

REPORT TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE FROM CSUN CFA**CFA SPONSORED LEGISLATION****SB 218 sent to governor**

CFA-sponsored legislation that would make the controversial spending and financial practices of California State University subsidiary organizations and foundations more transparent will arrive on the governor's desk in the coming days. Senate Bill (SB) 218 is authored by Senator Leland Yee (D-San Francisco) – received overwhelming support in the Assembly, passing by a margin of 76-0. The bill received final approval from the legislature Monday after the Senate concurred with the amended version of the bill 33-1.

AB 656 Torrico

A CFA sponsored bill would create a stable funding source for all three segments of public higher education in California by enacting a new tax at the wellhead on oil and natural gas “severed” from California land or water. California is the only oil-producing state in the nation that lacks an oil/natural gas severance tax. A similar fund in Texas has successfully endowed public colleges and universities in that state since the 1800s. This new funding would supplement – and not replace – existing state funding.

FURLOUGHS AND BUDGET CUTS**Furlough schedules:**

The selection of furlough days by CSUN faculty is completed. Most faculty selected their days without interference or “issues” with deans. There were two schools with “issues”, but after email exchanges, clarifications on the part of affected faculty, phone calls with CFA attorneys and phone conversations—all were resolved without having to file grievances.

October paycheck

Your October paycheck should reflect the pay reduction of about 9.75 per cent. On another note, CFA dues will be also be reduced in amount equal to the reduction in pay from furloughs. If you have any issues this month's or next with your dues contact CFA at furloughsandbudgetcuts@calfac.org.

CFA has posted several useful tools that faculty members can use to raise awareness about the consequences of furloughs and budget cuts to the CSU. The available tools include:

- Email Signature Message/Out-of-office reply
- Event flyer: Save the CSU
- Flyer On Current CFA Legislation: SB 218 & AB 656
- A statement to place in your syllabus about furloughs
- A complaint form for students to submit when they cannot get classes
- Signs to place on your office door to let students and colleagues know you are away on our furlough (available in both black and white and color)

CFA website is still taking questions on furloughs, there are dozens of frequently asked questions about furloughs at:

http://www.calfac.org/allpdf/Budget_09_10/FAQ_onfurlough_0811.pdf

BARGAINING

The CFA Bargaining Team and the CSU Chancellor's office have mutually agreed to postpone August fact finding hearings while Fred D'Orazio – the neutral third party who will preside over sessions – recovers from an illness. Fact finding is the final stage in the bargaining process commonly known as the “statutory process” spelled out in California's higher education labor relations law.

CSUN CFA ACTIVITIES

The CFA “**vent at the tent**” event scheduled for the first week of school made national and international news and we received over 1000 student/faculty complaint forms. We also collected hours of videotaped testimony.

Future events include:

Action against the CSU Board of Trustees action at CSULB

Mock funeral procession to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 from 10:30 – 12:00 PM at CSU Chancellor's Office, 401 Golden Shores, and Long Beach, CA. If you'd like to join CSULB mock funeral procession, please contact tpinkava@calfac.org, or me. We need to make sure parking can be secured at CSULB. If you plan to join the activities at the CO, there will be parking available in the lot across from Chancellor's Office. Those meeting at CSULB will be driven on big red double-decker bus from CSULB Foundation to the CO. **RSVP FOR FREE TICKETS: organize315@gmail.com or (562) 985-7022.** Please wear **black mourning attire.**

October events

On October 1, we will hold a breaking bread and **soup line event**. We are also asking members to bring copies of their paychecks to the event. We will be serving soup and cutting 10 per cent of our check and handing it over to California oil corporations, since they seem to be the only ones benefiting from the budget crisis.

On October 15 and 16, we will be holding a **los desaparecidos procession and teach-in** on campus to symbolize the disappearance of public higher education, more on this event to follow.

CFA also supports

CFA also sent letters of support to the UC faculty, who will protest budget cuts on September 24 and to faculty at CSDH, who are experienced drastic restructuring of departments that will result in the firing and lay-offs of tenured and non-tenure track faculty.

OTHER ISSUES:

CAST YOUR BALLOT IN CALPERS ELECTION

Ballots for the CalPERS Board of Administration were mailed to the home addresses of all CalPERS members last week. These ballots represent an opportunity for faculty members, retirees and other California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) members to participate in the election of two Member-At-Large representatives to the CalPERS Board of Administration. CFA has endorsed Cathy Hackett (Position A) and Kurato Shimada (Position B)

Respectfully submitted,

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