

CFA Resolution on Student Fee Hikes and a Fair Faculty Contract
February 10, 2007

Whereas, the California Master Plan for Higher Education (1960) called for affordable student fees and access to quality education for California's students.

Whereas, since 2003 CFA has opposed the efforts to privatize the CSU by shifting the burden for funding the CSU from public resources to individual students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend a university and have limited resources; and

Whereas, in 2004 CFA waged a major campaign in conjunction with students and other allies to restore funding to the CSU and oppose additional student fee hikes which resulted in the restoration of millions of dollars to the system's budget for outreach and student success programs; and

Whereas, in 2005 and 2006 CFA and students continued to oppose additional student fee hikes. CFA spoke out against the unfairness of higher fees while student support services and financial assistance have declined. Through these efforts Governor Schwarzenegger was forced to put a moratorium on student fee hikes for 2006/2007; and

Whereas, instead of working to negotiate a fair contract with faculty, seek additional funding to keep student fees low, increase class offerings and reduce class sizes, and enhance retention and outreach programs, the CSU administration has instead prioritized rewarding themselves with a 23% increase in salary and perks in the last two years.

Therefore, be it resolved that the California Faculty Association reaffirms its commitment to affordable, quality education and will continue to oppose student fee increases and will seek increased funding from the state government to fund the CSU; and

Finally, be it resolved that CFA will continue to work to achieve a fair contract for all CSU faculty and addresses structural salary problems, closes the CPEC gap, reduces workload, and protects lecturer's rights.

Adopted by the CFA Board of Directors
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