November 5, 2013

Chancellor Timothy White
California State University Chancellor’s Office
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Chancellor White:

Now that our CFA bargaining team and your office have “sunshined” bargaining proposals, we, the undersigned presidents of the CFA chapters on the 23 California State University campuses, urge you to start the bargaining process as soon as possible.

Faculty on all of our campuses helped to develop our proposals and have indicated their willingness to work hard in support of their bargaining team to achieve a fair contract.

In the wake of years of budget cuts, loss of faculty members from the CSU system, and rising student enrollments, we urge you to support a settlement that ensures our faculty can continue to provide quality higher education for our students.

After many years of personal sacrifice, faculty without exception believe that our contract must provide for improved compensation, address working conditions, and achieve fairness and equity for all faculty in the CSU.

Contract negotiations typically take a long time in the CSU, but if both sides are willing to make an effort, we are confident that we can get this done without unnecessary delay. There are many issues to discuss and our CFA bargaining team is ready to come to the table immediately. We believe it would send a very positive signal to the university community if the parties agree to sit down together at the bargaining table right away.

Sincerely,
CFA Chapter Presidents:

Steve Gamboa, CSU Bakersfield
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