the tuition refund appeals process for students who have to drop a class due to illness, family illness of military service etc. The committee would be empowered to make decisions faster than the current hierarchy of approval. Therefore the student could drop the class and not receive a penalizing grade or incomplete.

There were no objections to empowering this committee.


Presented by Jeff Tilman on behalf of the Planning committee. The introduction to this resolution can be found on page 12 of the meeting packet.

Q. What is the problem with starting a semester on a Tuesday?

JT: We promised we would never start a Semester on any day other than Monday. If we follow the rubric, we should not have to do this again.

TH: Any comments or questions on the resolution should be directed to Jeff Tilman.

(iii) Faculty Senate Committee reports.

No comments.

7. Dialog with the Provost (Rich Miller in for BD).

Firstly I want to congratulate TH for stepping ion as Chair of the faculty and being confirmed.

As you know, we were intending to conduct the COACH survey, however since the diversity survey was recently conducted, and we have to do a Title 9 survey this year, we thought it wise to delay COACH until Spring of 2016. We have already paid for the COACH survey.

We are wrapping up the search for a new Dean of A&S, the chosen one will be announced in January.

We are assessing candidates for the Dean of the College of Law, and we have sent out an advert asking for candidates for the Dean of Clermont College. Additionally, Lee Mortimer retired, so we are looking for a replacement for him (Institutional Research, program accreditation).

Consultants have been on the Med Campus, talking to all the faculty, staff and students. They have been asked to recommend whether we should go back to a 2 provost system, split the Dean of COM position from the Vice Provost from Health affairs, or some other organizational option.

Reinstituting the milestone gifts for faculty (there already is one in place for staff). Debating what to use: pick from a catalog, pin? Looking for a August 1st date.

MH: What about retroactive?

RM: Perhaps we will have a window of opportunity.

SM: I was staff for 25 years before becoming faculty, and I appreciated it.
It will be a good thing to reinstate, but only if it is not done in an offhand manner.

GL: What about those who have an amalgam of positions and server, adjuncts, part-time etc?

RM: It is very difficult what we use to define “service”.

JT: It would be nice, upon achievement of tenure, to receive more than a two-line letter. Perhaps there should be a more substantial recognition package, up to and including academic regalia.


Report as provided by CB reproduced here.

Report of the Student Body President - Undergraduate Student Government
Christina Beer
December 11, 2014

- Happy exam week!
- This week/weekend we piloted UC Airport Ride. This is a free service for students who need a ride to the airport. Afterward, we will give feedback to Transportation Services on if this is something that we can continue in the future. We have had over 200 students sign up for a ride!
- On Monday, January 15th, UCPD will host a reception to recognize the work of Duke Energy and the University on upgrading off-campus lighting to LED lights. It will be held at 6:30 on Classen Street behind Corray Garage. Undergraduate Student Government recently provided recommendations to Dr. Ono and Chief Goodrich on streets that need to be addressed for Phase II of this project.
- On December 2nd, Student Government hosted a #GivingTuesday event in TUC Atrium. We made 200 gift bags to donate to Matthew 25 Ministries, and collected a number of canned goods. It was a great way to give back to the community after spending so much on Black Friday and Cyber Monday.
- If you haven’t heard, this exam week was a pilot of Langsam Library open 24/7. Student Government is working with UC Libraries to analyze whether this is something we can continue in the future.
- Keep in mind, this year we will be selecting a new undergraduate student trustee. This process won’t take place until January, but, if you have a student that would be a great representative, please have them reach out to me.
- Have a great holiday season and happy New Year!

If you have any questions or new ideas, please feel free to reach out to me! Here is my contact info:

- Christina Beer
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- Cell: 513-509-1941
- Office: 655 Steger Student Life Center

Go Bearcats!
9. Graduate Student Government report.

Report as provided by AM reproduced here.

December Faculty Senate Meeting – GSGA’s Report presented by Ayca Mazman

- Graduate and Family Housing Update

The Graduate School is about to close on a deal to rent out 73 units to be reserved exclusively for graduate students and families in 222 Senator Place. This building is at the end of a dead end street, is in walking distance from east and west campus and the Ludlow business district, with green spaces, a balcony in every apartment, coin operated laundry and off-street parking. [http://www.mynewplace.com/apartment/222-senator-place-cincinnati-oh-4ks411125026](http://www.mynewplace.com/apartment/222-senator-place-cincinnati-oh-4ks411125026) for some photos.

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- The University is currently revising the Student Code of Conduct (both academic and non-academic) and as graduate students, we are working to help the process.

- GSGA’s Second Annual Thanksgiving Dinner took place on Tuesday, November 25th in TUC Great Hall. The Head Archivist, Dr. Kevin Grace, gave a small talk on the importance of Thanksgiving. Over 280 graduate students, administrators and staff attended. We would like to thank all the administrators and staff who hosted one of our tables and socialized with graduate students.

- GSGA also hosted an end-of-the-year GradPub (happy hour at Catskeller) on Friday, December 5th. Over 150 students attended. And this week, we are hosting our GradCafe from 9am-2pm every day at the GSGA office. We are doing our part to help the graduate students finish strong by providing coffee and snacks all week.

- GSGA Research Fellowship application deadline was Friday, November 20. We received about 60 applications. The applications are reviewed by a committee of graduate students, following an evaluation rubric we created last year. We will start reviewing the applications as early as this week and the projected date for announcing the awardees is December 20th. Our Research Fellowship is made possible by the generous contributions of the Graduate School and Office of Research. We are grateful for their continued support.

- In GSGA’s last General Assembly meeting, there was a discussion on how we can make it more attractive for graduate students to attend UC Basketball and Football games. Several great ideas came out of this discussion and as GSGA, we will put some of them to test as soon as possible. (Some of the ideas included family nights at the games, creating some sort of wristband system which will give you certain privileges at the stadium concession stands when bought, free food/drink coupons, etc.)


Concluded parental leave negotiations, they will be implemented July 1st, 2015.
We held a Labor Solidarity luncheon, which was attended by 75 people.
We have confirmed Robert Reich for Thursday April 16th, 2015.

11. Motion to adjourn.

MH proposed, seconded RR. Unanimous vote to adjourn.
Chair’s Report for January 15, 2015 Faculty Senate meeting

1. eLearning Committee Update—A spring retreat for the development of an eLearning strategic plan was discussed and an aspirational eLearning organizational chart was shared. The 3T conference was promoted. Luis Perez (http://luisperzonlin.com/about) is slated as the keynote speaker. Echo360 was discussed for adoption for lecture capture and Web X (web conferencing) was recommended for a pilot during spring semester. The eLearning Online Learning sub-committee is interested in determining the best way to avoid conflict with the Faculty Senate Committees.

2. Life of Mind—The Life of the Mind lecture featuring Jeffrey Whitsett, MD, professor of pediatrics and pharmacology and cell biophysics in the College of Medicine will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 4-5:30pm in TUC 400ABC. Dr. Whitsett’s topic is “Technology and the future of medicine: ethical and social implications”. Life of the Mind will feature one UC faculty member presenting his or her work and expertise, in concert with the prescribed theme. The presentation will not simply be a recitation of the presenter’s work but will promote a point of view. A panel of three will respond to and discuss the lecture from diverse perspectives, and a moderator will encourage audience engagement.

3. Re-Affirmation of Nominating Committee Chair & members (first year Faculty Senators)

4. Appointment of Nominating Coordinating Committee

5. Election Calendar Presentation

6. Our February 15, 2015 meeting will be held as a joint meeting with the Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate Student Government. Due to the nature of a combined meeting, an earlier start time of 3:00 p.m. is planned. Safety has been identified as a common issue for discussion.

7. Other discussion topics from Faculty Senators
Spring Calendar, 2015

I. FS meeting schedule & locations—(Fall Semester, 2015—hold a meeting at Clermont)
   January 15, 2015—Re-affirm Chair and members (first year senators) of nominating committee, appoint nominating coordinating committee, and announce election calendar
   February 12, 2015—Joint Meeting with Student Governments at 3:00 p.m.
   March 12, 2015 at College of Medicine—confirm slate for committee elections (Faculty Senate and All University Committees and representatives)
   April 9, 2015—confirm slate for All U Elections (Chair-Elect, Secretary, Board of Trustees Reps and At-Large Senators)
   May 14, 2015
   June 11, 2015 & July 9, 2015—summer

II. Events
   Faculty Award Ceremony on Tuesday, April 21, 2015
   All U Faculty Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2015

III. Spring Election Calendars
   o FS and All U Committee Elections (Committee on Committees)
     February 1, 2015—Convening of Committee on Committees
     February 15, 2015—Call for Nominations
     March 12, 2015—Nominations provided to senate
     March 12, 2015—Date of confirmed slate
     April 9, 2015—Election Completed (electronic voting by Faculty Senators)
   o All U Faculty Elections (Nominating Committee)—
     By February 1, 2015—Convening of Nominating Committee
     March 15, 2015—Call for nominations
     April 9, 2015—Nominations provided to senate
     April 9, 2015—Date of confirmed slate
     April 16, 2015—Deadline for Petitions
     April 23, 2015—Final Nominations at All U Fac Meeting
     May 7, 2015—Election Completed (voting by all faculty)
   o College/Unit Elections—Faculty Senator and Representatives to the Faculty Senate IT Committee
A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE COMMENCEMENT OF FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS
IN ACADEMIC YEARS 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018

WHEREAS the University of Cincinnati began operating on a semester calendar in the 2012-2013 academic year; and

WHEREAS changes to the calendar were initiated that moved the start of Spring Semester one week further into the month of January, beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year; and

WHEREAS an unintended consequence of this change is that the start of the Spring Semester in the three academic years beginning in 2015-2016 would fall on the Tuesday after the commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and

WHEREAS the Fall Semester of these academic years is also scheduled to start late, which will require that final examinations in the Fall Term be held in in mid-December, and

WHEREAS the University Community has found that a four-week long interval between the Fall and Spring terms is useful for research travel, study-abroad opportunities, and service-learning experiences, and that many wish to keep this interval between terms; and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate recommended in a resolution dated May 12, 2014, that the University Calendar and Examination Committee affirm the Registrar and Provost’s proposal to move the start date of the Fall semester of the 2015-2016 academic year to Monday, August 24th, 2015, and to set the start date of the Spring semester of the same academic year to Monday, January 11, 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate encourages the University Calendar and Examination Committee to move the start date of the Summer semester of the 2016-2017 academic year to Monday, May 9, 2016, the start date of the Fall semester of the same academic year to Monday, August 22, 2016, and to set the start date of the Spring semester of the same academic year to Monday, January 9, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate encourages the University Calendar and Examination Committee to move the start date of the Summer semester of the 2017-2018 academic year to Monday, May 8, 2017, the start date of the Fall semester of the same academic year to Monday, August 21, 2017, and to set the start date of the Spring semester of the same academic year to Monday, January 8, 2018.
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### Instructional Days
- **Note:** Dates for instructional days will be determined each year by the University Calendar and Examinations Committee.

### Examination Days
- **Note:** These calendar dates are unofficial and tentative until approved by the University Calendar and Examinations Committee and the UC Board of Trustees.

### Holiday
- **Note:** Dates for Fall Reading Days & Spring Break and University Closed (dates subject to change; please consult the Office of Human Resources website for official dates.)

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**Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost**

**Department of Enrollment Management**

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DATA PRESENTATION

UC LEAF

Valerie Gray Hardcastle, Executive Director
ADVANCE Premise

Achieving higher levels of representation of women in the STEM sciences requires improved recruiting, hiring, and retention of women STEM scientists.
LEAF Project

Achieving higher levels of representation of women in the STEM sciences at UC by improving recruiting, hiring, and retention of women STEM scientists in UC departments and programs.
# Hiring Data

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Median Survival (Years)  
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50% of STEM hires have left UC (or have moved off of a faculty line) by the end of their ninth year of employment as a faculty member.
Median Survival (Years)  
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There has been too little attrition in A&S overall and for men to calculate median survival. Figures shown in those two cases are actually the 25th percentiles. *A quarter of CEAS and COM faculty leave in first 3-4 years.*
# Diversity in Hiring: A&S

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2014
## Work Environment Survey

Response rate by college.

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More than 200 faculty members responded to the *UC STEM Faculty Work Environment Survey* in Fall 2013.
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Leadership, Empowerment, Achievement for Women in STEM Faculty

University of Cincinnati
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Key Findings

• Women faculty, compared to their male peers, tended to
  – Have less favorable perceptions of fairness, transparency, and consistency of recruiting and hiring processes at the department level
  – Have less positive views of diversity issues in general, and
  – Perceive less support for women and for faculty of color.

• Women faculty reported that
  • They were treated with less respect within their departments,
  • That their departments operated in less open or transparent ways, and
  • They were less satisfied with resource and workload allocation.
• Women faculty also reported more workplace incivility than did their male peers

• A higher percentage of women faculty (34%) reported that they currently had formal mentors than did men faculty (15%)

• More men faculty (20%) indicated that they served as department administrators (head/chair/director) than did women faculty (6%).

• More women faculty (43%) agreed that they were concerned that they would not receive the necessary support if they assumed leadership roles within their departments, compared to their male peers (18%)
• Full professors, compared to junior faculty, reported the most positive perceptions of HR processes (i.e., recruiting and hiring, promotion and tenure, annual performance evaluation/review); of diversity issues in general; of respect, openness and transparency, and work life balance issues within their departments; of personal perceptions about UC, and of satisfaction at UC.

• Associate professors reported the least positive perception of support for women among the three faculty ranks.
• Faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences reported the most positive perceptions of recruiting/hiring and promotion/tenure processes, diversity issues for women and faculty of color, openness and transparency issues within their departments, and work life balance.

• Faculty in the College of Medicine reported the least favorable perceptions on these subscales.

• Tenured faculty, compared to non-tenure track faculty, tended to have more favorable perceptions of fairness, transparency, and consistency of recruiting/hiring and promotion/tenure processes. They also reported higher levels of satisfactions at UC than did non-tenure track colleagues.
Special Note

• Sample sizes were not large enough to run statistical comparisons by race/ethnicity except for Asian and White. Asian and White faculty had very similar perceptions on most subscales, except Asian faculty agreed more than did their White colleagues that the high-performance culture was represented at the university-level
Qualitative Findings

• Two open-response items were included on the UC WE Survey, one asking for additional comments regarding diversity issues and the other asking for final comments/suggestions/input regarding working conditions in departments, colleges, or at UC in general. 68 responded.

• The most frequent themes included: (a) disconnect between administration and faculty/staff, (b) unsupportive climate, (c) low faculty morale, (d) lack of transparency in decision making, (e) unclear priorities and expectations, and (f) lack of representation of faculty of color
Network Analysis

Participants were asked to select which colleagues they would seek out for help with the following:

- Administrative Help
- Navigating Office Politics
- Publication
- Mentorship
- Grant Funding
- Sounding Board
- Teaching
- Work-Life Balance
- RPT
- Friendship
- Trust
- Diversity Issues
- Research
- Service
Legend

Blue = Women
Red = Men

Line Thickness: Number of networks the tie exists in (1-3)
More networks—thicker line

Node Size: Scaled by indegree (number of times a node was chosen)
Bigger nodes were chosen more often
Networks: Department #1

Research Networks

Social/Affective Networks
Department #1

• Research—Women appear to be less central; they are chosen less frequently than men as collaborators.

• Socio-Affective—Although women are chosen in approximately equal numbers, they have a stronger role in the overall socio-affective network than for research.
Networks: Department #2

- Research Networks
- Social/Affective Networks
Department #2

- Research—At least one women appears to be central, although all other women are chosen less frequently than their male counterparts.
- Socio-Affective—Women are chosen more often than men, and appear to be more central as a group.
Networks: Department #3

- Research Networks
- Social/Affective Networks
Research—Women appear unimportant, as most individuals seek out men for support for research related activities.

Socio-Affective—Women appear to be equally important to men and are sought out at approximately equal levels.
Networks: Department #4

- Research Networks
- Social/Affective Networks
Department #4

- Research—Women appear to be concentrated, but are sought out for research in approximately equal proportions to male faculty.
- Socio-Affective—Men seem to be the most central, with women falling to the periphery of the network, with several men having NO relationship to any women in this department.
Conclusions

- Departments 1, 2, and 3 suggest that women and men occupy different social roles.
  - Women are viewed as friends, are trusted, and are appropriate to vent or discuss ideas with, more so than men.
  - Men are viewed as more appropriate partners for research-related activities, which tend to be more highly valued in research-focused institutions.
- Department 4 showed a different pattern of role distribution.
  - Men are viewed as appropriate friends, trusted and sounding boards, roles occupied by women in the other departments; yet, a substantial portion of men faculty reserve such ties exclusively for their male peers.
- Departments vary in climate and inclusiveness, and women’s and men’s experiences vary as a function of roles.
** As a reminder, the 130th General Assembly has concluded its work; in order for any bill not having passed to be taken up again, it will have to be reintroduced in the 131st General Assembly and start the legislative process over from the beginning. **

**HB40**

**INVESTIGATION OF LOST FUNDS-LIBOR (FOLEY M)** To require the Treasurer of State to investigate whether state treasury funds, custodial funds, or funds of state institutions of higher education were lost as a result of fraudulent manipulations to the LIBOR and to declare an emergency.

*Current Status:* 2/13/2013 - Referred to Committee House Policy and Legislative Oversight

*Comments:* Legislation would require the Treasurer of State to investigate whether state treasury funds, custodial funds, or funds at a state institution of higher education were lost as a result of fraudulent manipulations.

**HB59**

**BIENNIAL BUDGET (AMSTUTZ R)** To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015; to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

*Current Status:* 6/30/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 6/30/2013; Some Eff. 9/29/2013; Others Various Dates

*Comments:* Legislation provides funding for higher education and makes various policy changes. Funding formula recommended by the IUC Presidents is fully recommended in the Governor's As-Introduced version and was adopted by both the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio State Senate.

**HB67**

**PERS ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS (SCHURING K, RAMOS D)** To delay determinations by the Public Employees Retirement System of eligibility for retirement system membership and to declare an emergency.

*Current Status:* 3/6/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 3/6/2013

*Comments:* Legislation solved a timing concern in order to comply with a previous law. Benefits managers would like to see several other changes to the law which would add a limit to how far back the employers are required to notify previous independent contractors, increase the amount of time the employer has to send new hires the Independent Contractor Acknowledgement form and further clarify who should receive the notices. These changes will be sought in alternative legislation.

**HB96**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LAW (STRAHORN F)** To eliminate an exemption from the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Law for specified educational employees.
HB107 CAREER EXPLORATION INTERNSHIPS-TAX CREDIT (BAKER N) To authorize a tax credit for businesses that employ high school students in career exploration internships.


Comments: Legislation provides a tax credit to employers of high school students who participate in internships. Copy of legislation has been provided to the Office of Professional Practice for their information. When the bill was being considered in committee in the House, explored the possible opportunity to expand to businesses that employ college students in co-op and/or internship positions. Such expansion was not embraced.

HB111 STATE UNIVERSITIES-STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS (DUFFEY M, STINZIANO M) To grant student members of the boards of trustees of state universities and the Northeast Ohio Medical University voting power and the authority to attend executive sessions.

Current Status: 2/19/2014 - Senate Education, (Fourth Hearing)

Comments: Legislation would require that each institution Board of Trustees determine if student trustees vote in matters before the university board, attend executive session and count towards quorum. A copy of the bill has been provided to various individuals in the UC Administration as well as UC student leaders and current student trustees for their review and information.

HB114 DRIVERS LICENSES-NON U.S. CITIZENS (LYNCH M) To specify the persons who are not citizens of the United States that are eligible to receive an Ohio driver's license or motorcycle operator's license or endorsement.


Comments: Legislation is a companion bill to SB 62 and would only authorize individuals classified as such by US Immigration to obtain a valid Ohio’s drivers and/or motorcycle license. Legislation is being watched in the event that the issue of residency is added to the bill for potential impact of tuition rates for such students.

HB136 THIRD FRONTIER COMMISSION-GRANTS (SCHURING K) To authorize the Third Frontier Commission to award grants related to the establishment and operation of data centers and the development of a high speed fiber optic network in the state, and to authorize a kilowatt-hour excise tax reduction for electric distribution companies supplying such centers at a discounted rate.

Current Status: 5/29/2013 - House Public Utilities, (Fifth Hearing)

Comments: Legislation is a possible means of helping to fund a new data center for UC that is greatly needed. If so, UC would want to ensure that the data center was connected to OARnet and met industry standards for best practices. The Office of UCIT is currently reviewing options to determine best course of action to
determine if a new data center should be built by UC or by a private vendor.

HB159  **DENTAL PROVIDERS FEE SCHEDULE** (HACKETT R, SCHURING K) To prohibit a health insurer from establishing a fee schedule for dental providers for services that are not covered by any contract or participating provider agreement between the health insurer and the dental provider.

**Current Status:** 12/4/2013 - House Insurance, (Eighth Hearing)

**Comments:** A copy of the legislation was provided to UC Human Resources for review and information. This legislation is of interest to Humana, who provides UC health care benefits, including dental, currently. While it is anticipated that the legislation, if adopted, would have little impact on UC, it could have an impact on Humana’s coverage for UC employees and their out-of-pocket expenses.

HB168  **CERTIFIED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS** (HAGAN C) To create a subprogram of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs.

**Current Status:** 10/15/2013 - House Manufacturing and Workforce Development, (Fourth Hearing)

**Comments:** Legislation would create a subprogram of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEO) that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs. The Construction & Building Trades as well as the Associate General Contractors have come out opposed to the bill because of child safety laws.

HB181  **PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION-STUDENT** (BRENNER A) To prohibit submission of a student’s personal identifiable information to the federal government without direct authorization of the local school board.

**Current Status:** 1/8/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate Education

**Comments:** Some student personal identifiable information is transferred with the student to the higher education level. This information is used in part to provide information to the federal government as required by federal law. The legislation passed the House on December 11th by a vote of 87-6. Components of HB 181 were added to the conference report for HB 487 (MBR K-12 education bill).

HB190  **PREVAILING WAGE LAW-PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** (HOOD R) To increase the threshold to trigger the requirement that the prevailing wage be paid for work on vertical public improvement projects and to allow political subdivisions and state institutions of higher education to elect whether to be subject to the Prevailing Wage Law for a public improvement project.

**Current Status:** 10/16/2013 - House Commerce, Labor and Technology, (Third Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation would increase the threshold to a vertical public improvement from $200,000 to $3.5M for construction and from $60,000 to $3.5M for reconstruction. Thresholds would be reviewed biennially by the Director of Commerce for vertical
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS (BRENNER A) To revise current high school diploma requirements including state-administered assessments.

**Current Status:** 5/27/2014 - Senate Education, (Third Hearing)

**Comments:** Substitute bill now better aligns with efforts at the Ohio Department of Education and the Board Graduation Committee. The substitute bill now clarifies that the new graduation requirements apply to students entering ninth grade after July 1, 2014; requires five end-of-course examinations; maintains the option for districts to choose to administer other assessments such as Advanced Placement, SAT II subject, or ACT end-of-course examinations instead of state assessments; establishes multiple ways in which students can demonstrate college- and career-readiness necessary to earn a diploma; establishes two endorsements for diplomas; and requires the State Board of Education to hold not less than three public hearings prior to the adoption of any proposed academic content standards. The legislation has been shared with Enrollment Services for their information. Components of HB 193 were added to HB 487 (MBR K-12 education bill) conference report. Rather than 10 end-of-course exams, there will be 7.

ABDUCTION SURVIVORS (BARNES, JR. J, GROSSMAN C) To award at least twenty-five thousand dollars per year from the court of claims victims of crime fund to any survivor of abduction who was abducted for a period of eight years or more; to award free tuition at any state university or college to any such survivor of abduction; to seek a waiver from the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services for medical assistance to be provided for any such survivor of abduction for the duration of the survivor’s lifetime; and to name the provisions of this bill the Michelle Knight, Amanda Berry, and Gina DeJesus Survivors of Abduction Act.

**Current Status:** 10/16/2013 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & REPORTED OUT, House Health and Aging, (Fifth Hearing)

**Comments:** Legislation calls for a survivor of an abduction, held for a minimum of eight years, who is admitted to a state institution of higher education not be required to pay undergraduate tuition and fees for up to five (5) academic years. The Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents would be required to provide funding to pay living expenses during this same period of time. The bill has been amended in the House Health & Aging Committee to limit the impact of the legislation to certain individuals and allows them to attend Cleveland State University only should they desire to pursue a higher education degree.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS-ENGINEERS-SURVEYORS (BLESSING III L) To make changes to the examination, reporting, and educational requirements of professional engineers and surveyors.

**Current Status:** 3/4/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 6/3/2014

**Comments:** The legislation was provided to Interim Dean Teik Lim for his review and comment. The legislation brings standards in line with current practice. As a result, Interim Dean Teik Lim provided a letter of support to the sponsor. Legislation is a
HB209 **FINISH FUND** (RAMOS D) To create the Finish Fund and the Finish Reserve Fund to provide grants to students who are nearing completion of their bachelor's degrees and display financial need or hardship and to make an appropriation.

**Current Status:** 12/2/2014 - House Finance and Appropriations, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** A copy of the legislation was provided to the Office of Financial Aid for their review and comment. The legislation creates a $10M fund open to undergraduate Ohio residents who have completed at least one-half of their degree program. Student must also be considered a junior or senior by the number of credits they have earned. The program would be administered by the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents.

HB229 **PUBLIC WORKS BIDDERS** (YOUNG R) To expand the number of potential bidders for public works funded by a state agency and not discriminate in favor of or against labor organizations by requiring or prohibiting certain labor requirements as a condition of performing these public works, and to expand the potential number of bidders for public works conducted by a political subdivision of the state and not reward discrimination in favor of or against labor organizations by the appropriation of state funds for public works when a political subdivision discriminates by requiring or prohibiting certain labor requirements as a condition of performing public works.

**Current Status:** 11/25/2014 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation is intended to expand the number of potential bidders for public works funded by a state agency and not discriminate in favor of or against labor organizations by requiring or prohibiting certain labor requirements as a condition of performing these public works. The bill would also expand the potential number of bidders for public works conducted by a political subdivision of the state and not reward discrimination in favor of or against labor organizations by the appropriation of state funds for public works when a political subdivision discriminates by requiring or prohibiting certain labor requirements as a condition of performing public works. A copy of the legislation has been provided to Senior Vice President Bob Ambach, Vice President for Finance Jim Plummer and University Architect Beth McGrew for their review and information.

HB231 **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES-HANDGUNS** (MAAG R) To extend to handguns affirmative defenses to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon or having or transporting a firearm in a motor vehicle, to modify the prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun onto institutions of higher education, places of worship, day-care facilities, aircraft, certain government facilities, public areas of airport terminals and police stations, and school safety zones.

**Current Status:** 1/29/2014 - House Judiciary, (Third Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation would specifically permit conceal carry on higher education campuses. A copy of the bill was provided to Senior Vice President Bob Ambach and Interim Police Chief Jeff Corcoran for their review and information.

HB235 **EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS** (WILLIAMS S) To prohibit employers from including on
an employment application any question concerning whether an applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony.

**Current Status:** 10/2/2013 - House Commerce, Labor and Technology, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation would prohibit employers from including on an employment application any question concerning whether an applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony. A copy of the bill was provided to Vice President for Human Resources Erin Ascher for her review and information.

**HB236 CONCEALED CARRY-GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL (BECKER J)** To generally authorize a person who is a state or local government official and has a valid concealed handgun license to carry a handgun concealed into any publicly owned facility that is not a secure facility.

**Current Status:** 10/29/2013 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** Legislation would permit a state or local government official who has a conceal carry permit to bring their gun onto unsecured public property which would include a public university campus. A copy of the legislation was provided to Senior Vice President Bob Ambach and Interim Police Chief Jeff Corcoran for their review and information.

**HB237 COMMON CORE INITIATIVE (THOMPSON A)** With respect to the Common Core Initiative academic standards and the distribution of student information.

**Current Status:** 11/20/2013 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Education, (Second Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation would halt implementation of the Ohio Common Core or the PARCC assessment. Provided Provost Davenport, Caroline Miller and Tom Canepa a copy of the legislation for their review and information. Substitute bill calls for no personal identifiable information could be made available without written consent from the parent or guardian. Only aggregate data would be provided.

**HB238 STATE CONTRACTS (BUTLER, JR. J)** To provide transparency in contracts between the state and private attorneys.

**Current Status:** 12/10/2014 - Senate State Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation sets limitations on contingency fees to private attorneys hired by the State and also places limits on hiring private counsel outside of Ohio. A copy of the legislation has been provided to General Counsel Kenya Faulkner her review and information. This bill is a companion to SB 344 which appears to be the vehicle to move this legislation which is backed by the US Chamber of Commerce.

**HB241 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES-SEXUAL CONDUCT (HAGAN C)** To prohibit an employee of a public or nonpublic school or institution of higher education from engaging in sexual conduct with a minor who is enrolled in or attends that public or nonpublic school or who is enrolled in or attends that institution of higher education and is also enrolled in or attends a public or nonpublic school.
The legislation would prohibit an employee of a public or nonpublic school or institution of higher education from engaging in sexual conduct with a minor who is enrolled in or attends that public or nonpublic school or who is enrolled in or attends that institution of higher education and is also enrolled in or attends a public or nonpublic school. A copy of the legislation was provided to Vice President for Human Resources Erin Ascher for her review and information.

**HB242**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION-PAY FORWARD-PAY BACK PROGRAM** (HAGAN R, FOLEY M) To require the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents to consider creating a pilot program called "Pay Forward, Pay Back" to replace the current tuition system at state institutions of higher education and to declare an emergency.  
**Current Status:** 12/4/2013 - House Education, (First Hearing)  
**Comments:** The legislation directs the Chancellor to consider a new tuition structure for resident students to allow them to go to school without paying tuition and fees. In doing so the student would have to sign a binding contract that would require them to pay a percentage of their income post graduation for a number of years. The Chancellor would also have to identify a funding source for the first 15-20 years for institutions to meet their obligations while waiting for previous student payments to be received. A copy of the legislation was provided to Senior Vice President Bob Ambach and Vice President for Finance Jim Plummer for their review and comment.

**HB246**  
**TAX DEDUCTION-COLLEGE GRADUATES** (ROGERS J, BLAIR T) To allow recent college graduates to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses and allow employers of recent college graduates to deduct the employer’s costs of employing the graduate from the employer’s gross receipts subject to the commercial activities tax.  
**Current Status:** 10/2/2013 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
**Comments:** Legislation would allow recent college graduates to claim an income tax deduction for "qualified" higher education expenses and allow employers of recent college graduates to deduct the employer’s costs of employing the graduate from the employer's gross receipts subject to the commercial activities tax. A copy of the legislation was provided to Provost Davenport and Associate Vice President for Professional Practice Kettit Cedercreutz for their review and comment.

**HB254**  
**UNDocumented aliens-discounted tuition** (LYNCH M, RETHERFORD W) To prohibit state institutions of higher education from providing in-state residency status to undocumented aliens.  
**Current Status:** 12/4/2013 - House Education, (First Hearing)  
**Comments:** Legislation would prohibit providing in-state tuition to undocumented students who were brought to the US as children and meet other federal criteria as established in DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program. A copy of the bill was provided to Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services Caroline Miller and University Registrar Doug Burgess for their
HB285  PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PENSION (BECKER J, LYNCH M) To provide that an individual retiring on or after the effective date of this act from one of the state's public retirement systems who is re-employed as a public employee will not receive the pension portion of the retirement allowance for the period of employment.

**Current Status:** 12/17/2014 - House Health and Aging, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** Legislation is another attempt to prohibit public employees who have previously retired from public employment to collect retirement payouts while also receiving a salary. A copy of the legislation has been provided to UC Human Resources for their review and information.

HB292  AEROSPACE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDY COMMITTEE (PERALES R) To create the Aerospace and Technology Study Committee.

**Current Status:** 6/17/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/17/2014

**Comments:** Dean Teik Lim provided Representative Perales and the House Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committee with a letter of support for the legislation which creates a Study Committee focused on workforce development in the aerospace and technology arenas. The Study Committee calls for representation from higher education by regions. Representative Perales has developed an Interested Party group of which CEAS is participating. Dr. Paul Orkwis was appointed to the Committee.

HB302  ALTERNATIVE ENERGY-PEAK DEMAND REDUCTION LAW (STAUTBERG P) To modify the alternative energy resource, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction law.

**Current Status:** 12/11/2013 - House Public Utilities, (Sixth Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation is a companion to SB 58 and seeks to modify the alternative energy resource, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction law. A copy of the legislation has been provided to Joe Harrell/Utilities for his review and information.

HB321  DATAOHIO BOARD (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To create the DataOhio Board, and to specify requirements for posting public records online.

**Current Status:** 5/27/2014 - REPORTED OUT, House State and Local Government, (Sixth Hearing)

**Comments:** Legislation would require the posting of public records online on either the University website or on a website maintained by the State of Ohio in an open format so that the information provided could be searched, viewed and downloaded by the general public. Qualified exemptions are possible. Legislation was provided to the Office of UCit, Office of the General Counsel, and to web services for their review and information.

HB323  ONLINE PUBLIC DATA CATALOG (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov.

**Current Status:** 5/27/2014 - REPORTED OUT, House State and Local Government, (Sixth Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation establishes an online catalog of public records
and public records data sets at data.Ohio.gov which is to be established and operated by the Department of Administrative Services. A copy of the legislation has been provided to the Office of UCIT, web services and the Office of the General Counsel for their review and information.

HB328 CONTROLLING BOARD-EXPENDITURE APPROVAL (YOUNG R, HAGAN C) To modify the authority of the Controlling Board to approve certain expenditures.


Comments: Legislation seeks to modify the ability of Controlling Board to approve expenditures when federal funding is being utilized. A copy of the legislation has been provided to UC Capital Planning who oversees UC Controlling Board requests.

HB343 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS-NON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (STEBELTON G) Regarding educational programs for certain students and individuals who have not received a high school diploma.

Current Status: 12/4/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate Education

Comments: The legislation seeks to provide clear education pathways for adults to complete their GED. This bill became an education vehicle bill during lame duck session addressing a number of related items. Due to timing, the bill did not make it through the Senate process. Language was amended into the bill in the House Education Committee to clarify several College Credit Plus Program requirements. Specifically, requires final course grades, rather than substitute exams, to be used in lieu of end-of-course exams; depending on the former dual enrollment programs in which students are enrolled, which students are required to take substitute exams and which must use final course grades in lieu of specified end-of-course exams; and requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor of the Board of Regents to jointly adopt guidelines for calculating the minimum final course grades from CCP and ECHS courses, as well as specified former dual enrollment courses, that demonstrate the level of academic achievement necessary to earn a high school diploma.

HB348 HIGHER EDUCATION-STUDENT HEALTH CARE PLAN REQUIREMENT (HENNE M, HAGAN C) To prohibit state institutions of higher education from requiring students to be covered by a health insurance policy or a health care benefits plan as a condition of enrollment or from automatically enrolling students in such policies or plans.

Current Status: 2/12/2014 - House Education, (Second Hearing)

Comments: The legislation would prohibit state institutions of higher education from requiring any student that enrolls in the institution to be covered by a health insurance policy or a health care benefit plan. Additionally, a state institution of higher education would be prohibited from automatically enrolling any student in a state health insurance policy or health care benefits plan offered by the institution. The legislation has been shared with the office of UC Student Health Insurance and others for their review and comment.
HB382  **MOTOR VEHICLE NONCONSENSUAL TOWING PENALTIES-PROCEDURES** (DUFFEY M, BISHOFF H) To revise the procedures and penalties governing the nonconsensual towing of motor vehicles and to require the Public Utilities Commission to adopt certain rules regarding a for-hire motor carrier engaged in the towing of motor vehicles.

**Current Status:** 5/21/2014 - Senate State Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** Makes various changes to the towing laws specifically aimed at what is being called "predatory towing" at college campus areas. A copy of the legislation has been provided to UC Student Government and Graduate Student Association for their review and comment. Speaker Batchelder's office has reached out to UC Student Government President Joe Blizzard seeking support for the legislation.

HB387  **CONCEALED CARRY FIREARMS** (HOOD R, LYNCH M) To allow a person who has a concealed handgun license to carry concealed all firearms other than dangerous ordnance or firearms that state or federal law prohibits the person from possessing; to provide that a person 21 years of age or older and not legally prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm by federal law does not need a concealed handgun license in order to carry or have concealed on the person's person or ready at hand a firearm and is subject to the same laws regarding carrying a concealed firearm as a person who has a concealed handgun license.

**Current Status:** 12/16/2014 - House Policy and Legislative Oversight, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** Bill would allow a person who has a concealed handgun license to carry concealed all firearms other than dangerous ordnance or firearms that state or federal law prohibits the person from possessing, and provides that a person 21 years of age or older, and not legally prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm by federal law, does not need a concealed handgun license in order to carry or have concealed on the person's person or ready at hand a firearm. The individual would be subject to the same laws regarding carrying a concealed firearm as a person who has a concealed handgun license.

HB392  **ALCOHOL POSSESSION-CONSUMPTION OFFENSES** (STINZIANO M, ROSENBERGER C) To provide persons under 21 years of age with a qualified immunity from prosecution for offenses involving underage alcohol possession or consumption if law enforcement personnel become aware of the offense solely because the person sought or obtained medical assistance, solely because another individual sought or obtained medical assistance for the person, or because the person requested law enforcement assistance to investigation of a criminal offense.

**Current Status:** 2/12/2014 - House Judiciary, (Third Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation has been shared with Senior Vice President Bob Ambach and Interim Police Chief Jeff Corcoran, among others, for their review and comment. No concerns with the legislation have been identified at this time.

HB393  **CAREER DECISION GUIDE PUBLICATION** (BAKER N, LANDIS A) To require public high schools to publish annually a career decision guide in its newsletter or on its web site.
Current Status: 6/17/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/17/2014
Comments: Legislation requires all high schools to publish annually a newsletter providing career decision information including related college major information for identified careers, strategies for minimizing college debt, cost comparison between various education options, and information on student debt, including student loans and return on investment. A copy of the legislation was provided to Enrollment Services for their review and information.

HB403 CONCEALED CARRY HANDGUN LICENSE (BECKER J) To generally authorize a person who has a valid concealed handgun license to carry a handgun concealed into any publicly owned facility that is not a secure facility, to limit this general access with respect to a nonsecure school building so that it applies only if the person is a government official.
Current Status: 12/10/2014 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
Comments: A copy of the legislation was provided to Senior Vice President Bob Ambach and Interim Police Chief Jeff Corcoran for their review and information.

HB405 INCOME TAX CREDIT-CERTAIN DEGREES (BUDISH A, HOTTINGER J) To grant an income tax credit to individuals who earn degrees in science, technology, engineering, or math-based fields of study.
Current Status: 3/19/2014 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
Comments: Legislation would provide an income tax credit to STEM majors upon graduation. The tax credit would equal $5,000 for an associate degree, $20,000 for a bachelor's degree, and $30,000 for a masters or doctoral degree. The credit would be granted over a 10 year time period. A copy of the legislation was provided to the UC Student Government and the UC Graduate Student Association for their review and information.

HB413 PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS (STAUTBERG P, BRENNER A) To prohibit the administration of the assessments developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers for the 2014-2015 school year, to prohibit the renewal of the state's memorandum of understanding with the Partnership, and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 2/26/2014 - House Education, (First Hearing)
Comments: The legislation would prohibit the implementation of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) for the 2014-2015 school year. PARCC was chosen by the Ohio Department of Education to replace the Ohio Graduation Test. A copy of the legislation was provided to Enrollment Services for their review and information.

HB416 CALAMITY DAYS INCREASE (BURKLEY T, HILL B) To permit payment in fiscal year 2015 to school districts and STEM schools that exceed, by up to four days, the number of permitted "calamity" days in fiscal year 2014 and to declare an emergency.
Comments: Legislation would require additional calamity, or snow days, to be provided to local school districts. An attempt was made in the conference committee report allow for a missed calamity day
to be excused if the school district hosts a blood drive before the end of the school year which would benefit blood donations to Hoxworth Blood Center but was not accepted.

HB420 CONCEALED CARRY (BECKER J) To expand the provision that authorizes any person to store a firearm in the Statehouse Underground Parking Garage or the Riffe Center Parking Garage so that it applies with respect to any Capital Square Review and Advisory Board or Ohio Building Authority parking facility, to authorize a concealed handgun licensee to store a handgun in a locked motor vehicle in any state or local government entity's parking facility, to authorize a concealed handgun licensee who is an employee of a private employer to store a handgun in a locked motor vehicle in the employer's parking facility.

Current Status: 12/16/2014 - House Policy and Legislative Oversight, (First Hearing)

Comments: Legislation would allow a conceal carry license holder to store their weapons in a locked vehicle in garages of institutions of higher education. A current Ohio Attorney General guideline already provides such authority. A copy of the legislation was provided to Senior Vice President Bob Ambach and Interim Police Chief Jeff Corcoran for their review and information.

HB423 FOSTER CARE AGE EXTENSION (MILKOVICE Z, WACHTMANN L) To extend the age for which a person is eligible for federal payments for foster care under Title IV-E to age twenty-one.


Comments: Legislation would extend the age for those in foster care to age 21 to continue to receive federal payments. The legislation could benefit those students enrolled in the UC HEMI program. A copy of the legislation was provided to Vice President Greg Vehr for review and comment.

HB424 SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY LAWS-STUDENTS-SCHOOL DISTRICTS (BISHOFF H, HACKETT R) To prohibit employers and educational institutions from requiring an employee, applicant, student, or prospective student to provide access to any personal Internet account of the employee, applicant, student, or prospective student.

Current Status: 5/7/2014 - House Commerce, Labor and Technology, (Second Hearing)

Comments: The bi-partisan sponsored legislation would prohibit institutions of higher education, among other entities, from requiring students, prospective students, employees or prospective employees to provide access to any of their on-line accounts. Employee disciplinary actions are addressed in the legislation. A copy of the legislation was provided to UC HR, Enrollment Services, Provost’s Office, Student Affairs, Legal, Athletics and UCit for their review and information.

HB449 HIGHER EDUCATION-RESIDENCY STATUS (GONZALES A) With respect to residency status for certain veterans, spouses, and dependents at state institutions of higher education.

Current Status: 12/8/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Comments: Legislation would not permit residency status to be considered when determining admission of a veteran, veteran spouse, or
veteran dependent admission into a college or university program. UC does not consider residency for any student when determining admissions.

HB463  **DENTAL PROFESSIONALS LAWS** (JOHNSON T) To make changes to the laws governing dental professionals.

*Current Status:* 12/19/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

*Comments:* The legislation would expand the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program to include those students in dental education programs. The bill also creates a dental hygienist loan repayment program that is to be administered by the Ohio Department of Health. A copy of the legislation was provided to the Provost's Office for their review and information. The bill was also provided to Blue Ash Dean Cady Short-Thompson where we have a dental hygienist program.

HB467  **BIENNIAL BUDGET PREPARATION** (BUTLER, JR. J, ROMANCHUK M) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook.

*Current Status:* 3/18/2014 - House Finance and Appropriations, (First Hearing)

*Comments:* The legislation would require a biennial budget to be prepared separate and independent of that submitted by the Governor.

HB472  **MBR-MID-BIENNIAL BUDGET REVIEW** (MCCLAIN J) To make operating and other appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.


*Comments:* The legislation contains a number of higher education related items including College Credit Plus, additional benefits for veteran students, workforce related initiatives, and faculty workload among other issues. The bill was divided up into 14 smaller bills to allow for better management within the General Assembly. Higher education components of this bill were introduced in HB 484 (general higher education issues), HB 486 (workforce issues), HB 487 (College Credit Plus) and HB 488 (veterans issues).

HB477  **STATE-OWNED PROPERTY CONVEYANCE** (BROWN T) To authorize the conveyance of state-owned real property and to declare an emergency.

*Current Status:* 4/16/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 4/16/2014

*Comments:* Legislation provided for a number of land conveyances including the sale of Goodman Garage to UC Health. The emergency clause in the legislation only applies to the land conveyance involving Ohio University which has a capital gains tax implication tied to it. The bill passed out of the House 91-1 and the Senate 31-0. Dan Beerck in UC Legal and UC Health have been notified of the Governor's signature on the bill.
HB483  MBR-OPERATION OF STATE PROGRAMS (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating and other appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

Current Status: 6/16/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 6/16/2014 Other Sections Eff. on Other Dates

Comments: Legislation addressed various general government items including some higher education issues. Specifically, the bill includes language permitting universities greater ability to manage supplemental annuity programs made available to higher education employees, clarifies that student athletes at state institutions of higher education are not public employees, transfers a capital pass-thru from the Forest Park Homeland Security Facility to the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, and makes changes to the mitigating rate in STRS for institutions of higher education while also requiring a study on the issue. The Governor did veto three items in the bill; none dealt with issues related to higher education contained in the bill.

HB484  MBR-HIGHER EDUCATION (ROSENBERGER C, BROWN T) With respect to the coordination and administration of higher education programs.


Comments: Legislation contained a number of provisions originally included in HB 472 related to higher education including evaluation of workforce development programs among others.

HB486  MBR-WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (BAKER N) To establish the adult career opportunity pilot program; to revise the coordination of workforce development and economic development programs; to synchronize the due dates of several reports due from the Development Services Agency, the Ohio Venture Capital Authority, and the Third Frontier Commission; to revise the law regarding innovation financial assistance and research and development financial assistance; and to permit the Director of Commerce, the State Fire Marshal, and the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board to establish compliance incentive programs.

Current Status: 6/16/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/16/2014

Comments: Legislation contained a number of provisions originally included in HB 472 related to workforce development including evaluation of workforce development programs among others.

HB487  MBR-K-12 EDUCATION PROGRAMS (BRENNER A) With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve.

Current Status: 6/16/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/17/2014

Comments: The legislation contained language originally included in HB 472 and addresses the College Credit Plus program. The House amended the College Credit Plus agreed-to proposal that was originally part of the bill to allow school districts to attempt to negotiate with institutions of higher education below the $40
floor that helps cover higher education's costs in ensuring quality of programs. The House also added language regarding documentation that must be accepted by institutions of higher education from home-schooled students when being considered for admission. Elements of HB 181 (prohibit sharing of student personal data with the federal government) and HB 193 (high school graduation requirements) were added to the bill in the conference committee report.

**HB488 MBR-HIGHER EDUCATION-MILITARY VETERANS** (DOVILLA M, LANDIS A) To require state institutions of higher education to award credit for military training, and to make other changes regarding state support and benefits for veterans and their spouses.

*Current Status:* 6/16/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/16/2014

*Comments:* The bill contained provisions originally included in HB 472 and addresses veterans services issues including college credit, creating a veterans liaison and providing course priority registration among others. The legislation has been shared with Caroline Miller, Doug Burgess and Jack Johnson for their review and comment. UC currently would be in compliance with the legislation with the exception of providing priority course registration for our veterans and active service members. The House amended the bill to clarify that the veterans liaison must be a different individual from the staff member verifying the paperwork to the VA and other federal agencies.

**HB497 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS** (AMSTUTZ R) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2016.

*Current Status:* 4/1/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 7/1/2014

*Comments:* Legislation provided for capital appropriations and reappropriations for FY 15-16. Included in the legislation is the funding recommendations provided by the Higher Education Funding Commission 2.0 which provides $28.8M for the MSB project among others on UC’s three campuses.

**HB502 MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE** (FOLEY M, HAGAN R) To increase the state minimum wage to $10.10 an hour beginning Jan. 1, 2015.

*Current Status:* 5/14/2014 - House Commerce, Labor and Technology, (First Hearing)

*Comments:* The legislation would increase Ohio’s minimum wage to $10.10 beginning January 1, 2015.

**HB503 BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT-HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS** (BUDISH A) To require the Chancellor of the Board of Regents to establish a competition for the development of successful business plans for students enrolled at state institutions of higher education and to make an appropriation.

*Current Status:* 4/1/2014 - Referred to Committee House Finance and Appropriations

*Comments:* The legislation would require the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents to establish a competition for the development of successful business plans for students enrolled at state
institutions of higher education. If a business is created in Ohio using the student’s business plan, an award is to be given of $50,000. $250,000 is earmarked within the Co-Op/Internship Program for these awards.

HB512  HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES-AGENTS GUIDELINES (HACKETT R) To require the Department of Commerce to establish guidelines for solicitation, access, and other requirements for agents and brokers providing annuity contracts and custodial accounts for employees of state institutions of higher education.

  Current Status: 4/9/2014 - Referred to Committee House Insurance
  Comments: Legislation would require the Ohio Department of Commerce to establish guidelines for solicitation, access, and other requirements for agents and brokers providing annuity contracts and custodial accounts for employees of state institutions of higher education. UC Human Resources was alerted to the legislation which provides an alternative to the 403(b) reform sought and included in HB 483.

HB553  FOOD BANK DONATION (LETSON T) To require state institutions of higher education to donate any interest earned on the presale of athletic event tickets to food banks.

  Current Status: 5/27/2014 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
  Comments: Legislation would require that if an institution of higher education provides pre-sale tickets to athletic events, the interest earned from the pre-sale must be donated to an Ohio food bank. UC Athletics was notified of the legislation.

HB560  CAPITOL BUDGET CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS (PILLICH C) To require a building or structure constructed using state capital budget moneys to adhere to certain energy efficiency and building standards and to encourage the use of Ohio-produced products.

  Current Status: 11/6/2014 - Referred to Committee House Finance and Appropriations
  Comments: Legislation would require a building or structure constructed using funding from the capital budget to meet either LEED or Green Global energy efficiency and building standards. Capital Planning was provided a copy of the legislation for their review and information.

HB563  VETERANS-STATE CONTRACTS (PILLICH C) To provide a five per cent bid preference for state contracts to a business owned by veterans and to authorize a personal income and commercial activity tax credit for a business that hires and employs a veteran for at least one year.

  Current Status: 11/6/2014 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
  Comments: Legislation would provide a 5% bid preference for state contracts if the business is owned by a veteran(s). A copy of the legislation was provided to UC Purchasing for their review and
HB564  STATE PROPERTY PRIVATIZATION (PILLICH C) To limit agreements to privatize state property, facilities, services, or functions.

Current Status: 11/6/2014 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

Comments: The legislation would limit the ability to sell state property to the private sector. Agreement could proceed if the private entity has its principle place of business in Ohio and if the agreement will not result in the loss or transfer of jobs to a location outside of Ohio. A copy of the legislation was provided to UC Capital Planning and Real Estate division.

HB573  PATENT INFRINGEMENT (ROEGNER K) To prohibit a person from making a bad faith assertion of patent infringement, to permit a person aggrieved by a bad faith assertion of patent infringement to bring a tort action, and to authorize the Attorney General to investigate and to institute a civil action if the Attorney General believes a person has made a bad faith assertion of patent infringement.

Current Status: 11/12/2014 - House Judiciary, (Second Hearing)

Comments: Legislation would allow Ohio companies, including state institutions of higher education, to sue in state court if another company makes a "bad faith" patent infringement claim. A copy of the legislation was provided to UC Licensing who oversees patents and trademarks for their review and comment. The sponsor has indicated that she will make this bill a priority in the 131st General Assembly in 2015.

HB575  OHIO ECONOMIC COUNCIL ON WOMEN (BAKER N, ANIELSKI M) To create the Ohio Economic Council on Women.

Current Status: 12/10/2014 - Senate State Government Oversight and Reform, (Third Hearing)

Comments: Legislation creates the Ohio Economic Council on Women and is to be housed in the Ohio Development Services Agency. Two members of the Council are to be selected from faculty and/or staff at an institution of higher education who have a teaching and research background in the field of economic concerns of women. These two members are to be nominated by the Ohio Board of Regents and appointed by the Governor. The Council is to examine the economic needs and concerns of women in Ohio, among other duties, including issue a report to the Governor every two years. A copy of the legislation has been provided to the UC Economics Center for their review and comment.

HB597  COMMON CORE REPEAL-REPLACE (THOMPSON A, HUFFMAN M) To repeal and replace the Common Core Initiative academic standards and related assessment system.


Comments: A substitute bill has been accepted which would repeal common core in Ohio. Massachusetts standards would be adopted until Ohio standards could be developed. Implementation of Ohio standards would take place in 2018. While the Senate has not yet indicated their preference for the legislation, the Senate
Education Committee Chairman, Peggy Lehner, has expressed opposition to the plan. Speaker Batchelder has also acknowledged various opinions about Common Core within his caucus. Legislation was taken up on the House floor to repeal common core but fell short of the majority needed to move forward. Proponents of the legislation are expected to reintroduce legislation next session.

HB605  **ILLEGAL ALIEN HOUSING AGREEMENTS** (ADAMS J) To prohibit state agencies from entering into an agreement with the federal government to provide temporary housing for aliens who are not legally present in the United States and to make political subdivisions or persons ineligible to receive state funds if they enter into an agreement with the federal government to provide such housing for those aliens.

**Current Status:** 12/10/2014 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation prohibits state agencies, including institutions of higher education, from entering into an agreement (undefined) with the federal government to provide temporary housing for aliens who are not legally present in the United States and to make such agencies ineligible to receive state funds if they enter into an agreement with the federal government to provide such housing for those aliens.

HB609  **SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS** (ANIELSKI M) With regard to suicide prevention programs at state institutions of higher education.

**Current Status:** 11/6/2014 - Referred to Committee House Education

**Comments:** Legislation calls for suicide prevention programs to be made available to students in higher education both on and off-campus with minimum requirements of such programs identified in the legislation. A copy of the legislation was provided to Vice President Debra Merchant for her review and comment as such current programming is under the Office of Student Affairs. When appropriate, it is anticipated that UC will provide support to the legislation.

HB615  **RENTAL PROPERTY EXIT** (PERALES R) To require a separate, exterior means of egress for dwelling areas above the second story of certain residential rental properties.

**Current Status:** 11/19/2014 - House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation, while not impacting university owned housing, is directed at off-campus housing used by students. The bill would require a separate exterior means of egress for living areas above the second story. A copy of the legislation has been share with UC Housing for their review and input. SB 359 is the companion bill. Additional interested party meetings are anticipated and the bill is expected to be reintroduced next session.

HB616 **HIGHER ED TEXTBOOKS** (DEVITIS A) With regard to the selection, availability, and purchase of textbooks that are required for a course offered by any state institution of higher education.

**Current Status:** 11/6/2014 - Referred to Committee House Education
The bill applies only to state institutions of higher education while it defines "proprietary textbooks" and "customized textbooks" as well as what it means for a course to be "exclusively offered" by such an institution. The bill would prohibit a state institution or faculty member from requiring a student to purchase a proprietary or customized textbook unless it is for a course that is exclusively offered by the institution. If any student is required to purchase such a textbook, it must be available for purchase from at least two different sources, one of which cannot be owned or affiliated with the institution. In UC's case, it would need to be available at both the UC Bookstore and DuBois, for instance. A copy of the legislation has been provided to the Provost's Office who shared it with the UC Textbook Affordability Task Force and provided feedback. The bill was also shared with the Faculty Senate for their review and input.

**HB620 STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM-SURVIVING SPOUSE** (HUFFMAN M) To provide for payment to an ex-spouse of part of any survivor benefits or return of contributions payable to the surviving spouse of a state retirement system member who dies prior to retirement and to modify eligibility requirements for benefits provided to survivors of deceased members of the State Teachers Retirement System and the Public Employees Retirement System.

*Current Status:* 12/3/2014 - House Health and Aging, (First Hearing)

*Comments:* The legislation would alter surviving spouse benefits for ex-spouses in STRS and PERS. A copy of the legislation along with comments from STRS was provided to human resources for their review and comment.

**HB626 RESPECT YOUR DATE ACT** (BARNES, JR. J) To enact the "Respect Your Date Act" to require each state institution of higher education to adopt a policy regarding dating violence and rape on campus.

*Current Status:* 11/6/2014 - Referred to Committee House Education

*Comments:* The legislation would require each state institution of higher education to adopt a policy regarding dating violence and rape on campus. Research is currently being conducted to better understand any policies currently in place at UC.

**HB633 HIGHER EDUCATION ATHLETE DRUG TESTING** (BECK P, MILKOVICH Z) To require each state or private institution of higher education that sponsors intercollegiate athletic sports to adopt a policy in regard to drug testing student-athletes for banned substances.

*Current Status:* 11/6/2014 - Referred to Committee House Education

*Comments:* The legislation would require each institution of higher education
in Ohio to have a policy in regard to drug testing student-athletes for banned substances. Contact has been made with UC Athletics requesting a copy of our policy.

HB638  **BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND DEPOSIT** (BECK P) To require an annual deposit to the Budget Stabilization Fund equal to 5% of General Revenue Fund revenues for the preceding fiscal year.

  **Current Status:** 11/6/2014 - Referred to Committee House Finance and Appropriations

  **Comments:** Legislation would require deposits into the Budget Stabilization Fund or "Rainy Day" fund at a prescribed level. Doing so would add pressure on the GRF budget funds available for government operations including higher education.

HB639  **INCOME TAX PHASE OUT** (BECK P, ADAMS J) To phase out the income tax and income tax expenditures over ten years.

  **Current Status:** 11/6/2014 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

  **Comments:** Legislation would phase out the state's personal income tax. Doing so would put pressure on funding the state's budgetary obligations without identify a secondary funding source.

HB664  **STUDENT LOAN-INCOME TAX CREDIT** (SCHURING K) To establish the Workforce Grant Program, to authorize an income tax credit equal to 25% of the student loan payments a grant recipient makes per year, and to make an appropriation.

  **Current Status:** 12/10/2014 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)

  **Comments:** Legislation creates a Workforce Grant Program with a $100M appropriation and provides for income tax credit for a grant recipient. The program would be available to students at public 2- and 4-year institutions. Representative Schuring intends to offer the bill next session.

HB669  **UNIVERSITY-BUSINESS TAX-FREE AREAS** (STINZIANO M) To establish the Startup Ohio initiative in which universities and partnering business may collaborate in tax-free areas near campuses in this state to create jobs, attract entrepreneurs, and spur academic enrichment and to direct the Director of Budget and Management to transfer $100 million to the Ohio Venture Capital Program Fund.

  **Current Status:** 12/4/2014 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

  **Comments:** Legislation is intended to help spur economic growth and opportunity near university campuses. Representative Stinziano is expected to introduce the bill again next session. A copy of the bill was provided to Gerry Siegert and the Uptown Consortium for their review and input.

HCR43  **OHIO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY-ABUNDANCE PLAN** (BOOSE T, THOMPSON A) To establish a sustainable energy-abundance plan for Ohio to meet future Ohio energy needs with affordable, abundant, and environmentally friendly energy.

  **Current Status:** 2/26/2014 - House Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)

  **Comments:** Resolution calls for the creation of a statewide energy sustainability plan to be created. A copy of the resolution was provided to UC Utilities and UC Architect's Office for their review
SB1  **OHIO MEANS JOBS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND** (BEAGLE B, BALDERSON T) To create the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund, to create the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program, to allocate a portion of casino license fees to finance the loan program, and to make an appropriation.

**Current Status:** 7/11/2013 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 10/11/2013 Section 3 Eff. 7/11/2013

**Comments:** Legislation takes $25M from the casino licensure fees currently held by Ohio Board of Regents and transfer it to the Development Services Agency to create the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund. Funding within the Ohio Board of Regents was previously used to pay for the Co-Op/Internship Program, among other programs. The loan fund would be managed by the Ohio Board of Regents with little to no financial risk being assumed by institutions.

SB3  **RULE-MAKING REFORM** (LAROSE F) To reform rule-making and rule-review procedures and regulatory processes.

**Current Status:** 6/17/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 9/17/2014

**Comments:** Legislation reformed the rule-making and rule-review procedures and regulatory processes. An amendment was adopted in the House requiring state institutions of higher education to post the institutional rules on the institution's website. A copy of the amendment was shared with Senior Vice President Bob Ambach and General Counsel Kenya Faulkner. No concerns were identified with this requirement.

SB13  **VETERANS-ACADEMIC CREDIT** (GENTILE L) To enhance support and services for veterans at state institutions of higher education and to require each institution to develop a policy for awarding academic credit to veterans for training received while in the military.

**Current Status:** 1/15/2014 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate Public Safety, Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (Third Hearing)

**Comments:** Legislation would require institutions of higher education to provide support and services for veterans as well as award academic credit to veterans for training received while in the military. A copy of the bill was shared with Debra Merchant and Caroline Miller for their review and information. A law is currently in place that requires the Ohio Board of Regents to work with institutions to determine academic credit for military training. Governor Kasich has issued an Executive Order calling for academic credit at institutions of higher education to be provided for military training completed successfully. An academic adviser in CCM testified in support of the legislation. Several provisions of this bill were included into HB 488 (MBR veterans bill).

SB21  **THIRD-GRADE READING GUARANTEE** (LEHNER P) To revise the requirements for reading teachers under the Third-Grade Reading Guarantee.

**Current Status:** 6/4/2013 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 6/4/2013
Legislation removed the requirement that reading teachers under the third-grade reading guarantee must have been actively engaged in reading instruction of students for the previous three years but retains all other current requirements. Legislation was provided to Sam Stringfield, UC Department of Education, for his information.

**SB34 ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES (JORDAN K)** To repeal the requirement that electric distribution utilities and electric services companies provide 25% of their retail power supplies from advanced and renewable energy resources by 2025.

**Current Status:** 2/12/2014 - Senate Public Utilities, (Fourth Hearing)

**Comments:** Legislation would repeal the requirement that electric distribution utilities and electric services companies provide 25% of their retail power supplies from advanced and renewable energy resources by 2025. The bill has been provided to Joe Harrell, Utilities, for his review and comment. It is anticipated that this could impact potential revenue loss to the UC cogen utility plant in the form of renewable energy credits produced and no longer being as desirable in the Ohio market.

**SB45 PRIVATE ELECTRONIC ACCOUNTS ACCESS (TAVARES C)** To prohibit employers, employment agencies, personnel placement services, and labor organizations from requiring an applicant or employee to provide access to private electronic accounts of the applicant or employee.

**Current Status:** 3/6/2013 - Senate Commerce and Labor, (Second Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation would prohibit employers, employment agencies, personnel placement services, and labor organizations from requiring an applicant or employee to provide access to private electronic accounts of the applicant or employee. Both Senator Tavares and the ACLU are advocating that the bill be expanded to include institutions of higher education.

**SB58 RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE (SEITZ B)** To review and possibly modify the energy efficiency, peak demand reduction, and alternative energy resource provisions established by Ohio law governing competitive retail electric service.

**Current Status:** 2/19/2014 - Senate Public Utilities, (Seventh Hearing)

**Comments:** Legislation calls for a review and possible modification to the energy efficiency, peak demand reduction, and alternative energy resource provisions established in current law which governs competitive retail electric service. The bill has been shared with Joe Harrell, UC Utilities, for his review and comment to determine potential impact on UC. Joe has spoken personally with Senator Seitz regarding the legislation.

**SB62 DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS PROGRAM (KEARNEY E, TAVARES C)** To allow a person who has been approved for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to obtain a temporary instruction permit, driver's license, or motorcycle operator's license or endorsement.

**Current Status:** 3/6/2013 - Referred to Committee Senate State Government Oversight and Reform

**Comments:** Legislation is a companion bill to HB 114 and would only
authorize individuals classified as such by US Immigration to obtain a valid Ohio driver's and/or motorcycle license. Legislation is being watched in the event that the issue of residency is added to the bill for potential impact of tuition rates for such students.

**SB65**  
**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LAW** (TURNER N) To eliminate an exemption from the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Law for specific educational employees.  
Current Status: 6/12/2013 - Senate Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)  
Comments: Legislation would permit part-time adjunct faculty and graduate assistants to collectively bargain. The legislation is a companion to HB 96.

**SB69**  
**COURSE AND PROGRAM SHARING NETWORK** (BEAGLE B) To establish the Course and Program Sharing Network.  
Current Status: 12/2/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; effective in 90 days  
Comments: Legislation would create the Course and Program Sharing Network within the Board of Regents, thereby transferring it from Lorain County Community College (LCCC), and expands program voluntary participation to other non-profit and economic development organizations. An appropriation that was in the bill for $300,000 initially was removed in the Senate Finance Committee. Possible funding needs may be addressed at a later time. Currently LCCC receives 25% of any SSI payment made for the student participating in such a program. The host institution receives 50% and the institution borrowing the program receives 25%. The legislation calls for the host institution and the institution utilizing the program to split the SSI payment instead. In part because of the current funding model for the program, it has been greatly underused since it was created in 2010. The Office of Workforce Transformation in Governor Kasich's office and the Board of Regents are supportive of the concept of this legislation.

**SB72**  
**TRIO PROGRAMS** (TAVARES C) To make an appropriation for the provision of state matching funds for federal TRIO programs at Ohio institutions of higher education for FY 2014 and FY 2015.  
Current Status: 10/8/2013 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)  
Comments: Legislation would provide $2.5M in FY14 and FY15 to provide federal matching funds for institutions of higher education for the TRIO program.

**SB93**  
**OPEN MEETINGS ACT** (JONES S) To require that further information be stated in motions to hold executive sessions under the Open Meetings Act, to expand the fees and expenses that may be recovered for violations of the Act, and to make other changes to the Act.  
Current Status: 1/22/2014 - Senate State Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)  
Comments: Legislation would require that additional information is stated in motions to hold executive session. Legislation was introduced in part to address concerns raised by the Cincinnati Enquirer when
attempting to obtain information from the Cincinnati Public School Board. Bill was provided to Interim General Counsel Greg Mohar for his review and information.

**SB96**  
**HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM** (LAROSE F) To require one unit of world history in the high school social studies curriculum.  
*Current Status:* 12/10/2014 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 81-8  
*Comments:* Technical amendments that were added to HB 343 regarding the College Credit Plus Program were added to this bill as a result of HB 343 not moving forward in the Senate.

**SB108**  
**INCOME TAX** (JONES S) To repeal the income tax deduction for wagering losses, to increase the income tax credit for the legal adoption of a child to $10,000 for each child, and to increase the maximum income tax deduction for college savings contributions to $10,000 annually for each beneficiary.  
*Current Status:* 4/30/2013 - Senate Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)  
*Comments:* Legislation would increase the tax deduction eligible donations to an Ohio college savings plan from the current $2,000 limit to $10,000 which better aligns with what other states are offering. A letter of support from President Ono was provided to the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

**SB136**  
**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SET-ASIDE REQUIREMENTS** (TAVARES C) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities and the Northeast Ohio Medical University to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises.  
*Current Status:* 6/26/2013 - Senate Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)  
*Comments:* The legislation would require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and would require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities and the Northeast Ohio Medical University to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises. The legislation has been shared with UC Purchasing for their review and information.

**SB153**  
**STATE AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS** (JORDAN K) To require aggregate General Revenue Fund appropriations for state agencies to be reduced by specified amounts for the biennium.  
*Current Status:* 6/26/2013 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance  
*Comments:* Legislation calls for cuts in funding to various state agencies, including the Board of Regents. The cuts would be absorbed in a manner determined by the Chancellor. The legislation calls for a cut of $77,287,697 in FY14 and $101,791,307 in FY15. The bill has been provided to Senior Vice President Bob Ambach and Vice President for Finance Jim Plummer for their review and information.
SB154 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS-SURVEYORS (BURKE D) To make changes to the examination, reporting, and educational requirements of professional engineers and surveyors.

Current Status: 1/14/2014 - Referred to Committee House Commerce, Labor and Technology

Comments: The legislation brings standards up to current practice and is a companion bill to HB 202.

SB164 INCOME TAX REFUND "CHECK-OFF" CONTRIBUTION (TAVARES C) To authorize an income tax refund "check-off" contribution to support scholarships to attend Central State University.

Current Status: 1/28/2014 - Senate Ways and Means, (First Hearing)

Comments: The legislation creates an income tax "check-off" to be developed to create a scholarship fund for students who attend Central State University. A copy of the legislation was provided to Senior Vice President Bob Ambach, Vice President for Finance Jim Plummer and Caroline Miller for their review and information.

SB168 COLUMBUS STATE LOGISTICS PROGRAM (HUGHES J) To establish the Columbus State Logistics Program and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 12/3/2013 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)

Comments: Legislation would provide $2.5M to Columbus State Community College for their logistics program.

SB174 STATE UNIVERSITIES-STUDENT VOTING POWER (SAWYER T) To require the boards of trustees of state universities and the Northeast Ohio Medical University to adopt a resolution to grant or not grant to student members voting power and the authority to attend executive sessions.

Current Status: 9/26/2013 - Referred to Committee Senate Education

Comments: The legislation would grant student trustees voting authority and to attend executive session of their respective university board of trustee meetings. A copy of the legislation was provided to Senior Vice President Bob Ambach and Executive Vice President Ryan Hays for their review and information.

SB220 POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM (GARDNER R) To remove the prohibition on charging students fees for participating in dual enrollment programs or in alternative funding arrangements under the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program, to require the Chancellor of the Board of Regents, not later than December 31, 2013, to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the charging of students for costs associated with the College Credit Plus Program, and to declare an emergency.

Current Status: 11/19/2013 - Senate Education, (Second Hearing)

Comments: Language was included in the budget bill that prohibits school districts from charging students who participate in PSEO programs. Some school districts have indicated that they will stop offering PSEO to their students as a result. The legislation is attempting to fix this language.
SB227 **OHIO INTERNSHIP AND CO-OP APPRECIATION DAY** (BEAGLE B) To designate the second Tuesday of April as "Ohio Internship and Co-Op Appreciation Day."

**Current Status:** 12/15/2014 - Sent to Governor for Signature

**Comments:** The legislation calls for the designation of the second Tuesday of April to be known as "Ohio Internship and Co-Op Appreciation Day". A letter of support from Klett Cedercreutz, UC Professional Practice, was given to the Senate and House respective committees.

SB228 **CONTROLLING BOARD’S EXPENDITURE APPROVAL** (WIDENER C) To limit the Controlling Board’s authority to approve the expenditure of certain funds and to require state agencies to provide certain information to the Controlling Board regarding requested purchases from out-of-state suppliers.

**Current Status:** 2/25/2014 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing)

**Comments:** Legislation is a companion to HB 328 which seeks to limit the authority of the Controlling Board to approve expenditures when federal funding is being utilized. The legislation also calls for additional information to be provided if a vendor is from outside of Ohio. A copy of the bill has been provided to UC Capital Planning who oversees UC Controlling Board requests.

SB243 **SALES TAX HOLIDAY** (BACON K) To provide a three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of back-to-school clothing, school supplies, personal computers, and personal computer accessories are exempt from sales and use taxes.

**Current Status:** 12/19/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

**Comments:** Legislation provides for a sales tax holiday in August on clothing and computer sales intended to spur back-to-school shopping which would also benefit students in higher education. The UC Economics Center testified before the House Finance & Appropriations Committee regarding the potential economic impact of the legislation. An amendment was added in the House Finance & Appropriations Committee to delay by one year when the Healthier Buckeye Advisory Council must submit a report to December 1, 2015.

SB244 **INCOME TAX DEDUCTION-COLLEGE SAVINGS CONTRIBUTIONS** (JONES S, GARDNER R) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for college savings contributions to $10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency.

**Current Status:** 2/25/2014 - Senate Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation increases the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to a 529 account from $2,000 to $10,000 per year/per beneficiary. The bill also would establish the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability to study and develop strategies to reduce costs of attending. A copy of the legislation was provided to Enrollment Services and Financial Aid for their review and information.

SB310 **ENERGY REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS** (BALDERSON T) To make changes to the renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction requirements and to
create a study committee.

**Current Status:** 6/13/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/12/2014

**Comments:** The legislation made changes to the renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction requirements. A study committee on these issues was created. A copy of the legislation was provided to Joe Harrell, UC Utilities, for his review and comment. The bill would potential reduce the number of REC credits we could sell from our co-gen utility plant but continues to recognize our ability to do so.

**SB326** **COLLATERAL RECOVERIES-HIGHER EDUCATION** (EKLUND J) Relative to the set-off of collateral recoveries against damages awarded in certain civil actions against state universities or colleges.

**Current Status:** 11/12/2014 - Senate Civil Justice, (Third Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation clarifies the set-off of collateral recoveries against damages awarded in certain civil actions against state institutions of higher education. A copy of the legislation has been provided to UC Legal and Risk Management for their review and comment. Efforts will continue in the 131st General Assembly to seek legislative clarification and to bring public institutions in line with the same levels of responsibility expected of state agencies and departments.

**SB344** **STATE-PRIVATE ATTORNEY TRANSPARENCY** (SEITZ B) To provide transparency in contracts between the state and private attorneys.

**Current Status:** 12/16/2014 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary

**Comments:** Legislation would not permit a contract to be signed with an outside counsel on a contingency fee basis without the prior approval of the Ohio Attorney General. A copy of the legislation was provided to UC Legal for their review and comment. This bill is a companion bill to HB 238 and is backed by the US Chamber of Commerce.

**SB359** **RENTAL PROPERTY EXIT** (BEAGLE B, LEHNER P) To require a separate, exterior means of egress for dwelling areas above the second story of certain residential rental properties.

**Current Status:** 12/9/2014 - Senate Commerce and Labor, (Third Hearing)

**Comments:** The legislation, while not impacting university owned housing, is directed at off-campus housing used by students. The bill would require a separate exterior means of egress for living areas above the second story. A copy of the legislation has been shared with UC Housing for their review and input. HB 615 is the companion bill. Additional interested party meetings are anticipated and the bill is expected to be reintroduced next session.

**SB363** **HIGHWAY NAME DESIGNATION** (JONES S) To designate a portion of State Route 123 within Warren County as the "Neil Armstrong Memorial Way."
Current Status: 11/12/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation
Comments: The legislation would name a portion of a highway in Warren County in honor of Neil Armstrong. Contact has been made with the sponsor’s office providing information of the connection between the University of Cincinnati and Dr. Armstrong and have offered assistance with the legislation.

SB385 PERS HEALTH CARE COVERAGE (BROWN E) To provide that Public Employees Retirement System members retiring on or after January 1, 2015, who have attained age sixty with fifteen or more years but less than twenty years of service credit on that date, are treated as retiring on or before December 1, 2014, for purposes of qualifying for any retiree health care coverage provided by the Retirement System and to declare an emergency.

Current Status: 11/12/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate State Government Oversight and Reform
Comments: Legislation would provide PERS employees relief on some of the pension reform measures implemented recently to bring the fund into compliance with meeting their financial obligations.

SCR25 GREEN BUILDING RATING STANDARDS (UECKER J) To urge, for Ohio state agencies and other government entities, the use of green building rating systems, codes, or standards that are consistent with state energy efficiency and environmental performance objectives and policies and that meet American National Standards Institute voluntary consensus standard procedures.

Current Status: 3/11/2014 - Referred to Committee House Manufacturing and Workforce Development
Comments: The resolution would encourage state agencies and other government entities the use of green building rating systems codes or standards that are consistent with state energy efficiency and environmental performance objectives and policies that meet American National Standards Institute voluntary consensus standard procedures. The Office of UC Sustainability is opposed to the resolution. Working with the UC Architect’s office in developing talking points highlighting concerns with the resolution. Due to talks at the national level, state legislation now has less urgency.

SJR6 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ISSUANCE (BACON K, MANNING G) Proposing to enact Section 2s of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to permit the issuance of additional general obligation bonds to fund public infrastructure capital improvements.

Current Status: 1/23/2014 - Filed with Secretary of State
Comments: The resolution calls for a constitutional amendment to permit the issuance of up to $1.875 billion of general obligation bonds for public infrastructure projects. Funds would be distributed to the counties to identified needs - some of which could benefit UC students, faculty and staff near our campuses.
** As a reminder, the 130th General Assembly has concluded its work; in order for any bill not having passed to be taken up again, it will have to be reintroduced in the 131st General Assembly and start the legislative process over from the beginning. **

HB16  **HEAD INJURIES-YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS** (O'BRIEN S, HOTTINGER J) To correct a cross reference with regard to concussions and head injuries in athletic activities organized by youth sports organizations and to declare an emergency.

**Current Status:** 3/19/2013 - Referred to Committee Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services

**Comments:** This legislation makes technical corrections to HB 143 of the 129th General Assembly, which was supported by the College of Medicine Departments of Sportsmedicine and Neurology. SB 26 (Schaffer) of the 130th GA is a companion corrective bill, and has been signed by Governor Kasich and is now in effect.

HB49  **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAW** (DOVILLA M, RETHERFORD W) To revise the laws governing the provision of adult protective services.

**Current Status:** 2/19/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate Civil Justice

**Comments:** The College of Nursing’s Center for Aging with Dignity is in support of the legislation. We have shared our comments and suggestions with Attorney General DeWine, ODJFS, and the House sponsors. While a substitute bill was prepared, no funding was secured so the bill did not pass. A limited amount of one-time funding was provided in the mid-biennium review bill, and a committee was created to assess the APS system's needs going forward.

HB59  **BIENNIAL BUDGET** (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015; to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

**Current Status:** 6/30/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 6/30/2013; Some Eff. 9/29/2013; Others Various Dates

**Comments:** The budget bill passed without Medicaid expansion being included. The House and Senate included language expressly forbidding the Administration from expanding Medicaid, however the Governor used his line-item veto authority to strike that provision. While the Administration received approval from the federal government to expand eligibility to 138% of poverty and has received Controlling Board authority to spend federal Medicaid dollars, this is only a temporary fix, and permanent expansion of Medicaid is still an issue of debate.
HB91  HEALTH CARE FREEDOM ACT (YOUNG R, THOMPSON A) To enact the Health Care Freedom Act.

  Current Status: 4/24/2013 - House Health and Aging, (Second Hearing)

  Comments: A response to the enactment of the Affordable Care Act, this legislation would prohibit any insurer accepting federal premium support for enrollees insured through the health exchange from remaining licensed to sell commercial health insurance in Ohio. Effectively, if you offer insurance through the exchange, you may not offer any other insurance in Ohio. There are questions whether this bill is enforceable.

HB92  SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS (ANTONIO N, SEARS B) To authorize the establishment of syringe exchange programs.

  Current Status: 11/19/2014 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services, (Fourth Hearing)

  Comments: The College of Medicine's Dr. Judith Feinberg offered proponent testimony on this legislation in the House. It had a mix of Republican and Democratic support in passing that chamber. HB 92 received two hearings in quick succession at the end of 2013, but has sat idle since then.

HB123  TELEHEALTH SERVICES (GONZALES A, WACHTMANN L) Regarding Medicaid and health insurance coverage of telehealth services.

  Current Status: 2/18/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 5/20/2014

  Comments: Rules to implement this were filed with JCARR on 10/21. A public hearing was held 11/17, with expected implementation early 2015. The rule only provides payment for physicians, psychologists and facilities.

HB125  MEDICAID EXPANSION (CARNEY J, ANTONIO N) To permit the Medicaid program to cover the eligibility expansion group authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and to make an appropriation.

  Current Status: 4/17/2013 - Referred to Committee House Finance and Appropriations

  Comments: Sponsored by all but three members of the House Democratic Caucus, the bill was introduced as a response to the Republican-controlled House of Representatives removing Governor Kasich's Medicaid expansion.

HB136  THIRD FRONTIER COMMISSION-GRANTS (SCHURING K) To authorize the Third Frontier Commission to award grants related to the establishment and operation of data centers and the development of a high speed fiber optic network in the state.

  Current Status: 5/29/2013 - House Public Utilities, (Fifth Hearing)

  Comments: The legislation would have diverted some Third Frontier funds to university-sponsored data centers.
HB176  **MEDICAID REFORMS**  (SEARS B) To require the Medical Assistance Director to implement Medicaid reforms, to permit the Medicaid program to cover an additional group under certain circumstances, to revise the duties of the Joint Legislative Committee on Medicaid Technology and Reform, and to make an appropriation.

**Current Status:** 10/16/2013 - House Health and Aging, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** This bill is essentially the Kasich Medicaid plan, with automatic triggers causing any expansion to cease should federal funding be suspended.

HB227  **HEALTH CARE COMPACT**  (REETHERFORD W, BOOSE T) To enter into the Health Care Compact.

**Current Status:** 4/1/2014 - REPORTED OUT, House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing)

**Comments:** In lieu of participation in Medicaid, this bill would pool state and federal dollars into a new inter-state Health Care Compact.

HB255  **MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY**  (BECKER J) To revise the law governing eligibility for the Medicaid program and to abolish the Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities Program.

**Current Status:** 10/16/2013 - House Health and Aging, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** This bill would limit Medicaid eligibility to the minimum amount allowed by the Federal Government to still participate in Medicaid.

HB271  **HEALTH CARE-IMMUNITY EXPANSION**  (BECKER J) To expand the immunity from liability for health care professionals, health care workers, and nonprofit health care referral organizations when providing specific care to an indigent and uninsured person.

**Current Status:** 10/8/2013 - House Insurance, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** As part of a package with HB 255, this legislation is part of Rep. Becker's plan to replace Medicaid through a state-run charity care program.

HB292  **AEROSPACE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDY COMMITTEE**  (PERALES R) To create the Aerospace and Technology Study Committee.

**Current Status:** 6/17/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/17/2014

**Comments:** Appointments were announced this past week for this committee, including UC's Paul Orkwis as a member of the committee.

HB308  **HUMAN CLONING**  (THOMPSON A) To prohibit human cloning, the creation, transportation, or receipt of a human-animal hybrid, the transfer of a nonhuman embryo into a human womb, and the transfer of a human embryo into a nonhuman womb.

**Current Status:** 11/20/2013 - House Health and Aging, (Third Hearing)

**Comments:** Similar legislation has been introduced for at least the last four General Assemblies, and would criminalize certain research on embryonic stem cells. UC is working in conjunction with the state's other research universities and Children's Hospitals to ensure valid scientific research is not prohibited. Research universities, UC included, have been meeting with newer members of the legislature to bring them up to speed on the history of the legislation to better inform them for future General Assemblies.
HB314  **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTIONS-MINORS** (BAKER N, KUNZE S) To require a prescriber to obtain written informed consent from a minor's parent, guardian, or other person responsible for the minor before issuing a controlled substance prescription to the minor and to establish sanctions for a prescriber's failure to comply with this requirement.

*Current Status:* 6/17/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 9/17/2014

*Comments:* The legislation, part of a package of bills introduced in the House of Representatives to combat opiate addiction, would require parental consent before a health care provider can prescribe a schedule II opiate to a minor.

HB315  **NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME** (WACHTMANN L) To require hospital reporting of neonatal abstinence syndrome.

*Current Status:* 4/10/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 7/10/2014

*Comments:* Another part of the House's opiate package, this legislation requires a registry of all infants diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome.

HB316  **MEDICAID-COVERED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES** (WACHTMANN L) Regarding Medicaid-covered community behavioral health services.

*Current Status:* 10/30/2013 - Referred to Committee House Health and Aging

*Comments:* Part of the House's Medicaid reform package, this legislation would expand the availability (but not necessarily the payment rates) of community behavioral health services.

HB317  **MEDICAID REFORM MEASURES** (SEARS B) Regarding reforms relating to Medicaid, fraud committed against the state, penalties for certain drug offenses committed against pregnant women, non-opiate medication for released inmates, prescription-related identification requirements, and education for individuals without a high school diploma.

*Current Status:* 10/30/2013 - Referred to Committee House Health and Aging

*Comments:* The main vehicle for the House's Medicaid reform package. Now that a temporary funding solution has been addressed for expansion, the legislature has turned to more targeted Medicaid changes, particularly in the areas of opiate addiction and infant mortality.

HB332  **CHRONIC PAIN TREATMENT STANDARDS** (WACHTMANN L, ANTONIO N) To establish standards and procedures for opioid treatment of chronic, intractable pain resulting from noncancer conditions and to require that professional disciplinary action be taken for failing to comply with those standards and procedures.

*Current Status:* 11/19/2014 - House Health and Aging, (Thirteenth Hearing)

*Comments:* Part of the House's Medicaid and opiate addiction packages, this bill would limit the ability to prescribe opiates.
HB341  **SCHEDULE II DRUG PRESCRIPTIONS** (SMITH R) To prohibit a controlled substance that is a schedule II drug or contains opioids from being prescribed or dispensed without review of patient information in the State Board of Pharmacy's Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System.

**Current Status:** 6/16/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 9/16/2014 Other Sections Eff. 1/1/2015 and 4/1/2015

**Comments:** Part of the House's opiate addiction package, this bill would require prescribers to access the state's Automated Rx Reporting system before prescribing. Similar OARRS reporting duties were also included in HB 483, the main MBR.

HB364  **UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES** (DEVITIS A) To regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles in this state.

**Current Status:** 12/4/2013 - Referred to Committee House Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security

**Comments:** Although similar to SB 189 (Jordan), it is not an exact companion bill. Regardless, like SB 189, this bill does not have an exemption for legitimate university research on UAVs.

HB394  **IMMUNIZATIONS** (SMITH R, ANTONIO N) Regarding the authority of pharmacists and pharmacy interns to administer immunizations.

**Current Status:** 12/19/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

**Comments:** This is a House companion to Senator Kearney's SB 79.

HB412  **PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS LAW** (GONZALES A) To revise the law governing the practice of physician assistants.

**Current Status:** 12/11/2014 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, Senate Rules, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** This bill will modify the scope of practice for physicians assistants in Ohio, including changing a PA's authority from a certificate to a license. A physician would be able to supervise 5 PAs, up from the current 2.

HB472  **MBR-MID-BIENNIUM BUDGET REVIEW** (MCCLAIN J) To make operating and other appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

**Current Status:** 3/26/2014 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)

**Comments:** The Midbiennium review, also known as the Governor's "second budget" has been split into 11 separate bills by the House and Senate.

HB497  **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS** (AMSTUTZ R) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2016.

**Current Status:** 4/1/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 7/1/2014

**Comments:** Contained in this fast-moving legislation was funding for continued renovation of the Medical Sciences Building, as well as the first phase of funding for renovations to Wherry Hall.
HB531  **MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS-CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**
(GONZALES A) To authorize the State Medical Board to fine certain professionals it regulates for failing to comply with continuing education requirements without suspending the individual's license or certificate to practice.

**Current Status:** 12/2/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services

**Comments:** The bill would have allowed the State Medical Board to impose civil monetary penalties for violations of board rules.

HB550  **MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND** (RAMOS D) To create the Frances Lewandowski Memorial Medical Research Fund and the Medical University Research Reserve Fund to provide grants to public medical schools for research.

**Current Status:** 5/27/2014 - Referred to Committee House Finance and Appropriations

**Comments:** Named for the sponsor's grandmother, this legislation would provide dedicated funding for the state's public medical schools for basic research on certain diseases. Any changes to medical funding will be dealt with as part of the 131st General Assembly biennial budget.

HB573  **PATENT INFRINGEMENT** (ROEGNER K) To prohibit a person from making a bad faith assertion of patent infringement, to permit a person aggrieved by a bad faith assertion of patent infringement to bring a tort action, and to authorize the Attorney General to investigate and to institute a civil action.

**Current Status:** 11/12/2014 - House Judiciary, (Second Hearing)

**Comments:** Sent to Bill Ball and Dorothy Air for comment, the bill would allow state-level civil suits against those wrongfully accusing universities and their personnel of infringing on patents. It is not clear how this state-level bill would interact with federal patent laws.

HB609  **SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS** (ANIELSKI M) With regard to suicide prevention programs at state institutions of higher education.

**Current Status:** 11/6/2014 - Referred to Committee House Education

**Comments:** This legislation would require institutions of higher education to notify students of available suicide prevention programs.

HB615  **RENTAL PROPERTY EXIT** (PERALES R) To require a separate, exterior means of egress for dwelling areas above the second story of certain residential rental properties.

**Current Status:** 11/19/2014 - House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** A companion to Senator Beagle's SB 359.

HB669  **UNIVERSITY-BUSINESS TAX-FREE AREAS** (STINZIANO M) To establish the Startup Ohio initiative in which universities and partnering business may collaborate in tax-free areas near campuses in this state to create jobs, attract entrepreneurs, and spur academic enrichment.

**Current Status:** 12/4/2014 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

**Comments:** Sent to David Linger for comment. This is a bill we will watch to be reintroduced due to potential impact on development of a future research park.
HCR45  **UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS RESEARCH AND TEST SITES** (PERALES R) To strongly urge the Federal Aviation Administration to consider immediately adding additional qualified unmanned aircraft systems research and test sites to the six chosen research and test sites.

*Current Status:* 2/18/2014 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security, (Second Hearing)

*Comments:* The resolution urges the Federal government to locate a UAV test site in Ohio; as the government has already announced their sites (Ohio was not one of them), this resolution will be allowed to die.

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SB26  **HEAD INJURIES-YOUTH SPORTS** (SCHAFFER T) To correct a cross reference with regard to concussions and head injuries in athletic activities organized by youth sports organizations and to declare an emergency.

*Current Status:* 5/28/2013 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 5/28/2013

*Comments:* This legislation is the Senate companion to HB 16 (O’Brien, Stinziano).

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SB79  **MINIMUM AGE-VACCINATIONS BY PHARMACIST** (KEARNEY E) To decrease the minimum age for which a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations.

*Current Status:* 11/20/2013 - Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services, (Fourth Hearing)

*Comments:* Part of a package of legislation related to vaccine administration by pharmacy interns, Senator Kearney has been working with students at the Winkle College of Pharmacy on these bills. Pharmacy student Erin Rodgers testified in favor of the legislation and its House companion numerous times.

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SB80  **PHARMACY INTERN-VACCINATIONS** (KEARNEY E) To permit a pharmacy intern under a pharmacist's supervision to administer the same vaccinations as a pharmacist.

*Current Status:* 3/19/2013 - Referred to Committee Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services

*Comments:* Part of a package of legislation related to vaccine administration by pharmacy interns, Senator Kearney has been working with students at the Winkle College of Pharmacy on these bills.

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SB81  **PHARMACY INTERN-FLU VACCINATIONS** (KEARNEY E) To decrease the minimum age for which a pharmacy intern may administer an influenza vaccination.

*Current Status:* 3/19/2013 - Referred to Committee Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services

*Comments:* Part of a package of legislation related to vaccine administration by pharmacy interns, Senator Kearney has been working with students at the Winkle College of Pharmacy on these bills.
SB99  **ORAL CANCER MEDICATIONS** (OELSLAGER S, TAVARES C) Regarding insurance coverage for orally administered cancer medications.

**Current Status:** 6/17/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/17/2014

**Comments:** UC is part of a coalition of cancer centers in support of this legislation. Signed by Governor Kasich on 6/17. I am working with Richard Puff's office on a letter-to-the editor or op/ed around the effective date of 1/1/15.

SB117  **MEDICAID PROGRAM** (SMITH S) To permit the Medicaid program to cover the eligibility expansion group authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and to make an appropriation.

**Current Status:** 5/8/2013 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance

**Comments:** Similar to HB 125, this bill is the Senate Democratic Caucus' response to the House removing Medicaid expansion from the budget.

SB118  **TELEMEDICINE SERVICES** (TAVARES C) Regarding insurance and Medicaid coverage of telemedicine services.

**Current Status:** 2/4/2014 - Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** This bill is similar to the "As Introduced" version of HB 123 with the exception that it only provides for Medicaid coverage of telehealth services for physicians. HB 123 provides for Medicaid coverage for telehealth for all licensed health care professionals.

SB131  **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENT** (TAVARES C) To require certain health care professionals to complete instruction in cultural competency.

**Current Status:** 11/12/2014 - Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** A reintroduction of SB 60 from the 129th General Assembly, this bill is routinely reintroduced to the General Assembly.

SB151  **OHIO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM** (TAVARES C) To require the Director of Health to establish the Ohio Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program.

**Current Status:** 6/26/2013 - Referred to Committee Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services

**Comments:** This legislation creates a parallel to the Physician Loan Repayment Program, but would allow loan repayment participation by any health care professional working for a time in primary care or underserved areas.
SB189  UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (JORDAN K) To regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles in this state.

**Current Status:** 9/26/2013 - Referred to Committee Senate State Government Oversight and Reform

**Comments:** Comments have been received from UC Research and the College of Engineering. The bill did not get any hearings. UC is concerned that without changes it could have an adverse impact on UC Research in the UAV field.

SB206  MEDICAID (BURKE D, CAFARO C) To require implementation of certain Medicaid revisions, reform systems, and program oversight, and to make an appropriation.

**Current Status:** 12/19/2013 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 3/20/2014 Section 9 Eff. 12/19/2013

SB221  STROKE CENTER HOSPITALS (GARDNER R) To provide for state recognition of hospitals that are comprehensive stroke centers, primary stroke centers, and acute stroke ready hospitals.

**Current Status:** 1/8/2014 - Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services, (First Hearing)

**Comments:** A slimmed-down version of legislation introduced in the past, the sponsor intends to use this as a way to “get something done” and will introduce more comprehensive legislation in the future. Dr. Joe Broderick met with Senator Gardner on the issue in February, and will coordinate a group of stroke experts for the Senator. A number of Senators toured the UC Neuroscience Institute in early September related to this legislation.

SB230  NON-SELF-INJECTABLE CANCER DRUGS (MANNING G, OELSLAGER S) To establish standards for the delivery of non-self-injectable cancer drugs.

**Current Status:** 6/17/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/17/2014

**Comments:** In previous General Assemblies, this legislation was coupled with the language in SB 99. It is intended to address the issue of “brown-bagging" cancer drugs. UC was part of a coalition of cancer centers supporting these bills.

SB276  INTERNAL INFANT SAFE SLEEP POLICY (JONES S, TAVARES C) To require the Department of Health to establish the Safe Sleep Education Program, hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to implement an infant safe sleep screening policy, and certain persons and entities to adopt an internal infant safe sleep policy.

**Current Status:** 12/19/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

**Comments:** One of a package of five bills intended to address Ohio's high infant mortality rates, these bills are a result of hearings conducted statewide on the issue over the summer of 2013, including locally at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.
SB277 **COMMISSION ON INFANT MORTALITY** (JONES S, TAVARES C) To create the Commission on Infant Mortality.

*Current Status:* 12/18/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

*Comments:* One of a package of five bills intended to address Ohio's high infant mortality rates, these bills are a result of hearings conducted statewide on the issue during the summer of 2013, including locally at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

SB278 **SUDDEN INFANT DEATH** (JONES S, TAVARES C) To require the completion of a sudden unexplained infant death investigation reporting form (SUIDI reporting form) developed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

*Current Status:* 6/17/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/17/2014

*Comments:* One of a package of five bills intended to address Ohio's high infant mortality rates, these bills are a result of hearings conducted statewide over the summer of 2013, including locally at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

SB279 **PRENATAL GROUP HEALTH CARE PILOT PROGRAM** (JONES S, TAVARES C) To require the Director of Health to establish and operate a prenatal group health care pilot program that is based on the centering pregnancy model of care and to make an appropriation.

*Current Status:* 3/25/2014 - Senate Finance, (Second Hearing)

*Comments:* One of a package of five bills intended to address Ohio's high infant mortality rates, these bills are a result of hearings conducted statewide over the summer of 2013, including locally at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

SB280 **MEDICAID-POSTPARTUM CARE** (JONES S, TAVARES C) To require that case management services for postpartum care be included in the Medicaid managed care system and to require the Director of Health to award grants for community-based services that are not covered by Medicaid.

*Current Status:* 3/25/2014 - Senate Finance, (Second Hearing)

*Comments:* One of a package of five bills intended to address Ohio's high infant mortality rates, these bills are a result of hearings conducted statewide over the summer of 2013, including locally at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

SB326 **COLLATERAL RECOVERIES-HIGHER EDUCATION** (EKlund J) Relative to the set-off of collateral recoveries against damages awarded in certain civil actions against state universities or colleges.

*Current Status:* 11/12/2014 - Senate Civil Justice, (Third Hearing)

*Comments:* Introduced as a response to the *Adae* case, this bill would treat higher education institutions the same as other entities when determining collateral recovery set-asides in legal proceedings, instead of a separate system just for higher ed as exists now.
**SB359**  **RENTAL PROPERTY EXIT** (BEAGLE B, LEHNER P) To require a separate, exterior means of egress for dwelling areas above the second story of certain residential rental properties.

*Current Status:* 12/9/2014 - Senate Commerce and Labor, (Third Hearing)

*Comments:* President Ono provided a letter of support to the Senate Committee members; UC Undergraduate Student Government leaders also submitted a letter of support.

**SCR40**  **TYPE 1 DIABETES-NIH FUNDING** (GENTILE L) To urge the Congress of the United States to mitigate the debilitating effects of type 1 diabetes and excessive future health care costs by increasing funding to the National Institutes of Health.

*Current Status:* 5/7/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services

*Comments:* This resolution calls on Congress to increase funding for NIH research into closed-loop insulin delivery system and islet cell transplantation for treatment of diabetes. Shared with Randy Seeley, who informs that although UC does not have research ongoing in this specific area, Cincinnati Children’s has some.

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CESJ STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY

We, the Executive Board of the Critical Educators for Social Justice (CESJ) special interest group (SIG) of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), stand in solidarity with communities working to challenge racism. Based on recent grand juries failure to indict the officers who killed Michael Brown and Eric Garner, and as educators committed to equity and justice, we feel a responsibility to take a formal stance against the anti-blackness that plagues our schools, justice system, and society. The events in Ferguson, Missouri and Staten Island, New York provide two examples of blatant racial injustice woven into the fabric of the United States. Even since the killing of Michael Brown on August 9, 2014, we have seen multiple cases of unarmed Black youth shot and killed by the police, including twelve-year-old Tamir Rice.

Our SIG has, at its heart and in our mission, a commitment to “the struggle for social justice, human rights, and democracy in education for diverse communities.” This includes a challenge to the ongoing and systemic racial oppression that we see in Ferguson and beyond. As critical education scholars, we must recognize the socializing message of this callous disregard of Black lives. We have a responsibility to reframe the discussion and illuminate that #BlackLivesMatter. We cannot afford to stay silent.

We also recognize that the academy itself perpetuates messages of racism and other forms of structural oppression of marginalized groups. We are all implicated. We urge the academic community to use their tools of power and privilege to speak and act out against continued injustices in our nation. From writing and teaching, to organizing and marching in the streets, there are many ways to voice our opposition. We believe that education is a critical component of speaking truth to power and working to dismantle oppressive systems and structures. As our CESJ mission states, “we believe that education, as a form of critical understanding, plays a crucial role in transforming society.”

Building on the ideological and political intervention the #BlackLivesMatter movement, as well as on the public solidarity statements from several faculty at Smith College and Portland State University, we commit to the following and encourage our communities to:

- Challenge and interrupt systemic oppression through participation in social, political, and individual actions;
- Create opportunities for critical, collective dialogue about racism, white supremacy, and other oppressive forces that affect communities of color;
• Collaborate within and across our spheres of influence (professional and personal) to develop ways to dismantle racist institutions and practices.

• Encourage White allies to remember that they they are there to support people of color rather than be at the center of the movement, to listen more than to speak, and to redirect misguided (even if well-intentioned) attempts to universalize the narrative of Black lives matter to all lives matter.

• Work with students, teachers, administrators, and other school personnel at all levels to discuss these important issues in classrooms and out-of-school contexts in ways that best support students for being agents of change.

As the Executive Board of CESJ, we are committed to increasing dialogue at our own institutions, in our classes and in our scholarly work, as well as in our individual spheres of influence within and outside the academy. One concrete step that we will take toward creating opportunities for dialogue and activism is to gather scholars at AERA’s meeting in Chicago in April 2015. Our scheduled SIG business meeting will be used as a space for dialogue about institutionalized anti-black racism, racial hierarchies, and the implications of the #BlackLivesMatter movement for academic spaces.

In solidarity,

The Executive Board of the Critical Educators for Social Justice SIG

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Departmental GPA Highlights

- For 12 straight grading periods and in 18 of the last 19 grading periods, our student-athletes have earned a cumulative GPA above a 3.0.
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