

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3319-18/FGA (Rev)
January 25-26, 2018

**CALL FOR CONTINUED ADVOCACY FOR ADEQUATE FUNDING OF THE
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY IN LIEU OF A TUITION INCREASE**

- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU recognize that investment by the state is critical to the mission of the CSU; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU recognize that tuition increases put a financial strain on CSU students and their families; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge the California Legislature to provide adequate funding necessary to support CSU operations and deliver quality education to its students; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU contend that at this point a significant tuition increase, following on last year's tuition increase of 5 percent, is premature; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge partners across the CSU system to join the ASCSU in working with the California State Student Association (CSSA) in sustained joint advocacy to secure adequate state funding for the CSU, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, Senate President Pro Tem of the California State Legislature, Speaker of the California State Assembly, Chair of the California Senate Higher Education Committee, Chair of the California Senate Budget Committee, Chair of the California Assembly Higher Education Committee, Chair of the California Assembly Budget Committee, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, the California State Student Association (CSSA), California Faculty Association (CFA), CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (CSU ERFA).

***RATIONALE:** The Governor's January budget proposal gives the CSU a \$92 Million increase (2.7 percent of General Fund budget, not 3 percent, as the Governor claims). In effect this amounts to a budget cut, in spite of the fact that California's fiscal outlook is unusually positive and the Governor's Rainy Day fund has reached \$13.5 Billion. The Board of Trustees submitted a budget request of \$283 Million, which included funding for rising mandatory costs (\$31 Million), fixed expenses for facilities and infrastructure needs (\$15 Million), bargained salary increases with staff and faculty unions (\$122 Million), the costs for enrollment growth of 1% (\$40 Million), and \$75 Million to fund the Graduation Initiative 2025. The Governor's proposal thus leaves a funding gap of \$171 Million (\$92 Million + \$20 Million in tuition from the 1 percent enrollment growth, which gives a total incremental revenue of \$112 Million).*

However, at this point there is an expectation that the CSU budget may be augmented later in the budget cycle and thus a vote on a tuition increase is

premature and may even compromise the CSU's ability to effectively advocate for increased funding. Instead, the resolution urges the ASCSU, CSSA, and the CSU to engage in joint advocacy for a budget adequate to support CSU operations

Approved Unanimously – March 15-16, 2018