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## **CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION RELEASES APRIL SCHEDULE**

**-- Faculty to Vote on Ratification of Contract This Month,  
Fight Student Fee Increases, and Continue to Push Reform  
Legislation in Sacramento --**

**-- Students on many California State University Campuses  
Planning Protests against Rising Student Fees --**

Sacramento, Ca. – As the California Faculty Association prepares for its members to vote on the ratification of the labor agreement that took nearly two years to reach, the organization is also focusing on issues that are extremely important to the California State University system: reform legislation, executive compensation legislation and fighting student fee increases.

The faculty will vote on the ratification of the labor agreement during the week of April 30, with an official announcement of the results expected by May 4. In the meantime, there will be numerous hearings at the State Capitol in Sacramento on the following issues:

- **SB 190 re CSU Executive Compensation, authored by State Sen. Leland Yee:** Sen. Judiciary Committee, **April 10 Tue @ 1pm, Room 112** – Bill would require all discussions by the CSU Trustees about executive compensation to be held in public. CSU San Bernardino English Professor Susan Meisenhelder will testify for CFA at the hearing. To interview Meisenhelder, contact Brian Ferguson at 916-281-8785. To interview Sen. Yee, contact Adam Keigwin 916-651-4008.
- **AB 1413 re CSU Leadership Reform authored by Assemblymember Anthony Portantino,** Assembly Higher Ed Committee, **Apr 17 Tue @ 1:30 pm, Room 437** – Bill would bring oversight, transparency and public accountability to the CSU Board of Trustees. There will be a media availability at 1 pm at the hearing room. To interview CFA leaders, contact Alice Sunshine, 510-384-1967. To interview Assy. Portantino, contact Eduardo Martinez, 916-319-2044.

- **Senate Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance chaired by State Senator Jack Scott** re. CSU budget, Student Aid, and the California Post-Secondary Education Commission, **Apr 17 Tue @ 1:30 pm, Room 113.**
- **Joint Legislative Audit Committee** re Audit Request regarding CSU Executive Compensation, **Apr 17 Tue @ 3 pm, Rm 126** – JLAC will decide whether it will audit the compensation practices of the California State University system.
- **Assembly Education Finance Committee chaired by Assemblymember Julia Brownley** re Student Financial Aid, **Apr 18 Wed @ 4 pm, Rm 126.**

To listen to Assembly hearings via the internet, go to  
[http://www.assembly.ca.gov/committee\\_hearings/defaulttext.asp](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/committee_hearings/defaulttext.asp)

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[http://www.sen.ca.gov/htbin/testbin/noframe\\_raidio](http://www.sen.ca.gov/htbin/testbin/noframe_raidio)

**STUDENT PROTESTS:** In addition to the activity at the capitol, CFA will be supporting student protests throughout the month at campuses around the state. CFA adamantly opposes student fee increases and urges the CSU leadership to press the Legislature to provide money in the budget that would cover the cost of the proposed 10% fee.

John Travis, President of the California Faculty Association stated, “CSU students have already been hit with 76% increases in student fees since 2002, and this additional hike would bring that to 94%. We urge CSU management to fight for the students by calling on the Legislature to include those additional funds in the budget for next year – so that a fee hike will not be necessary.”

In late April, CSU students plan to hold rallies and other actions to protest rising student fees, cuts to student outreach programs, and other challenges confronting student, particularly the difficulty in getting needed classes.

Media should contact student organizers at their respective campuses as follows:

**CSU East Bay, Rally April 24**, Tuesday, 11 am- 1 pm. Contact: Lili Marquez, 916-397-9124

**San Jose State U., Rally April 25**, Wednesday, Noon-2 pm. Contact: Robert Gutierrez, 408-421-0284

**San Francisco State U., Rally April 26**, Thursday, Noon-2 pm. Contact: Asella Donovan-Blood, 209-256-0870

**CSU Sacramento, Rally May 2**, Wednesday, Noon-2 pm. Contact: Lizbet Morales, 707-367-5146

In addition, students are organizing protests at campuses in Southern California. For information, please contact Blanca Castañeda, 626-487-7462.

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