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CALIFORNIA SENATOR DENISE MORENO DUCHENY TO ADDRESS STATE BUDGET CRISIS AT CAL STATE SAN MARCOS

WHO: California State Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny,
Chair of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and the
California Faculty Association

WHERE: Cal State San Marcos, Clarke Field House, Grand Salon
333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road

WHEN: Thursday, February 7, 2008 • 3:00-4:30 pm

The California Faculty Association welcomes Senator Ducheny to CSU San Marcos to address the tragic impact the Governor's proposed \$386 million cut to the CSU budget would have on CSU students, California's economy, and the state's infrastructure.

In the coming months, CFA, the CSU administration, and elected officials will work hard to fend off the proposed cut – a cut that would prevent new students from being admitted to the CSU system and create serious obstacles to graduation for current students.

As growing numbers of potential students encounter roadblocks to getting their degrees, California's economy also would suffer. Our state economy thrives from the contributions of the large number CSU graduates, and local economies benefit from the presence of CSU campuses in 23 California communities. Efforts to build up the State's infrastructure would stall because the CSU is the source of the States' workforce, particularly engineers, teachers, nurses, firefighters, and police.

In an opinion piece in the *San Diego Union Tribune* on February 3, 2008, Senator Ducheny wrote, "He [Gov. Schwarzenegger] asks financially strapped students who have seen student fees double over the past five years to pay more for college, but asks no additional sacrifice from our wealthiest citizens or corporations..."

"Proposing across-the-board cuts avoids the hard decisions involved in setting priorities and the careful analysis of the effects of those cuts on California's families, communities and economy. Are we prepared to accept larger class sizes for our students? Are we willing to turn away eligible students from our institutions of higher education?"

Senator Moreno will discuss these issues with students, faculty, and members of the community in attendance. The news media is invited to attend.

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