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CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION BEGINS PICKETING

-- Also This Week, the Barry Munitz Trial Returns to Court as CFA Continues to Fight the Administration's Waste and Abuse of Taxpayer Dollars --

Due to a worsening stalemate in contract negotiations for the faculty who teach in the California State University system, the California Faculty Association will begin statewide informational picketing this week. Throughout January, pickets are scheduled on all 23 CSU campuses.

"The CSU Administration seems to have forgotten the mission of the CSU, which is to provide a quality, affordable four-year education for qualified students in California," said John Travis, a political science professor at Humboldt State University.

"Instead of making decisions that will improve California's higher education system, this administration focuses on golden parachute deals and six-figure consulting contracts for themselves.

"Meanwhile they have raised student fees so high and fast, many of our students are being forced to drop out. The faculty is not making enough money to keep up with the cost of living in California, which is driving our colleagues to pack it in and leave.

"Yet the Administration shows little will to fight for a sufficient budget for our campuses. Instead they slash student services, triple class sizes, and lay off teachers."

The most up-to-date picket schedule is provided at the end of this news release. The schedule also includes other important events taking place this month.

On Thursday, January 11 at 9:30 am in Los Angeles Superior Court, CFA's lawsuit against the CSU Administration challenging the way it hired Barry Munitz, the disgraced former CEO of the J Paul Getty Foundation, will go to trial. Munitz was hired to teach one class at Cal State Los Angeles at a salary of \$163,000, which is double the average pay of fulltime CSU professors with 20 or more years experience. Munitz was hired by the CSU Trustees after he was forced to resign his position at the Getty under a cloud of unethical conduct, including his use of foundation money to pay for a \$72,000 Porsche.

"Our difficulties in bargaining an equitable agreement for the faculty are symptomatic of a larger problem plaguing our publicly funded state university system," added Travis. "The top administration devotes much of its attention to the needs of elite executives who have received large pay raises averaging 19 percent while student fees have been raised 76% and faculty salaries remained stagnant. California leads the nation in part because it

has a great public higher education system. But we are losing it. And it's time that we the faculty take a stand," Travis concluded.

The news media is invited to interview faculty members at the informational pickets. For more information or to arrange interviews with CFA statewide officers, please contact Alice Sunshine, CFA Communications Director at 510-384-1967.

SCHEDULE OF INFORMATIONAL PICKETS

Details subject to change. Please see <http://www.calfac.org/releases.html> for latest media updates or call to confirm.

- Jan. 8 CSU Bakersfield, Noon-1 pm, Dorothy Donahoe Hall Courtyard (by Education Bldg)
- Jan. 10 Cal State Los Angeles, Noon-2 pm, Administration Building (park in Lot F)
Cal Poly Pomona – 8:30-9 am, Kellogg Dr. at traffic light (park in Lot C)
California Maritime Academy (Vallejo, CA)
7:30-9:30 am at campus entrance, and 11:30-Noon on the campus quad
Humboldt State University (Arcata, CA), Noon outside the Kate Buchanan Room
- Jan. 11 **Lawsuit on Barry Munitz Hire goes to Trial, LA Superior Court, 9:30am**
- Jan 16 Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, 11-12:30, Administration Building (park in lot on left)
- Jan. 17 CSU East Bay (Hayward, CA), 11:30am-1:30pm outside the Student Union
- Jan. 22 CSU San Marcos, Noon-12:45 pm, Library Courtyard
CSU Chico, 11 am – 1 pm, Library Mall Bridge
- Jan. 23-24 CSU Board of Trustees meets, 401 Golden Shore, Long Beach
- Jan. 24 Fresno State U., 12-1 pm, Free Speech Area
CSU Channel Islands (Camarillo, CA), 11:30 am-1:30 pm, in front of Bell Tower Bldg.
- Jan. 25 CSU San Bernardino, Noon-1:30pm, Library (Get parking pass at kiosk)
Sonoma State U. (Rohnert Park, CA) 8am, Campus Common
- Jan. 26 Humboldt State, TBA
- Jan. 29 Sacramento State U., Noon – 1 pm,, Quad outside Library
- Jan. 30 CSU Dominguez Hills (Carson, CA), 11am-1pm, Sculpture Garden
CSU Fullerton, 11 am-1 pm, Quad by Library (Stop at kiosk for parking info)
- Jan. 31 San Jose State U., Noon – 2 pm, 9th St. Plaza (Park in 10th St. Garage)
CSU Monterey Bay, TBA
- Feb. 6 CSU Long Beach, 11:15 am-1:30 pm, Brotman Hall Fountain
- Feb. 7 CSU Northridge, 11 am-12:30 pm, Sierra Center
San Francisco State U., Noon- 1pm, in front of stage outside Cesar Chavel Center