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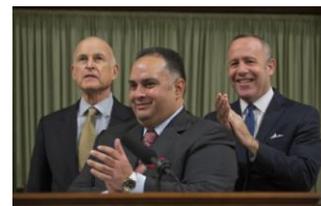
June 4, 2013 · Weekly news digest from CFA

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· Budget fight takes center stage

Negotiations on the 2013/14 state budget take center stage in Sacramento this week as members of the legislative "conference committee" are set to hold meetings to debate the details of the state budget including funding levels for the CSU.



In the remaining days until June 15, the deadline for passing the budget, your help is needed to ensure that 15,000 prospective CSU students are not turned away.

CFA has joined with the CSU Chancellor's Office, the statewide Academic Senate, California State Student Association (CSSA) and other employee unions to request an additional \$54 million in the state budget process to increase enrollment at CSU campuses.

[Tell your representatives to support increased CSU funding.](#)

This supplemental investment would provide courses and student support services for an additional 15,000 CSU-eligible high school and community college students in the 2013-14 academic year.

With this funding, we can create opportunity for thousands of qualified students and provide the education and training they need to help power California's economy, social mobility and continued vibrancy.

Please take a few moments to ask your lawmaker to support this critical funding for the university – it is one of the most important investments the State of California can make.

[Take action now.](#)

· “Reopener” bargaining on raises set for July 1-3

Next month CFA & CSU management will re-open talks on the salary section of the current faculty contract.

Bargaining sessions – which are scheduled for July 1-3 – will center on faculty salary in 2013/14 the academic year.

After Gov. Jerry Brown included a \$125.1 million funding increase in his proposed budget last January, CSU Chancellor Timothy White announced that if the extra funding came through, he would allocate \$38 million to raises for employees; only the highest paid senior managers were explicitly left out of the \$38 million pool.

The \$38 million represents 1.2% of the total pool for all employees. The amount and types of compensation will be determined by the bargaining process for all employees represented by their respective unions.

Beyond reopening the salary section now, the entire faculty contract expires in June 2014.

· **Support the CFA bargaining team. Become a union member today!**

With the CFA Bargaining Team set to re-engage in negotiations on salary next month – and with the full contract set to expire next year – the best way you can lend your support is by joining the union.

[Become a CFA member today!](#)

To win a strong next contract we will need to work together. The more members we have in the union, the greater our power will be at the bargaining table.

By joining with the thousands of other faculty who are CFA members, you will be able to vote on union bargaining surveys and contracts, and participate in union elections.



In addition, union members have access to \$1 million in professional liability insurance at no charge. [Learn more about member benefits.](#)

[Join CFA and help us preserve and protect a fair contract not just for today, but for decades to come.](#)

· **Links of the week**

Acting Cal State Long Beach President Named

Donald J. Para, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), has been appointed as the university's interim president.

– [Long Beach Patch](#)

Coursera strikes huge online-education deal with state university systems

The movement of "massive online open courses," which began with elite universities making their courses available online to the masses, is rapidly moving into the trenches of public higher education. On Thursday, 10 large public university systems -- including the giant state systems of New York, Tennessee, Colorado and the University of Houston -- will announce plans to incorporate MOOCs and platforms offered through for-profit Coursera of Mountain View into their teaching. – [San Jose Mercury News](#)

MOOCs undermine the public higher education sector

Fighting over the role of technology in our work keeps us academics busy and prevents us from seeing the real problem: the erosion of our rights and roles in higher education. – [University World News](#)

San Jose State's online college course experiment reveals hidden costs

About two weeks into San Jose State's online education experiment at an Oakland charter school, it became clear that something was wrong. Some of the students in the college's for-credit math courses weren't even logging on. – [Oakland Tribune](#)

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