

CFA Report to CABA

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CSU Faculty celebrated when Governor Newsom signed AB 2555 – legislature strongly supported by CFA.

California's English learner reclassification system is finally being transformed so that we can better serve our students.

Three CFA-sponsored bills made it to Governor Gavin Newsom's desk during the 2026 legislative session. The bills focused on job protections from AI, contact information for higher education governing boards, and accountability for restrictions on campus speech and protest.

Here are the two bills Newsom signed:

- **SB 928 (authored by Senator Sabrina Cervantes): Protections for CSU Faculty from AI Encroachments**
- The bill will enact guardrails to prevent CSU faculty jobs from being replaced by AI. This bill will define that faculty members (professors, lecturers, librarians, counselors, and coaches) be human and require that an instructor of record for a course be human.
- The bill ensures that ALL faculty are protected, including instructional and noninstructional positions, as well as full-time, part-time, probationary, tenured, temporary, and extension for credit positions.
- It helps preserve academic integrity and ensure that students receive instruction from human educators who connect with them and invest in their growth.
- **AB 2523 (authored by Assemblymember Mike Fong): Public Accessibility in Higher Education Governing Boards**
- This bill will require the CSU and California Community Colleges to post professional contact information online for members of the respective governing bodies. It would also request the University of California (UC) do the same.
- The bill will make it easier to contact the CSU Board of Trustees. Trustees are public servants in this capacity and should be accessible to the public.