

23 REASONS TO SUPPORT THE CSU'S 2017-18 BUDGET REQUEST

1. The CSU Budget request of **\$324.9 million** for 2017-18 is modest; it represents only **0.18%** of the total California State Budget proposed by Gov. Brown.
2. The CSU **budget was cut by a third** during the Great Recession, and the state has not yet restored the funding that was lost during that period.
3. The Governor's budget proposes to spend almost twice as much for a UC student than for a CSU student (\$15,997 vs. \$8,655 in per student funding). **CSU students deserve the same level of support given to UC students.**
4. California spends 41% less on each CSU student today than 30 years ago, when the student body was predominantly white. Today, **62% of the student body is students of color** and tens of thousands are first-generation college students; they too deserve a fully-funded university.
5. By underfunding the CSU, **California is offering today's diverse students an education on the cheap**; deemed good enough but clearly less rich than the educational experience the whiter, more privileged CSU students in the past enjoyed.
6. Supporting the CSU is a good financial investment. CSU-related spending has an **economic impact of more than \$17 billion** and supports 150,000 jobs in the state.
7. For every \$1 invested by the state, the **CSU generates \$5.43 for California's economy.**
8. State funding has not kept pace with growth in student enrollment. Though the CSU **student body has grown by 64% over the past 30 years**, the CSU budget has actually decreased by about 3%, when adjusted for inflation.
9. If CSU had resources (state funding plus tuition) it did in 1985, **there would be \$773 million more dollars** in the CSU operating budget to serve today's students.
10. California has **more billionaires than any other state** in the nation and more than all but two countries in the world. California can afford to invest in public higher education.
11. Chronic disinvestment in the CSU means there are fewer faculty available to teach and mentor students. The number of full-time, permanent faculty has been constant for decades – while the number of students has skyrocketed. CSU needs **more tenure-track faculty** and the funding to support these positions.
12. There are over **157,000 more students in the CSU today** than there were in 1985, but the same number of full-time, permanent faculty positions. This means fewer faculty to mentor, teach, supervise projects, and develop academic programs.
13. Today, a majority of the faculty (60% by headcount) are hired on temporary, mostly part-time teaching contracts. Our **faculty deserve better jobs and our students deserve teachers** who will be around to see them earn their degrees.
14. The CSU plans to offer **3,000 additional courses and 400 new faculty** when the full augmentation request is funded.
15. If the state of California supported today's students at the level of 1985, state funding for CSU in 2015 would have been almost **\$2 billion higher.**

16. In just 13 years from now, the demand for college educated workers in California is expected to exceed the supply of workers with Bachelor's degrees by **1.1 million**. To avoid this gap, the state needs to act today and increase funding for the public universities.
17. More than **2/3 of Californians believe** the current level of state funding for public colleges and universities is inadequate.
18. A college education is a critical step in achieving upward, inter-generational economic mobility for working class and lower income families. A recent national study found many of **the CSU campuses are ranked among the best universities in the whole country** in terms of upward mobility and offering a pathway to better economic security for low-income families.
19. The cost to attend a CSU has skyrocketed. In 1985, students paid \$666 per year in tuition and fees. This year, **they are paying 933% more**. If tuition had kept pace with inflation, students would be paying \$1,519 instead of \$6,881 this year.
20. The **5% tuition increase will be rescinded** if the CSU budget request is funded in full: \$324.9 million.
21. Students already can't afford tuition – and they definitely can't afford the increase. According to a CSU study, 1 in 10 students are homeless and **1 in 5 experience food insecurity**.
22. There is bi-partisan consensus that **students are paying too much for college**: 70% of Californians, across parties, say they would be unwilling to increase tuition to fund higher ed.
23. Underfunding of the CSU means the universities are turning away qualified, eligible students. This year, more than **30,000 students were denied a spot** in the CSU.

How can I support the CSU budget?

We need to fight to make sure the Governor knows that he must prioritize funding the CSU and fight for our students. Join other CFA members who are writing to Governor Brown, urging him to support the full CSU budget request of \$325 million. This would require the CSU Chancellor to rescind the 5% and provide much needed resources to support instruction in the CSU. Fully fund the CSU budget request of \$325 million.

Write the Governor – Urge him to increase support for the CSU

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