

### **1. How much funding did the CSU Trustees request for 2017-18?**

The CSU Trustees submitted a Support Budget request to the Dept. of Finance last fall. In this request, they asked for an augmentation of \$324.9 million in state general funds. The budget also calls for a 1% increase in enrollment (3,616 FTE students), which would generate another \$18.8 million from the tuition these students would pay. This brings the total support budget proposal for 2017-18 to \$343.7 million (of which \$324.9 million would come from the State).

### **2. What was the Governor's January budget proposal for the CSU?**

Gov. Brown's January budget proposal included an augmentation of \$157.2 million for the CSU. This includes \$131.2 million increase in state general funds (equal to the amount he proposed for the UC) and an additional \$26 million from changes to the Middle Class Scholarship program.

### **3. So how much more funding is needed to fully fund the budget request?**

\$167.7 million. With an additional augmentation of \$167.7 million, on top of the \$157.2 already proposed, the full CSU request would be funded for 2017-18.

### **4. What happened with the 5% tuition increase for 2017-18, which Chancellor White proposed last fall?**

In an historic split vote, the BOT voted in March to increase tuition for 2017-18 by 5%. The Board was conflicted about the decision, and in the vote, included a provision to automatically rescind the 5% increase if the 2017-18 enacted budget includes a \$324.9 million augmentation to the CSU.

### **5. How much revenue will the tuition increase bring to the CSU?**

\$77.5 million. This is the net amount of money that will be available, after financial aid from the gross amount is deducted.

### **6. What is CFA advocating for in this budget cycle?**

CFA has been supporting the Trustee request of \$324.9 million in new funding from the State. We are calling for \$325 million, and asking that the Governor and Legislature fully fund the CSU request. In addition, we would like to see the funding targeted or earmarked for instructional activities that we know will contribute to student success and improved graduation rates: offering more classes and hiring more permanent faculty to teach them.

## **7. What about the Student Protection Act (AB 393) — is there going to be a moratorium on tuition increases?**

CFA sponsored a bill that would freeze tuition and mandatory system-wide fees in the CSU and California Community Colleges through the 2019-20 academic year. The bill is authored by Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, an alumna of Cal State Fullerton. The Student Protection Act has bi-partisan support and co-authors, and was voted out of the Assembly Higher Ed Committee on a unanimous vote of 11-0 on April 18. The bill moves next the Appropriations Committee.

## **8. What happens next in the budget process?**

In April and May, budget subcommittee hearings take place in the Assembly and Senate and then both houses develop budget proposals. No later than May 14, the Governor will submit a "May Revise" budget proposal. Sometimes, there are changes to the proposed allocations for the CSU in the May Revise. Between the end of May and mid-June, a budget deal must be reached in order to meet a constitutional deadline of June 15 for an enacted budget.

## **9. How can I support the CSU budget?**

We need to fight to make sure the Governor knows that he must prioritize funding the CSU and fight for our students. Join other CFA members who are writing to Governor Brown, urging him to support the full CSU budget request of \$325 million. This would require the CSU Chancellor to rescind the 5% and provide much needed resources to support instruction in the CSU. Fully fund the CSU budget request of \$325 million.

### **Write the Governor – Urge him to increase support for the CSU**

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