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NEWS ADVISORY
FROM THE CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION

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**CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION CALLS ON LEGISLATURE & GOVERNOR
TO HONOR THE MINIMUM FUNDING NEEDED
TO KEEP THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AFLOAT**

NEWS CONFERENCE
Thursday, July 19, 2007 • 1:00 pm

IN PERSON
Visuals of phone news conference with CFA President Lillian Taiz
And other Cal. State U. faculty
Location: California Faculty Association office
300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1590, Sacramento
8 blocks from the Capitol, parking can be validated

BY TELEPHONE
Who: CFA President Lillian Taiz
Representatives of the CSU Chancellor's Office

CALL-IN : 800-230-1092

A plan to resolve the state budget impasse with a 1% cut from the California State University compact funding from the state "is a terrible idea" according to members of the California Faculty Association, with the potential to wreak havoc on the nation's largest public state university system.

"It opens the possibility again of a faculty strike in the CSU system when school begins," said Lillian Taiz, CFA president.

The CSU faculty narrowly averted a strike this spring after a long contentious contract battle that led to picket lines on the CSU's 23 campuses and a 94% strike vote.

According to CSU leaders, abandonment of the funding compact, already regarded as inadequate to fully support the mission of the CSU to provide broad access to higher education, would cause nearly all CSU employee contracts to be reopened. The impact on classes, students, student services, the CSU overall would be enormous.

“It would be as though these contracts were never enacted and undo what has been resolved in the recent contract fight,” said Taiz.

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