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## **CFA HEADLINES**

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### **\$50 MILLION IN STIMULUS MONEY FOR CSU IS SITTING UNUSED IN CHANCELLOR'S COFFERS**

**Send the Chancellor a message to today to "Free the \$50 Million" to save class sections and educate students!**

While students struggle to get the classes they need to graduate and faculty and staff struggle with super-sized course sections and the loss of work, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed is sitting on \$50 million in unused federal stimulus money.

CFA calls on Chancellor Reed to release this funding to campuses to help students and protect jobs. Send him a message today urging him to free \$50 million by going to: <http://capwiz.com/calfac/state/main/?state=CA>

#### **BACKGROUND**

Last year the federal government sent Federal Education Stabilization Fund "stimulus" dollars to California, including a late-arriving \$77.5 million for the CSU. This money was sent to the state to save jobs and help students complete their education.

In October, Chancellor Reed decided to allocate \$25 million of this money to campuses to add more class sections. That commendable choice was tempered by his decision to hold back two-thirds of the money in case the system was struck by mid-year cuts, even though Reed's Chief Financial Officer, Benjamin Quillian, acknowledges no mid-year cuts are likely.

The governor now has released his budget proposal and the governor wants to increase CSU funding for next year, and no mid-year cuts have been proposed

Yet, the Chancellor continues to sit on \$50 million in federal dollars that are desperately needed on campus.

What's more, even if lawmakers were inclined to cut CSU funding further, such cuts would sink the CSU's budget below the federal "maintenance of effort" clause, which was a requirement to get the funding.

#### **HELPING STUDENTS AND SAVING JOBS**

"Right now there is a crisis taking place on our campuses where a tremendous amount of cuts are being made," said John Travis, Chair of CFA's Political Action/ Legislative Committee.

Travis continued, "If the Chancellor releases this money to campuses, it can be used to help students get the classes they need and save jobs for faculty and staff members, which was why the money was sent to the CSU in the first place."

### **HOW THE MONEY COULD BE USED**

This money could help avert the loss of work for faculty and staff on semester campuses by avoiding layoffs or calling back people already laid off from student services jobs

Quarter campuses could use the money to increase the number of course sections they offer in the spring 2010 quarter to help ensure students are getting the classes they need.

Even on semester campuses that are already under way, the money could be put to good use with creative solutions such as classes in a compressed format and on weekends to add access to course units, especially in highly impacted programs.

Some resources could go to funding regular summer session courses rather than forcing students to pay extra in for-profit summer sessions while increasing access to impacted classes students need.

All of these options would put this much needed funding to work as the federal government intended it to be used.

### **SEND THE CHANCELLOR A MESSAGE**

Join CFA in calling on the Chancellor to "Free the \$50 Million." Send him a message today by going to: <http://capwiz.com/calfac/state/main/?state=CA>

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