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**Please Note:** *Following this week's edition, CFA Headlines will be put on its annual summer hiatus. Please watch for 'Special Headlines' and 'Action Alerts,' which will be distributed as needed throughout the summer. Regular publication will resume in August.*

## CFA HEADLINES

**June 11, 2013 · Weekly news digest from CFA**

- Budget negotiations enter home stretch
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### · **Budget negotiations enter home stretch**

Negotiations on the 2013/14 state budget appear to be wrapping up at the State Capitol.

The joint legislative budget conference committee met Monday to endorse a budget framework, allowing each house to take up the spending plan later this week.



On Tuesday afternoon, the “Big Three” in state budget negotiations – Governor Jerry Brown, Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg and Assembly Speaker John Pérez – held a briefing to announce they have [come to terms on the key issues](#) in the budget.

While the details of the budget have yet to be made public and no final votes have been held, CFA will continue to monitor issues that have the greatest impact on CSU faculty. These include whether the \$125.1 million proposed increase in CSU funding holds up, the fate of faculty healthcare costs, performance metrics, and a proposal involving the CalPERS employer contribution pass through.

Lawmakers have a midnight Saturday deadline to finalize and vote to pass a budget, or risk having their pay docked. Gov. Jerry Brown then has until the end of the month to sign it into law. The new budget would go into effect July 1.

CFA will distribute updates on the state budget and its impact on CSU faculty as they become available.

### · **Stay in touch with CFA this summer - update your contact information**

As the spring term on CSU campuses draws to a close, CFA urges faculty members to update your contact information with the union to ensure you receive critical updates on the state budget and contract bargaining.



Update your contact information via the [member helpdesk](#) on the CFA website.

## · **We are stronger together. Join the union 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**

### **Report: California college grads better off than if they had sought work earlier**

Finally, some good news for new college graduates as they enter the real world, staggering under a record burden of student loan debt: As tough as it is, they are much better off than if they had looked for work straight out of high school. – [San Jose Mercury News](#)

### **Labor Coalition storms CA Capitol to rally against Medi-Cal cuts**

Thousands of doctors, nurses, unionized health care workers and Medi-Cal patients flocked to the Capitol on Tuesday to protest possible cuts to the Medi-Cal program. – [Sacramento Bee](#)

### **From Labor Leader to Lawmaker: Q&A with Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez**

Not a lot of elections result in one candidate receiving 73% of the vote. In fact, 73% of voters can rarely agree on anything. But in the recent special election to fill the Assembly seat vacated by Ben Hueso when he moved over to the State Senate, San Diego-Imperial Central Labor Council leader Lorena Gonzalez received a staggering 73% of the vote, while her opponent, former City Councilman Steve Castaneda, garnered just 27%. – [Labor's Edge](#)

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