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CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION SET TO ANNOUNCE RESULT OF STRIKE VOTE

-- Vote Announcement Comes One Day After a New Report Finds That the CSU Administration Has Over \$1.25 Billion in Positive Operating Cash Flows; Report Finds That CSU Administration Has More Than Enough Financial Flexibility to Fund a Salary Increase that Would Pay CSU Faculty at the Same Level as Their Peers Around the Country --

**-- “They have the money. The contract could be settled today,” says
John Travis, CFA President --**

Los Angeles, CA – A new report was released today that found that the CSU Administration has \$1.25 billion in positive operating cash flows and that the CSU is in a strong enough position financially to make genuine progress toward paying the faculty at an equal level to their peers around the country – enough to hammer out a contract settlement with the faculty.

The new report was released just a day before the California Faculty Association will officially announce the outcome of its membership vote to decide whether or not to strike after the labor negotiating period under state law ends this month. The announcement will take place on Wednesday, March 21 at CSU Dominguez Hills in the South Academic Complex at 10am.

“We believe that these reports indicate that the people in the administration of the CSU are not being straight with the legislature, taxpayers, faculty, or students,” said John Travis, CFA President and a professor of political science at Humboldt State University.

“The CSU administration has the immediate resources needed to address the urgent needs of the classrooms and to make genuine progress toward paying the faculty at the same level as our peers around the country.

“Taxpayers provide money and students pay fees with the intent to ensure a high quality education for Californians. The mission of the CSU is to teach. It is good for the institution to be financially healthy. But good finances are meaningless if that is achieved by slashing the quality of the education we provide, and making it harder for our young people to go to college.

“Ultimately this is a question of values and priorities. And we hope to engage the CSU administration openly and publicly in reordering those priorities to get our state university back on track.”

The full report, “*California State University’s Off-Budget Cash Flows*,” can be found at <http://www.calfac.org/budget07-08.html>.

This enormous increase in money in the bank is a remarkable feat considering the state has been in a deep budget crisis; that CSU funding from the state was cut deeply two years in a row; and that since 2004 increases were restricted below the actual needs of the university by the compact between the chancellor and the governor.

Travis continued, "The report is a serious financial analysis of the California State University’s management practices – and it reveals some of the half-truths and evasions used by the CSU administration as it manipulates its public pronouncements on its financial status. The CSU’s positive cash flows revealed in this report are not captured in any budget document that the public sees. So looking at the budget documents to which the CSU constantly refers does not let you see or understand the CSU’s financial strength."

Also taking place this week in Sacramento are two hearings that impact the CSU system. On Wednesday, March 21, there will be a hearing on Higher Education Executive Compensation led by Sen. Jack Scott at 9:30 a.m. in the John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203). Also, on March 21, there will be an Education Finance meeting led by Assemblymember Julia Brownley that will focus on the CSU budget, including student fees, enrollment growth, and compensation issues, among other things.

CFA Political Action and Legislation chair, Susan Meisenhelder, an English professor at CSU San Bernardino will testify at both hearings and is available to speak with the media.

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