

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-2812-07/FGA (Rev)
September 5-6, 2007

CSU 2008-2009 Budget Priorities

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) urge the Chancellor and Board of Trustees to adopt the following as their highest budget priorities for 2008-2009:

- implementation of the jointly developed response to ACR 73;
- monies from the Legislature above the Compact for an additional 1% compensation;
- fully fund enrollment

;and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be forwarded to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees.

RATIONALE: At its August 2007 meeting, the CSU Systemwide Budget Advisory Committee (SBAC) established 2008-2009 budget priorities to recommend to the Board of Trustees. This resolution is the ASCSU's response to those recommendations.

According to the CSU, 2007-2008 enrollments are very close to 2008-2009 targets. Additional enrollment would jeopardize the quality of instruction by placing unreasonable demands on a faculty already under great workload pressure. For that reason, the Legislature should not expect the CSU to accommodate additional students without additional funds to pay for the increase. In addition, the recent collective bargaining agreement has not entirely closed the salary gap for faculty; further (because of increased enrollment) faculty are already carrying additional responsibilities without additional compensation. The additional 1% above the Compact for compensation will help close the salary gap and compensate faculty for the work they are already doing. Larger numbers of permanent faculty would also help alleviate workload pressure, and strengthen the CSU commitment to a quality education for all students. ACR 73, which calls for the CSU to work toward a 75%/25% tenure track/lecturer ratio, would help meet those goals. In addition, the administration is contracted in the current collective bargaining agreement to join the California Faculty Association in seeking funds to implement ACR 73.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY – November 8, 2007