

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Agenda for November 13, 2014
400 ABC TUC**

- 3:30 – Meeting of the Faculty Senate – Call to Order
- 3:32 – Approval of Minutes of the October Meeting—pp. 2-4
- 3:34 – Report of the Faculty Chair (T. Herrmann)—pp. 5-7
- 3:45 – Report of the President (S. Ono)
- 4:05 – Old Business
- IT Committee – TEACH Act and Fair USE Policy (R. Rokey)—pp. 8-13
 - Other
- 4:25 – New Business
- Academic Affairs Committee (S. Moomaw) (10 min)—p. 14
Discussion of Draft Resolution: Response to Proposed House Legislation on Proprietary Textbooks from UC Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
 - Academy of Fellows for Teaching and Learning (R. Leugers) (5 min.)
<http://www.uc.edu/cetl/about/aftl.html>
 - Emeriti Association (R. Faaborg) (5 min.)
<http://www.uc.edu/provost/about-us/profile/academic-personnel/emeriti.html>
 - Faculty Senate Committee Reports from October Available On-line
 - Academic Affairs: Proprietary Textbooks
http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/academic_affairs.html
 - Budget & Priorities: Capital plan, Debt
http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/budget.html
 - Governance: By-laws, Shared Governance
http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/Governance.html
 - Human Relations: Diversity Climate Survey, Awards
http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/human_relations.html
 - Planning: Calendars, Title IX, Life of Mind, 3rd Century, Safety
http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/standing_committees/planning.html
 - Other
- 4:45 – Report from the Undergraduate Student Government Association (C. Beer)—p. 15
- 4:50 – Report from Graduate Student Government Association (A. Mazman)—p. 16
- 4:55 – Report from the AAUP President (G. Loving)
- 5:00 – Adjourn

DRAFT Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**October 16, 2015**

- I. Meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order at UC Blue Ash at 3:34p, by the Chair of the Faculty Tracy Herrmann.
- II. Dean Cady Short-Thompson thanked everyone for coming. She is glad to be a part of a bigger University and wished the Faculty Senate a great meeting.
- III. September meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Faculty Senators as written.
- IV. Report of the Chair of the Faculty Tracy Herrmann: Tracy opened the floor for discussion regarding the report she provided in advance of the meeting via email.
 - A. Tiffany Roman agreed to serve as secretary for the meeting.
 - B. Discussion ensued regarding the COACHE Faculty Satisfaction Survey, which is intended to create an environment to attract highly qualified faculty. The survey is used by a number of universities with similar characteristics. The emphasis of the survey is on providing a mechanism to be more proactive in structures in order to retain faculty.
 - C. There will be a Faculty Tea in November, date TBD, to promote the value of teaching, service, and research with President Ono and Provost Davenport. All are welcome.
 - D. Senators will be asked to identify faculty leaders with in their colleges to attend dinner with the President.
 - E. Life of Mind Series will be starting up again. The committee is co-chaired by Tracy Herrmann and Xuemao Wang and the steering committee will select candidates to speak.
 - F. A UC Press is still in the discussion phases. Faculty Senators discussed experiences with university presses versus traditional publishers including potential for increased royalties. The point was made that UC Press should publish both online and in hardback.
 - G. Tracy acknowledged and thanked all those who serve as a Chair or Committee Member on a Faculty Senate Committee.
 - H. Mark your calendars for the All University Faculty Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014 3-5p. The Faculty Awards ceremony will be on April 23, 2015 and the spring All University Faculty Meeting will be held Thursday, April 23, 2015.
- V. Report of the President S. Ono:
 - A. President Ono shared information about a luncheon to raise money for the need based students scholarships fund held at the Kingsgate Marriott called “Bowties for Scholarships”. One of the biggest barriers for some students is money. The “Bowties for Scholarships” campaign had already raised a significant amount of money for scholarships. More information can be found at <http://www.uc.edu/bowtie.html>.
 - B. Vice Provost of the Academic Health Center and Dean of the Medical School, Tom Boat, will be stepping down November 1, 2014. There will be a survey sent out to provide input and qualities for the permanent Dean. Questions will also be asked to see if the position should continue as both the Vice Provost of the Academic Health Center and the Dean of the College of Medicine. Two models are being investigated. These include the model that is currently in place with one person in charge of both entities and a second model where there is dissolution of one position into a Dean of the School

of Medicine and a Vice Provost of the Academic Health Center. Several health and academic centers-Emery, OSU, UT, have similar models. Both jobs have a specialized skill set and separating these would decrease the chances of conflict of interest and potentially help grow the academic health center. Many recommendations from UC, Shriners, and Children's are being considered regarding the interim appointment. Next week an announcement will be made regarding the appointment for the Interim position. Consultants will be brought in to offer models for optimization of both entities. The single Dean of the College of Medicine will oversee the interdisciplinary intercollegiate activities, while the Vice Provost of the Academic Health Center will have tremendous influence into the clinical education. The interim will serve both roles and there will be no changes in the organizational structure.

- C. Creating Our Third Century cluster hires for phase I will begin in the areas of digital media, water, analytics, and cancer and will be announced by the Provost.
- D. International strategy: The plan is to put together faculty interested in the traveling the world. There are seven regions that have been identified Asia, China, Europe, India, Middle East, Africa, and the Sub-Saharan Africa. The plan is to expand study abroad programs with faculty development grants to encourage faculty-led programs that will include a study-abroad component as a part of the curriculum. Additional faculty mentoring grants will be provided to prepare faculty to lead study abroad programs. The big focus will be on study abroad programs, however some thought has been given conversations regarding online and in country study abroad programs. In this area of the Academic Master Plan, UC is ahead of schedule approaching 1500 programs this year with the goal to approach 17-1800 by 2019. Diversity of international students is continuing to increase as we now have 3,000 students from 118 different countries and hope to have 5,000 by 2019.
- E. Support for online teaching and Bb were requested. There was a specific request for 24/7 Bb support to help international students in other time zones. The University will continue having discussions, investing money, and working on distance learning issues.

VI. No old business

VII. New Business

- A. Melinda Rhodes DiSalvo from CTE&L is the Co-Chairing of the eLearning committee. She spoke to the Faculty Senate about the Teach Act and Fair USE Policy. Questions and comments should go through Rob Rokey. A task force was assembled to assure fair use of teaching materials in online teaching and to protect instructional materials used by instructors. Current policy language and checklist is in its infancy and is likely to undergo many revisions. Further investigation is still needed. All comments for feedback are welcome, through the IT representatives of your college or directly to the IT Committee via the IT Committee Chair Robert Rokey at Robert.rokey@uc.edu. There will be a formal vetting process. IT representatives have been requested but are still needed from some colleges. There was discussion regarding copyright policies and how power point presentations used today will not be downloaded and used in the

future. The use of Kaltura can be used to log and document the presentations and a statement that informs all users of intellectual property. The current language of the policy is listed on Sharepoint and was provided to all Faculty Senators in the meeting packet.

- B. AFTL Report by R. Leugers: Due to a miscommunication, Rebecca was not present at meeting. Nominations for the Academy of Fellows of Teaching and Learning are due Friday, November 7. Information is available at <http://www.uc.edu/cetl/about/aftl.html>.
- C. Nominating Committee Report by Arlene Johnson: Faculty nominations are due October 16. Nominations for Faculty Chair will also be accepted at the All University Faculty Meeting. There are currently 2 nominations, Andy Curran –Clermont College and Tracy Herrmann-Blue Ash College.

VIII. Dialogue with Provost Davenport:

A. Topic Faculty Diversity and Retention:

1. The average age of the faculty is 50 and 25% of the faculty are retirement eligible, meaning that this could lead to a considerable deficit in faculty and research money. We are currently unaware of how much research funding is associated with this faculty population. There is a need to explore new opportunities for mentoring of newer faculty in the areas of scholarship and teaching. Cluster hires will have one senior faculty mentoring five Assistant Professors.
2. Unrepresented minorities account for about 20% of our faculty.
3. Some colleges have not hired tenure track faculty in years.
4. There will be an aggressive hiring period which may include up to 200 new tenure track faculty. In the first phase about 20 people will be hired during the cluster hires. Due to record enrollments of students, it is imperative that we hire new tenure track faculty.
5. There are currently more male than female faculty members at UC as a whole, but some of the numbers differ by colleges. There was a 35% increase in faculty members who self-identify as two or more races.
6. We need better retention systems. Raw data says that 63 faculty members left in 2009, but there were no reasons given. Ideas about how to obtain reasons, including exit interviews, were discussed. We need to keep better data from search committees including why some of the first choices for searches are not choosing UC. It would help if the search committees and college leadership start collecting this data.

IX. Undergrad report in meeting documents. C. Beer unable to be there due to class.

X. Graduate student report in meeting documents. A. Mazman unable to attend meeting.

XI. AAUP President G. Loving unable to attend meeting, report in meeting documents.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted by, Tiffany Roman

Report of the Faculty Chair (T. Herrmann)

- Ohio Faculty Council: Institutional Financial Ratios were discussed. Reports for each state college or university go to <https://www.ohiohighered.org/campus-accountability>. An op-ed titled “Higher Education’s Higher Returns” (See pp. 6-7) was written by two members of the Ohio Faculty Council and I have personally endorsed it.
- IT Council & eLearning: Catalyst (PeopleSoft) is being implemented as the new student information system. For details go to <http://www.uc.edu/catalyst..html>. Accessibility as related to electronic course resources must be fully remediated by June, 2017 with a plan in place by March, 2015. For additional information on accessibility attend the presentation by Blackboard representative Andy Jacobson on instructor-made, accessible online content from 9-10:30 a.m. Nov. 20 in Tangeman University Center, Room 417. Information is available at <http://www.uc.edu/News/NR.aspx?id=20777>
- President’s Cabinet: *Legislative Reports are available on pp. 17-48*. Title IX (sexual harassment, violence) policies and procedures are now available at <http://www.uc.edu/titleix.html>.
- Life of Mind: The next *Life of the Mind* lecture will be held Thursday, March 26, 4-5:30 pm in the Russell C. Myers Alumni Center. Please email nominations to melissa.norris@uc.edu by 5pm, Thursday, November 20. Self nominations are welcome.
- Academic Committee: Program academic assessment plans are under review.
- FS meetings (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.) and Event dates: Please mark your calendar and share with your faculty.
 - December 11, 2014
 - January 15, 2015—Re-affirm Chair and members (first year senators) of nominating committee
 - February 12, 2015—Joint Meeting with Student Governments
 - March 12, 2015—possibly at College of Medicine
 - April 9, 2015
 - Tuesday, April 21, 2015—Faculty Award Ceremony
 - Thursday, April 23, 2015—All U Faculty Meeting and State of the University Address
- Student Code of Conduct Committee: This committee will review and propose revisions to the Student Code of Conduct. Two faculty representatives will be included on the committee.
- Adjunct Faculty Senator Election: Election is in progress.
- UC Course Evaluation Committee: This committee is considering electronic student evaluations for all courses. Marla Hall and Lisa Beckelheimer are faculty representatives to the committee.
- College By-Laws: Updated versions needed for the web at <http://www.uc.edu/facultysenate/governance.html> . Please check to see if your college’s most recent version is posted. If out of date, please send updated version to T. Herrmann.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Tracy Herrmann, Chair of the University Faculty
 Professor of Allied Health, UC Blue Ash College

Ohio Faculty Council OpEd **Higher Education's Higher Returns**

Public colleges and universities were never meant to be a form of charity.

The growth of public higher education during the 19th and 20th centuries was a strategic calculation about the public interest. Whether for training civic, religious and economic leaders 150 years ago, fostering military and agricultural innovations a century ago or building up the generation that would win the Cold War 50 years ago, states have invested in higher education in order to achieve practical goals. Practical goals for Ohio today are globally competitive, efficient and healthy citizens.

In economic terms, spending on our public colleges and universities has paid handsome dividends, and it is the best way to assure Ohio's future as well. Other states have reduced their support of higher education more than Ohio has over the past 10 years, but last year our state still ranked 40th in the nation in per student state support. That is not good news for the state going forward.

Ohio's budget is limited and responsible governance entails making difficult calls about serving many needs. Some forms of spending are easier to justify than others because they reduce future expenses or increase future revenues. Education is one form of investment that has consistently done both.

Investments in higher education reduce long-term costs to the state. College graduates are much less likely to commit crimes, an important consideration when Ohio now spends about 75 percent as much on prisons as it does on higher education.

Much more significantly, experts agree that sending more Ohioans to college would reduce health-care costs—the single largest category of state spending. On average, college graduates have much lower Medicaid costs related to obesity, smoking, heart disease and alcoholism.

Investing in higher education also increases revenues to the state. College graduates boost tax revenues by landing better-paying jobs—and attracting the employers who will hire them. According to this year's U.S. Department of Labor data, college graduates are earning an average of 98 percent more per hour than high school graduates.

Businesses grow where the families have income that stretches beyond the bare necessities. Furthermore, a highly-educated labor pool is, in the long term, more likely to bring high-skill jobs to the state than tax incentives are, if only because competition between states to cut taxes on businesses will make it increasingly difficult to improve the terms that Ohio can offer.

Better health and better lifetime earnings are, of course, good for college graduates themselves, and it is entirely reasonable that they take on some of the costs of their higher education. But the proportion of the burden born by students has been increasing steadily at all 13 of the state's four-year public universities for the past 20 years. Current tuition costs,

even with substantial loans, are barely within reach or impossible to meet for many Ohio students or their families.

Neither individuals nor their communities can benefit from higher education if it is not economically accessible to them. For Ohio to meet the challenges of a 21st century economy we have to find ways for many more Ohioans to enroll and succeed in college. And because more than three-quarters of Ohio's graduates stay in the state after finishing college, it would be worth considering reducing out-of-state tuition costs so as to better position our universities to recruit the best and brightest students from around the country.

A higher education system that works is not cheap. Developing new modes of instruction that can reach students who have difficulty reaching four-year campuses while still responding effectively to student needs is expensive and time-consuming. Welcoming students from a wider variety of backgrounds, including those whose family members have not attended college, requires expanding the academic and community support services that institutions provide.

Budgets stretched thin over the past 20 years mean that many Ohio public colleges and universities face high bills to keep their buildings safe and functional as well as to retrofit them for 21st century technology. For long-term prosperity, Ohio needs a higher education mix that includes cutting-edge research institutions to create knowledge and provide graduate training as well as schools focused more heavily on excellent undergraduate teaching.

The governments in 39 other states understand this simple investment strategy better than Ohio's has. One of the best investments individuals can make is in themselves. One of the best investments Ohio can make is in its citizens. Higher education is the single best place to do both.

Beth Quitslund is the Faculty Senate Chair at Ohio University and a member of the Ohio Faculty Council (which represents the faculty at all 13 of Ohio's public universities). Dan E. Krane chairs the Ohio Faculty Council and is a Fellow of the American Council on Education.

 <p>Category:</p> <p>Policy applicable for:</p>	<p><i>Policy Title:</i></p> <p>Copyright Compliance in Courseware</p> <p>Effective Date: mm/dd/yyyy</p> <p>Prior Effective Date: mm/dd/yyyy</p> <p>Enabling Acts: 17 U.S.C. §110(2)</p>	<p><i>Policy Number:</i></p> <p>0.0.0</p> <p>Policy Owner:</p> <p>Responsible Office(s):</p>
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Background

The University of Cincinnati, among other services, provides faculty with platforms to deliver audiovisual works to students for educational purposes and provides services including digitization of those works. In performing such services, compliance with applicable copyright laws is a paramount consideration, whether such compliance might be achieved by using works in a manner that constitutes Fair Use (17 U.S.C. §107) or in a manner that complies with the Teach Act (17 U.S.C. §110).

Fair Use, a defense to copyright infringement, is a multifactor legal test with uncertain predictability.

The TEACH Act provides a straightforward legal means to use copyrightable works in distance learning or digital streaming.

Policy

It is the policy of the University of Cincinnati to respect the rights of all copyright owners, to inform its faculty, staff, and students about the laws of the United States relating to copyright, and to promote compliance with the same.

This policy guides the distribution of digital content in accordance with Copyright law via enterprise level systems (Kaltura and Echo 360) by faculty in the context of teaching university courses. Faculty are encouraged to distribute digital materials only through the means identified by this policy. The university will remain permissive of other means until the means identified herein are well-established, after which, discipline referrals must be made in order to continue to meet the legal safeguards of the TEACH Act.

Where TEACH Act procedures are substantially onerous and impractical, exploration of a Fair Use approach is also described in this policy.

Procedures

- (A) Communication Procedures: University Libraries, with assistance from General Counsel, shall develop and post informational materials that accurately describe, and promote compliance with, the laws of the United States relating to copyright.
- (B) Distribution Procedures.
- (1) UCIT, in partnership with unit-level representatives, shall enable and administer a system for faculty to distribute digital materials to students registered in their classes through a system integrated with UC's learning management system. The system must apply technological measures that reasonably prevent--
 - (a) retention of the work in accessible form by recipients of the transmission from the transmitting body or institution for longer than the class session; and
 - (b) unauthorized further dissemination of the work in accessible form by such recipients to others.
 - (2) UCIT shall ensure that a copyright notice is displayed within the learning management system course template, which refers to this policy and contains a notice to students that materials used in connection with the course may be subject to copyright protection.
- (C) Faculty Requirements for distributing materials under the TEACH Act:
- (1) the content distribution is to be done at the direction of the instructor;
 - (2) the material to be distributed is directly related and of material assistance to the teaching content of the course;
 - (3) the material to be distributed is not a distance learning-specific product, unless the content is allowed under a license held by UC; and,
 - (4) the material to be distributed was not bootlegged or pirated.
- If University Libraries is asked to digitize and host copyrighted works, then it shall jointly with the faculty member analyze each such request on a case-by-case basis using the TEACH Act Checklist attached as Exhibit A, to determine whether such request is permissible under the provisions of the TEACH Act. University Libraries and the faculty member's academic unit shall retain electronic copies of the completed checklist in an indexed and searchable file.
- (D) Fair Use. Where TEACH Act procedures are substantially onerous and impractical, exploration of a Fair Use approach may proceed as follows:
- If University Libraries is asked to digitize and host copyrighted works, then it shall jointly with the faculty member analyze each such request on a case-by-case basis to determine whether such request might constitute a fair use of any copyrighted works. They shall make use of the worksheet attached as Exhibit B for weighing the fair use factors of "purpose," "nature," "amount," and "market." University Libraries shall request that the faculty member or requestor provide a written discussion relevant to

the fair use factor of “purpose” and trusts the faculty to cooperate in good faith regarding the purpose of the digitized works. UC Libraries and the faculty member’s academic unit shall store these work papers, along with the ultimate conclusion based on the Four Factor Worksheet, in an indexed and searchable file.

- (E) In the event the material to be distributed does not fall under the TEACH Act or Fair Use guidelines, faculty member shall work with University Libraries to seek permissions/license from the copyright owner.

Exhibit A**Teach Act Checklist for UC Faculty**

To ensure your compliance with the Teach Act you must satisfy **all** of the following:

- ✓ My institution is a nonprofit accredited educational institution or a governmental agency
- ✓ My institution has a policy on the use of copyrighted materials
- ✓ My institution provides accurate information to faculty, students and staff about copyright
- ✓ My institution's course delivery platform (Blackboard) requires authentication of users by requiring username and password, limiting access to enrolled students and protecting course materials using a secure server
- ✓ The materials I want to use are specifically for students in my class
- ✓ The materials are accessible only to students enrolled in my class
- ✓ The materials will be provided at my direction during the relevant lesson
- ✓ The materials are directly related and of material assistance to my teaching content
- ✓ My class is part of the regular offerings of my institution
- ✓ I will include a notice that the materials are protected by copyright **
- ✓ I will use technology that reasonably limits the students' ability to retain or further distribute the materials
- ✓ I will make the materials available to the students only for a period of time that is relevant to the context of a class session
- ✓ The materials will be stored on a secure server and transmitted as permitted by this law
- I will not make any copies other than the one I need to make the transmission
- The materials are of the proper type and amount the law authorizes:
 - Entire performances of non-dramatic literary and musical works
 - Reasonable and limited parts of a dramatic literary, musical, or audiovisual works
 - Displays of other works in amounts similar to typical displays in face-to-face teaching
- The materials are not among those the law specifically excludes from its coverage:
 - Materials specifically marketed for classroom use for digital distance education
 - Copies I know or should know are illegal
 - Textbooks, coursepacks, electronic reserves and similar materials typically purchased by students for independent review outside the classroom or class session, or works specifically developed by the copyright owner for online instructional sales
- If I am using an analog original, I checked before digitizing it to be sure:
 - I copied only the amount that I am authorized to transmit
 - There is no digital copy of the work available except with technological protections that prevent my using it for the class in the way the statute authorizes

Course Number/Course Title/Term-Year offered (e.g., 14FS_SACN1001001 Intro to SACN):

Faculty Name (printed): _____

Faculty Signature _____ Date _____

Received by: _____

**** Suggested notice to be posted to the LMS course site: "The materials in this course site are protected by copyright and are only for the use of students enrolled in this course for purposes associated with this course and may not be retained or further disseminated."**

Exhibit B

Fair Use Checklist

Instructor Name: _____
Department: _____
Course: _____
Content Title(s): _____
Purpose of use: _____

Reviewer: _____

Purpose

Favoring Fair Use

- Teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use)
- Research
- Scholarship
- Nonprofit educational institution
- Criticism
- Comment
- News reporting
- Transformative or productive use (changes the work for new utility)
- Restricted access (to students or other appropriate group)
- Parody

Opposing Fair Use

- Commercial activity
- Profiting from the use
- Entertainment
- Bad-faith behavior
- Denying credit to original author

Nature**Favoring Fair Use**

- Published work
- Factual or nonfiction based
- Important to favored educational objectives

Opposing Fair Use

- Unpublished work
- Highly creative work (art, music, novels, films, plays)
- Fiction

Amount**Favoring Fair Use**

- Small quantity
- Portion used is not central or significant to entire work
- Amount is appropriate for favored educational purpose

Opposing Fair Use

- Large portion or whole work
- Portion used is central to or "heart of the work"

Effect**Favoring Fair Use**

- User owns lawfully purchased or acquired copy of the original work
- One or few copies made
- No significant effect on the market or potential market for copyright work
- No similar product marketed by the copyright holder
- Lack of licensing mechanism

Opposing Fair Use

- Could replace sale of copyrighted work
- Significantly impairs market or potential market for copyright work or derivative
- Reasonably available licensing mechanism for use of the copyrighted work
- Affordable permission available for using work
- Numerous copies made
- You made it accessible on the Web or in other public forum
- Repeated or long-term use

Determination

Use of material favors

- Fair Use
- Not Fair Use

Date: _____

Response to Proposed House Legislation on Proprietary Textbooks
from UC Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee

The Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee believes that the proposed legislation in the Ohio House of Representatives on proprietary textbooks, should it go forward, would have negative consequences for college and university students, and therefore recommends that the Faculty Senate vote on the following resolution.

WHEREAS, college faculty, as experts in their subject areas, are in the best position to judge the differences among texts; and

WHEREAS, textbooks written to address the same topic often differ greatly from one other, including differences in how a topic is explained, what material is included or left out, difficulty of the text, illustrations or figures, problem sets, and supporting materials; and

WHEREAS, colleges, universities, and student bodies in Ohio differ greatly, thereby requiring faculty to spend considerable time selecting texts that fit the needs of their students; and

WHEREAS, programs or departments sometimes produce their own in-house texts because they are tailored to the needs of their students and are more effective than “canned” assignments or examples from generic texts that do not relate specifically to the needs of their students; and

WHEREAS, the prices for faculty- or program-generated texts are often substantially lower than the prices of competing texts; and

WHEREAS, it takes hundreds of hours to write a textbook, and faculty who put in this time to share their expertise know that the marginal royalties earned from the text will seldom even begin to compensate for this investment in time; and

WHEREAS, attracting top-tier faculty to Ohio universities would be negatively impacted if faculty could not use their own texts, because top-tier faculty are often the ones who have written these texts; and

WHEREAS, recruitment of students to Ohio universities would also be impacted, because students may wish to study with faculty who have written particular texts, and faculty publications are listed on university websites to attract students; and

WHEREAS, students already have multiple sources for acquiring textbooks, including rental, libraries, and online vendors; and

WHEREAS, the University of Cincinnati is exploring the launch of a University Press to aid in disseminating knowledge in traditional and innovative forms, and faculty would be unlikely to wish to publish materials that they cannot use in their classes;

THEREFORE, the University of Cincinnati Faculty Senate does not support legislation restricting proprietary textbooks in Ohio colleges and universities.

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

November 13, 2014

- I hope you are enjoying your week and took some time to relax on Tuesday. I know I did!
- Look out for the **It's On Us** campaign over the next several weeks. **It's On Us** is a national campaign to end sexual assault. Throughout next week (times are still TBD), we will be stationed on campus with information and the opportunity to take a pledge. There will also be a video released. For more information about **It's On Us**, please visit: <http://itsonus.org/>
- On November 8th, Student Government partnered with the Women's Center to host the 5th Annual Elect Her. This was an event to encourage women to run for leadership positions either within Student Government or other student organizations. With that in mind, our elections will be taking place the last two weeks of February, so if you know any students who you think would be great for running for an at-large senator seat, please have them reach out to me!
- On November 19th, the 3rd Annual International Taste will be from 4-6pm in Great Hall. All are welcome to come, and there will be TONS of free food! Yes, free.
- Last Wednesday, we took our Senate meeting to City Hall. Mayor Cranley and Councilwoman Amy Murray came by to speak to us. It was a great opportunity to take our meeting on the road.
- 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.
- Hope to see you at the football game tonight! Tickets are still on sale!

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

- Christina Beer
- Email: beerca@mail.uc.edu
- Cell: 513-509-1941
- Office: 655 Steger Student Life Center

Go Bearcats!

Report of the Graduate Student Governance Association President, Ayça Mazman

- The deadline for GSGA's Research fellowship is on Friday, November 21, 2014 at 5pm EST. Last year, we awarded a total of \$25,500 to 21 students. The funds for this fellowship are provided by the Graduate School and the Office of Research.

All documents must be submitted in 1 PDF file to the Research Fellowship Committee via email:
UCResearchFellowship@gmail.com

The evaluation of the Fellowship proposals are done by a group of graduate students. We have created a rubric last year and we will continue using it. If you know of any grad students who are interested in serving in the review committee, please have them contact me at president.ucgsqa@gmail.com.

Any questions (but not applications!) can also be sent to president.ucgsqa@gmail.com.

- We have held our annual Halloween Party on Saturday, November 1st. Over 250 students attended.

- Our annual Thanksgiving dinner is coming up on Tuesday, November 25th. At this dinner, we have about 25 tables and each table has an administrator as the host of the table. Our goal is to bring the administration and graduate students together in order to facilitate fruitful conversations and celebrate Thanksgiving.

- We are getting ready to launch the first Presidential Leadership Medal of Excellence for graduate students. This prestigious award was only given to undergraduate students in the past and last year, President Ono graciously agreed to offer it for graduate students as well. The deadline to apply will be sometime mid to late January. More information is to come.

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Legislative Report for the Administration

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- 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.
- Current Status:* 6/11/2013 - House Education, (First Hearing)
- Comments:* Legislation would permit part-time adjunct faculty and graduate assistants to collectively bargain. Legislation is a companion bill to SB 65.
- HB107 CAREER EXPLORATION INTERNSHIPS-TAX CREDIT (BAKER N)** To authorize a tax credit for businesses that employ high school students in career exploration internships.
- Current Status:* 3/26/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 6/25/2014. Section 2 Eff. 3/26/2014
- 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.

Current Status: 5/21/2013 - House Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security, (Second Hearing)

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

to

PREVAILING WAGE LAW-PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (HOOD R) To increase the threshold

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 construction.

HB193 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.

HB197 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.

HB202 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 companion to SB 154.

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: 6/19/2013 - Referred to Committee House Finance and Appropriations

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: 9/19/2013 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
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: 11/20/2013 - House Judiciary, (Fifth 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 for her review and information.

- 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.
Current Status: 5/21/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate Criminal Justice
Comments: 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 Kettil 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 review.
- 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: 11/12/2013 - Referred to Committee House Health and Aging
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.
- 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.
Current Status: 2/25/2014 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House State and Local Government, (Third Hearing)
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.
- 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:* 1/14/2014 - Referred to Committee House Policy and Legislative Oversight
- 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:* 1/21/2014 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
- 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.

Current Status: 3/26/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; 3/26/2014
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: 2/11/2014 - Referred to Committee House Policy and Legislative Oversight
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 (MILKOVICH 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.

Current Status: 4/23/2014 - House Health and Aging, (First Hearing)
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: 6/3/2014 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 90-0
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: 6/3/2014 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 95-0
Comments: The legislation would expand the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program to include those students in dental education programs. A copy of the legislation was provided to the Provost's Office for their review and information.
- 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-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 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.
Current Status: 6/5/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; Eff. 9/4/2014 Other Sections Eff. 6/5/2014
Comments: Legislation contained a number higher education related items originally included in HB 472. Those items include language addressing educator preparation programs, workforce development training programs, the creation of a globalization liaison, and requires a report on each campus faculty workload policy to be provided to the Chancellor by December 31, 2014.
- 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: 5/22/2014 - Introduced
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: 5/22/2014 - Introduced
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 comment.
- HB564 STATE PROPERTY PRIVATIZATION (PILLICH C)** To limit agreements to privatize state property, facilities, services, or functions.
Current Status: 5/22/2014 - Introduced
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: 9/30/2014 - House Judiciary, (First 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: 6/4/2014 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Bill Amended Vote 90-0
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.
Current Status: 10/14/2014 - House Rules and Reference, (Seventh Hearing)
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.
- HB605** **ILLEGAL ALIEN HOUSING AGREEMENTS** (ADAMS J, RETHERFORD W) 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: 8/5/2014 - Introduced
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, KUNZE S) With regard to suicide prevention programs at state institutions of higher education.
Current Status: 8/11/2014 - Introduced
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: 8/26/2014 - Introduced

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.

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: 9/2/2014 - Introduced

Comments:

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 our 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 was going to discuss it with the UC Textbook Affordability Task Force. 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: 9/16/2014 - Introduced

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: 9/30/2014 - Introduced

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: 10/8/2014 - Introduced

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.

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 and information.

- SB1** **OHIOMEANSJOBS 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
- Comments:* 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: 3/26/2014 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Education, (Third Hearing)
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.
- 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: 3/25/2014 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Economic Development and Regulatory Reform, (First Hearing)
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 Kettil 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 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: 3/26/2014 - House Finance and Appropriations, (First Hearing)
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.
- 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: 5/7/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate Civil Justice
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.
- SB344 STATE-PRIVATE ATTORNEY TRANSPARENCY (SEITZ B)** To provide transparency in contracts between the state and private attorneys.
Current Status: 5/28/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate State Government Oversight and Reform
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.
- 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: 8/29/2014 - Introduced
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. HB 615 is the companion bill.
- 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: 9/16/2014 - Introduced
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.
- 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.

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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.

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- 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 has been prepared, no funding has been secured so the chances of the bill's passage are slim. **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. It is unlikely to pass.
- HB92 SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS (ANTONIO N, SEARS B)** To authorize the establishment of syringe exchange programs.
Current Status: 3/26/2014 - Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services, (Third 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: The Department of Medicaid is currently developing rules establishing parameters for which services are eligible to be provided through telehealth services. They expect to unveil them this fall, with rules going into effect 1/1/15. HB 123 does not appropriate any additional dollars to cover those services, however.
- 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. It is seen as a partisan response and is thus unlikely to pass.
- 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 divert 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. It is unlikely to pass in current form. The sponsor has introduced separate pieces of legislation later that are more likely to pass in whole or in part.
- HB227** **HEALTH CARE COMPACT** (RETFERFORD 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. Although it was recently reported from committee, this bill remains unlikely to pass the entire General Assembly.
- 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. It has received its required one hearing and is unlikely to be heard again.
- 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. It has received its required one hearing and is unlikely to be heard again.
- 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: Margie Rolf is the Governmental Relations lead on this bill, which creates a permanent legislative committee, the Aerospace and Technology Study Committee. Members will be appointed soon and we have requested that Aerospace Engineering Chair Paul Orkwis be appointed.

- 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. Although not likely to pass this General Assembly, this is an issue that never truly goes away. To that end, the 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 provide 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 -- which could number 20 bills when all is said and done -- 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: 5/27/2014 - , (Twelfth 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: 4/8/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services

Comments: This is a House companion to Senator Kearney's SB 79. Over the summer UC hosted Sen. Shannon Jones, whose committee is hearing this bill, at the College of Pharmacy to discuss this issue.

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

Current Status: 5/21/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services

Comments: This bill will modify the scope of practice for physician 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. Although several moved quickly, controversial provisions around tax changes, fracking and other issues remain for the Legislature to address (or not) after the November elections.
- 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:* 6/4/2014 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House Health and Aging, (Fourth Hearing)
- Comments:* The bill allows 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. It is unlikely to pass this General Assembly. Any changes in medical school funding would come through the 131st General Assembly budget next spring.
- 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:* 9/30/2014 - House Judiciary, (First 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, KUNZE S)** With regard to suicide prevention programs at state institutions of higher education.
Current Status: 8/11/2014 - Introduced
Comments: This legislation would require institutions of higher education to notify students of available suicide prevention programs.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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 in the Senate last fall.
- 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.
- 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 Certain Sections Eff. 1/1/2015
Comments: UC is part of a coalition of cancer centers in support of this legislation. Signed by Governor Kasich on 6/17.
- 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: 5/22/2013 - Referred to Committee Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services
Comments: A reintroduction of SB 60 from the 129th General Assembly, this bill is routinely reintroduced to the General Assembly. It remains unlikely to pass, but we will continue following it and report back if that changes.
- 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 has not yet had 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:* 6/3/2014 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Vote 33-0
- 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:** 4/2/2014 - Senate State Government Oversight and Reform, (First 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 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:** 5/7/2014 - Referred to Committee Senate Civil Justice
- 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.

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.

