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## **WITH BARGAINING AT IMPASSE, FACULTY AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY BAKERSFIELD TO PICKET NEXT WEEK**

Who: Faculty at CSU Bakersfield

What: Due to a worsening stalemate in contract negotiations for the faculty who teach in the California State University system, the faculty of, CSU Bakersfield will hold an informational picket on January 8 on campus. At the picketlines, faculty members will talk with and educate their campus communities about why the bargaining is at impasse and about the larger problems in the CSU that have led to it. Informational picketing will take place this month at all 23 CSU campuses.

Larry Taylor, President of the California Faculty Association's Bakersfield chapter, said, "Thousands of students turn to CSU Bakersfield to help them develop the skills they need to work and contribute to California's economy. Unfortunately, the CSU budget is inadequate to properly serve our students.

"Faculty jobs are being eliminated, class sizes are growing, student services are being cut, and all the while students' annual fees are skyrocketing under the administration's leadership," Taylor added. "Meanwhile, the state university's administration devotes much of its attention to the needs of elite executives who have received large pay raises averaging 19 percent while they continue to give themselves lucrative golden parachutes deals. There is something wrong with this picture and it is time for the faculty to take a stand."

Where: Dorothy Donahoe Hall Courtyard (opposite Education Building – between the food area and DDH) -- On the campus of California State University Bakersfield Parking Lot E is a good lot to park in.

When: Noon-1pm, January 8, 2006

Note to editor: The "Charlie Reed" puppet (12 feet tall) will be at the event – a good visual); Contact CFA Bakersfield Chapter President Larry Taylor, 661.654.2079.

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