

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3368-19/FGA
March 14-15, 2019

SUPPORT FOR A HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT

- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) recognize the negative impact of the significant and worsening backlog of renewal and renovation projects on teaching, learning, and student success on the campuses of the California State University (CSU); and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU acknowledge that the problem of billions of dollars in deferred maintenance, building renewal, and renovation costs, if unaddressed, is likely to grow in magnitude in the future and is, in any case, unlikely to be fully addressed by annual budget allocations; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge the Governor of California and the California Legislature to put before the voters, a higher education facilities bond sufficient to address the deferred maintenance problem and allow for construction of new academic facilities; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to Governor of California, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU, campus Senate Chairs, CSU campus Chief Financial Officers, CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, the California State Student Association (CSSA), the CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty & Staff Association (CSU ERFSA), the Speaker of the California Assembly, and the President Pro-tem of the California Senate.

RATIONALE: Renewal and Renovation supports the CSU mission in several ways:

- ***Improving*** the teaching and learning environment for students, faculty and staff.
- ***Providing*** access, both in terms of increased enrollment but also in mitigating Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) deficiencies.
- ***Addressing*** campus safety through seismic strengthening
- ***Increasing*** environmental sustainability through utility upgrades.

Trustee action 1/19: Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2020

“We recommend the Board of Trustees jointly sponsor legislation with the University of California to enact a Higher Education Facilities Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by voters, would authorize \$8 billion in general obligation bonds, to be equally divided between the CSU and the University of California.”

The current CSU Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan identifies a \$10 billion need for academic facilities. At the November board meeting, the Joint Committee on Finance and Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds presented a multipronged approach to financing the CSU's facilities' needs. This legislative proposal is one element of the overall facilities financing plan presented to the board.

Recent figures show that 56 percent of our academic facilities' gross square feet are over 40 years old, with 15% being over 60 years old. The last bond authorization to include funds for higher education was passed in 2006. Of the \$3 billion earmarked for higher education, the CSU received \$690 million, which has been fully expended."

Approved Unanimously – March 14-15, 2019