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### **THE STATE BUDGET AND THE CSU**

#### **· GOV TO RELEASE BUDGET PROPOSALS THIS WEEK**

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the state Department of Finance have announced they will unveil this Friday, January 8 their proposed budget for the upcoming 2010/11 fiscal year.

Next year's budget plan is expected to be another ugly one as the state grapples with a shortfall that could exceed \$20 billion.

Published reports earlier this week – sometimes leaked as trial balloons by the Governor's office in the days leading up to the budget plan release – have indicated that the governor's

proposal may include severe cuts to education, and health & welfare programs should the federal government not supply the state with a new round of stimulus funding.

Look for a special edition of *CFA Headlines* following the release of the budget plan.

## **· 5,000+ PARTICIPATE IN E-MARCH ADVOCATING PROPER FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION**

More than 5,000 supporters of public education have taken part in CFA's electronic march, or e-March, on the Governor's office to demand adequate funding for public education in the upcoming 2010/11 budget proposal.

These supporters include students, faculty, staff, parents, labor allies, alumni, community supporters and others from pre-K through university and come from all over the state.

There are only a few days left to join the e-March, so please take part in this historic action today by going to: <http://tinyurl.com/edemarch>

In addition to the education labor groups represented on the Jan. 5 call (see below), others that participated in the e-March on the governor include Academic Professionals of California, United Auto Workers Graduate Students, AFSCME 3299 (UC Employees), American Association of University Professors, Alameda Central Labor Council, California Federation of Labor, and the Teachers Association of Long Beach.

## **· LEADERS CALL FOR PROPER FUNDING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Education leaders from across the California's public education system came together Tuesday morning to call on the governor to fully fund public education in his 2010/11 budget proposal slated for release later this week.

The participants – who collectively represent more than 100,000 educators from the pre-K-12 system, community colleges, California State University and University of California – sought to make it clear to the Governor that without appropriate public education funding California's future is in danger.

Those participating in the media conference call included CFA President Lillian Taiz, Carl Friedlander president of the American Federation of Teachers Local 1521, Edward Reed, President of SEIU Local 99, Pat Gantt, president of the California State University Employees Union (CSUEU), Dr. Stanton Glantz, Vice President of the Council of University of California Faculty Associations (CUCFA).

CFA President Taiz told reporters, "Public Education in California is being dismantled. In nearly every ranking at every level of our educational system California is sinking."

Taiz continued that while the governor says he has no choice, “we say he has choices. In fact, it is a result of many years of bad choices that has put California on a path to creating a disaster from which it will not recover until long after the rest of the country is flourishing.

See a news release with comments from all the speakers at:

[http://www.calfac.org/allpdf/newsreleas/2010\\_pressrel/PR\\_010510\\_BudgetCall.pdf](http://www.calfac.org/allpdf/newsreleas/2010_pressrel/PR_010510_BudgetCall.pdf)

To view the LA Times story on the event, go to:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2010/01/union-leaders-ask-governor-not-to-cut-education-funds.html>

## **THE FACULTY CONTRACT**

### **- FACT FINDING BEGINS THIS WEEK**

The CFA Bargaining Team and the CSU Chancellor’s Office will begin the fact-finding process this week in an attempt to reach agreement on the economic portions of the 2008/09 faculty contract that were reopened due to the state budget crisis.

The two sides have reached fact finding – which is the final stage in the bargaining process commonly known as the “statutory process” spelled out in California’s higher education labor relations law – and are still seeking to resolve the dispute that arose after the CSU Administration refused to honor the pay raises specified in the faculty contract during the year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

### **- PROTECT YOUR FACULTY RIGHTS ON WORKLOAD**

As the new term begins, CFA has received a number of questions about increased workload due to enlarged classes size and the ramifications it has on student learning conditions.

Article 20 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) between CSU and CFA prohibits an unreasonable workload. CFA is concerned that any class size increase may create an unreasonable workload.

Therefore, to safeguard your rights under Article 20 of the CBA, CFA urges faculty not to voluntarily accept any class size increases – although you must accept them if ordered to do so. If you are ordered to accept such an increase, please contact CFA immediately about the possibility of filing a workload grievance.

### **- JUDGE’S RULING ON FURLOUGHS APPLIES ONLY TO SOME CIVIL SERVICE AGENCIES**

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch ruled last week that the governor acted illegally by requiring some state workers to submit to three furlough days per month.

The Governor's office has stated that they plan to appeal.

The ruling does not apply to all furloughed workers, only to those whose agencies receive all or nearly all their money from federal funds or specially generated state revenue sources - for example, Caltrans, the DMV, the Employment Development Department and the state lottery.

CSU faculty and employees do not fit this criteria.

Furthermore, even the plaintiffs in the case – SEIU Local 1000, the union that represents the majority of unionized state workers – have expressed concerns that if this ruling is upheld it may result in massive layoffs in lieu of the furloughs.

## **RECAPPING THE TOP STORIES OF DECEMBER**

### **- ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATING FRESNO, SACRAMENTO, SONOMA FOUNDATIONS**

In December, it was revealed that Attorney General Jerry Brown is investigating the campus auxiliary organizations at Sonoma, Sacramento and Fresno.

Brown is investigating their financial practices at the behest of CFA which called for the investigations in July after published reports revealed a series of controversies involving the fiduciary practices of these organizations.

To view CFA's Letter to Attorney General Brown, go to:

[http://calfac.org/allpdf/newsreleas/2009\\_pressrel/PR\\_AGletter\\_070609.pdf](http://calfac.org/allpdf/newsreleas/2009_pressrel/PR_AGletter_070609.pdf)

### **- SAC STATE SPENDS \$5.7 MILLION TO LEASE EMPTY BUILDING FROM ITS OWN FOUNDATION**

The Sacramento Bee reports that CSU Sacramento is spending \$5.7 million in state funding this year to lease – but not use – a 188,000 square foot office building from its own campus auxiliary.

To view the article, go to:

[http://calfac.org/allpdf/newspaper\\_articles/2009/SacBee\\_122609\\_CalSTRS.pdf](http://calfac.org/allpdf/newspaper_articles/2009/SacBee_122609_CalSTRS.pdf)

### **- STATE AUDITOR FINDS CSU EXEC RECEIVED \$152,441 IN IMPROPER REIMBURSEMENT**

A state audit released in December found that former CSU Executive David Ernst misspent more than \$152,000 in CSU money on lavish trips across the world unrelated to CSU business.

The audit found that Ernst – who was chief of IT services at the time and now works for the UC – received improper reimbursements from the Chancellor’s Office over a 37-month period from July 2005 to July 2008. Over that time Ernst traveled to Singapore, Melbourne, Amsterdam and elsewhere, staying in \$400-a-night hotels and at times taking large groups out to \$160-a-person dinners.

To view the state auditor’s report, go to: <http://www.bsa.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/l2007-1158.pdf>

However, this audit is not Ernst’s first brush with controversy. He was previously audited by the state and investigated by the legislature for having a potential conflict of interest during the CSU’s procurement of the Common Management System (CMS/PeopleSoft) software earlier this decade.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **- ELECTIONS BEING HELD FOR CTA STATE DELEGATE TO NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Any CFA member wishing to run for a CTA state higher education delegate position to attend the annual NEA Representative Assembly (July 30-July 7, 2010 in New Orleans, LA) must complete the Declaration of Candidacy form, featured in the December issue of CTA’s California Educator publication. The declaration form is also available on the CTA website at [www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org) under My CTA.

The 2010 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Completed forms must be submitted to the CTA Service Center Council for Higher Education (4100 Truxel Road, Sacramento, CA 95834) by 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2010.

## **LINKS OF THE WEEK**

### **LA Times Editorial: Restoring an educational gem's luster**

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/editorials/la-ed-masterplan28-2009dec28,0,1778851.story>

### **Fresno Bee Editorial: California must renew its vision for higher ed**

<http://www.fresnobee.com/opinion/story/1763056.html>

### **NAACP: SDSU must restore local student guarantee policy**

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/jan/03/dialog-no-guarantee/>

### **LA Times: State university fee hikes are a test many families can't pass**

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-calstate21-2009dec21,0,6575413.story>

**The New Yorker article on UC Protests (subscription required):**

<http://archives.newyorker.com/default.aspx?iid=32099&startpage=page0000026#folio=022>

**Inside Higher Education article on financial analysis of public universities:**

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/12/23/audit>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Jan 8**

Governor to announce 2009 Budget Proposal

**Jan 11**

Hearing on AB 656: California Higher Education Fund, State Capitol  
(if you are interested in attending, call CFA at 916-441-4848)

**Jan 15-16**

CFA Joint Councils Meetings

**Jan 18**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – CFA Statewide offices closed

**Jan 26-27**

CSU Board of Trustees Meeting  
401 Golden Shore Long Beach Ca

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