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## **CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS TAKE ACTION TO SAVE CALIF. STATE U. FUNDING**

### **FACULTY MEMBERS THANK ASSEMBLY LEADER FOR RESTORING FUNDING**

A plan to resolve the state budget impasse that included a 1% cut from the California State University Compact funding failed to materialize as faculty members from across the state took quick and decisive action yesterday to inform legislators that cuts to higher education would not be tolerated. The budget passed early this morning by a margin of 56 to 23 and included full funding for the governor's higher education compact.

This action comes only a day after faculty members statewide made hundreds of calls to tell their representatives letting them know that the cuts are a "terrible idea" with the potential to wreak havoc on the nation's largest public state university system. The compact provides a 4% increase in base funding largely to pay the costs of enrolling and instructing students.

"We are happy the Assembly chose to invest in California's future by not slashing higher education funding," said CFA President Lillian Taiz, who is also professor of history at CSU Los Angeles.

CFA leaders today expressed special thanks to Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez whose efforts in the Assembly ensured the CSU will get the funding promised in the Compact.

"We are at a decisive point—will we dismantle our public higher education system? California needs our state university where we train huge numbers of our nurses, teachers, engineers, public safety officers and so many other essential participants in our economy, state infrastructure and society," Taiz said.

She added, "Speaker Núñez showed last night that he understood what higher education means for California."

Núñez is a recent recipient of CFA's "Friend of Higher Education & Labor" award.

If the promised funding had not been restored to the CSU, the impact on classes, students, student services, the CSU overall would have been enormous and could have renewed the possibility of a strike of CSU faculty.

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.

“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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