Dear CFA Members,

I stand in solidarity with California Faculty Association members as you hold a one-day strike on November 17 to protest Chancellor Reed’s lop-sided policy of putting administration above faculty and students. It is unconscionable that a CSU President’s salary be increased by $100,000 while students are charged higher tuition and faculty members are paid less. In failing to honor previous negotiations Chancellor Reed is sending a clear message to CSU students and faculty. His message says actions speak louder than words and it’s clear where his priorities are: a few high-ranking, high paid individuals instead of with students and faculty.

Administrators negotiated salary increases in both the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 academic years. A third party arbitrator agreed that CFA members should receive a modest increase. Chancellor Reed ignored that suggestion while increasing perks and pay for high ranking officials. Californians are being told we must do more with less while Chancellor Reed gives more to a few and calls it fair. Professors, lecturers, librarians and counselors – those who interact with students on a daily basis – left without.

In Solidarity,

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