

Resolution in Opposition to Cuts to the Educational Opportunity Program

WHEREAS the Governor has proposed new budget cuts in the amount of \$52 million to educational outreach programs.

WHEREAS the Governor's proposed cuts would reduce the Educational Opportunity Programs funds by \$37 million out of the \$52 million in total outreach cuts.

WHEREAS the Educational Opportunity Program successfully provides assistance to motivated low-income undergraduate students who are disadvantaged because of their economic and educational backgrounds.

WHEREAS the Educational Opportunity Program uniquely provides low-income first-generation college students, a population that not only reflects the diversity of CSU feeder communities, but also the rich diversity of California itself, a vehicle for attaining a higher education.

WHEREAS the Educational Opportunity campus programs maintain long-standing relationships with the community they serve, EOP helps students in local elementary, middle, and high schools increase their interest in and preparation for college work.

WHEREAS reductions to this program will negatively impact 10 to 20% of all CSU students who are currently benefiting from the Educational Opportunity Program.

WHEREAS CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY BENEFITS FROM A HIGHLY EDUCATED WORKFORCE AND THEREFORE BENEFITS ALL COMMUNITIES,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the CFA Board of Directors opposes the proposal to address the budget crisis by cutting the Educational Opportunity Program and urges faculty, students, and staff of the CSU to convey their concerns to the Governor and the State legislators.

*Adopted unanimously by the
CFA Board of Directors
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