

Faculty members:

INSERT THIS INTO YOUR SYLLABUS



Students have a need and right to know what is happening to their education. The first day of class offers a teachable moment. We offer this sample statement that you can insert into your syllabi.

SAMPLE STATEMENT

CSU Employee Furloughs – Impact on Classes

This year across this campus and around the CSU system some class days will be cancelled because of furloughs. A furlough is mandatory un-paid time off; faculty and staff on each CSU campus are being “furloughed” two days per month.

These cancelled class days are marked on your syllabus below. It is important to recognize that these days off are **not** holidays. Instead, they are concrete examples of how massive state budget cuts have consequences for you as students and for me as a faculty member.

The CSU has suffered chronic underfunding for at least 10 years. This year the budget cuts are the worst in the history of our university system — \$584 million or 20% of our budget.

The CSU administration is attempting to deal with these cuts with huge increases in your student fees (32%), eliminations of your classes, and lay-offs of faculty and other university employees.

In addition to paying higher fees, you will be affected by reduced services and classes. The library will have shorter hours. Many campus support services will be decreased or eliminated. It will be more difficult to get signatures to meet deadlines. Classes you need may have been cut from the class schedule or are full.

If you would like to take action, or simply learn more, I strongly recommend you contact the California Faculty Association on campus.

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