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THE STATE BUDGET AND THE CSU

· GET READY FOR A LONG HOT SUMMER

With the Governor's May budget revision now revealed and classes out of session at all but a handful of CSU campuses, the focus of the Alliance for the CSU shifts to the members of the state legislature.

State lawmakers will devote the next month to budget hearings. At some point the state Assembly and Senate each will vote on budget bills. Then "conference committees" will attempt to reconcile the two houses' and governor's budget plans.

Since California is one of just three states to require a two-thirds vote of each house to pass the budget, the debate over the budget could continue through the summer. This has led some Capitol insiders to speculate that a "long hot summer" awaits all those involved.

During this time please watch for more "Action Alerts" from the Alliance for the CSU.

As the debate in the state legislature over funding for public higher education intensifies, there will be more times to take action all through the summer until a budget decision is finally made.

Learn more about what you can do, get information about the importance of the CSU to California, read about the budget process, and find out about upcoming events at: <http://www.alliancefortheesu.org>

- ATTEND SAN JOSE BUDGET TOWN HALL

This Thursday, Assemblymembers Jim Beall, Joe Coto, Sally Lieber, Ira Ruskin, and Alberto Torrico will hold a town hall meeting to discuss the impact of the state budget.

The event will take place from 4pm to 6:30 pm at:

Center for Employment Training
Multipurpose Room
701 Vine Street
San Jose, CA 95110

Faculty members in the San Jose area are encouraged to attend the event and make it clear to the lawmakers in attendance that the CSU is the solution to California's troubled economy.

For more info contact San Jose State CFA chapter or, go to:
<http://adc.asm.ca.gov/issues/budget>

- ATTEND ALLIANCE NIGHT AT CHICO OUTLAWS BASEBALL GAME

On Saturday June 21, the Chico chapter of the Alliance for the CSU will host an evening of fun at a Chico Outlaws baseball game that will also generate thousands of Alliance sign ups.

The Outlaws – an independent Class-A professional baseball team – are operated by CSU Alumni Trustee Bob Linscheid, who teamed up with Chico CFA chapter president Susan Green to develop the idea.

Free tickets will be made available to members of: CFA, CSUEU, APC, SETC, UAPD, SUPA, IUOE, UAW, CTA/CUTA and SEIU-United Healthcare West who wishes to attend.

Students and alumni interested in attending this event can contact the CFA Chico chapter office for more information.

Ticket request forms are available to download at:

<http://www.alliancefortheesu.org/Resources/outlaws.pdf>

Ticket requests should be turned in no later than June 13 to:

California Facility Association

CSU, Chico

111C Kendal Hall

Chico, CA 95929-0760

For additional information contact: cfa@csuchico.edu or call 530-898-4788.

- WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR/BLOG

At this time, the Alliance for the CSU asks its supporters to send letters to the editor of local newspapers, blogs and other publications such as business magazines and professional society newsletters.

It is important for CSU supporters to continue to remind lawmakers during this time, that: *The CSU is the solution to California's troubled economy.*

Letters to the editor and opinion articles about the budget sent to such publications help to keep the CSU funding a 'hot' issue for lawmakers, other policy-makers, and the general public.

To learn more about sending a letter, go to:

<http://www.alliancefortheesu.org/letter.html>

To view sample letters to the editor, go to:

<http://www.calfac.org/lettersample.html>

To learn about writing to a blog, go to:

<http://www.alliancefortheesu.org/blog.html>

- TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO #10: BE READY

Also, on the Alliance for the CSU website, view the "10 ways you can help" the CSU.

This document is available to download at:

<http://www.alliancefortheesu.org/Resources/10%20things%20you%20can%20do.pdf>

This week's suggestion: be ready!

The Alliance will need phone calls and letters to your elected officials on short notice this summer. Success will depend on a quick response from large numbers of people, so please check your email frequently for updates and action alerts on the budget.

JUNE 3 ELECTION

- REMEMBER TO VOTE TODAY!

Today, Tuesday June 3, is election day for the statewide primary and CFA strongly encourages all faculty members and public higher education supporters to go to the polls.

To find your polling place, go to:

http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_ppl.htm

For more information on this election, go to: <http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>

- CFA ENDORSEMENTS FOR JUNE 3 ELECTION

CFA has endorsed a number of candidates running in primaries for the state legislature.

To view the list of CFA endorsed candidates, go to:

<http://calfac.org/endorsements.html>

Prior to making endorsements, CFA members interview and evaluate candidates on relevant issues: candidate views on collective bargaining in general and collective bargaining rights for faculty; funding for the CSU and public accountability regarding use of the funds; commitment to student and faculty diversity; and tax-reform measures.

Candidates are endorsed based on their stands on these and other district issues.

OTHER NEWS

- MORE INFORMATION ON RETIREES VISION CARE PLAN

Following the Governor's authorization of Senate Bill 235 last month, more than 20,000 CSU retirees will now be able to participate in a new comprehensive vision care program beginning later this summer.

Information on the plan – including how to sign up – will be mailed to the individual home addresses of all retirees between now and when the bill goes into effect July 1.

The bill – which was authored by Sen. Gloria Negrete McLeod – corrects a previous inequity in which active CSU employees have access to the Vision Services Plan (VSP). The coverage did not extend into retirement.

- VIEW THE SPRING MAGAZINE ONLINE

Earlier this month the spring 2008 issue of *California Faculty* magazine was distributed to the campus mail box of all CSU faculty members.

This issue of the magazine features stories on: the Alliance for the CSU, Equity pay, international higher education issues, diversity in the CSU as well as a pull out poster and much more!

The magazine is now posted and available to view online by going to:
<http://calfac.org/magazine.html>

If you have not received your copy of the magazine please contact your campus CFA office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3

Primary Election Day

June 5

San Jose Budget Town Hall with legislators
For more info contact SJSU CFA chapter or, go to:
<http://adc.asm.ca.gov/issues/budget>

June 6-8

Alliance activities at commencement ceremonies at Bakersfield and Los Angeles.
For more information contact the campus CFA chapter.

June 14-15

Alliance activities at commencement ceremonies at East Bay, Pomona, San Bernardino and San Luis Obispo, for more information contact the campus CFA chapter.

June 15

Constitutional deadline for a budget agreement in the legislature (this is rarely met)

June 21

Alliance for the CSU night at Chico Outlaws baseball game.

June 26

Sonoma State Wine Business event with Alliance, for more info contact campus CFA chapter.

June 27

East Bay downtown business event with Alliance for the CSU, for more info contact campus CFA chapter.

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