

Report to the Academic Senate

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

1. CFA Lobby Days

Delegations of CSU faculty and students are at the State Capitol to urge state legislators to back a higher budget allocation for the CSU, and ask them to support CFA's sponsored legislative package.

That package includes bills that mandate the CSU increase the ratio of tenured and tenure-track faculty to 75%, freeze student tuition/fees, and provide greater protection for undocumented individuals who study and work on our campuses.

The bills the delegations will address include:

AB 393: The Student Protection Act (Introduced by Sharon Quirk-Silva). It would freeze tuition and fees for our students in the CSU through the end of June 2020.

AB 21: Access to Higher Education for Every Student (Introduced by Ash Kalra). It would direct public colleges and universities to enact a broad range of protections for undocumented students. The bill passed out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on Tuesday this week and now heads for the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

AB 1464: The need to increase tenure density in the CSU is the topic of this bill authored by Dr. Shirley Weber. It would place in statute a plan to increase the make-up of the CSU faculty to 75 percent tenured and tenure-track faculty by 2025.

AB 1038: A "Blue Ribbon Commission" would be formed by this bill authored by Rob Bonta to create a plan to sustain and augment our public California universities, especially in light of the changing demographics of the state and of CSU students.

2. CSU BOT to Raise System-wide Tuition Next AY

On March 22, 2017, the Trustees voted to raise system-wide tuition by 5% next academic year (11 year and 8 nay). The Trustees decision to raise tuition has a caveat—if the state legislature and the governor agree to provide the CSU all the funding the Trustees have requested of them, the Trustees will rescind the tuition hike.

CFA is urging state legislators to back a higher budget allocation for the CSU to allocate an additional \$182.5 million for the CSU budget next fiscal year. This is a part of Lobby Days' agenda.

Here is a piece of information about the tuition of CSU.

CSU Tuition (called fees at the time) was \$146 a year in Fall 1978. That would be about \$545 today adjusted for inflation.

Students now pay \$5472. That is before the proposed \$270 raise to be imposed for the coming academic year.

3. CFA 85th Assembly

The CFA Board of Directors voted to ask Assembly Delegates to consider increasing dues by 0.3% of a member's gross monthly income. The CFA Assembly has approved a dues increase of three-tenths of one percent, effective July 1, 2017. The last time the rate was adjusted was in 2005.

The CFA Assembly also approved the CFA Resolution to Designate the CSU as a Safe Zone for Students and Families Threatened by Immigration Enforcement. The resolution is posted on the CFA website (http://www.calfac.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/2017-03_csu_safe_zone_resolution_revised_by_peace_and_justice_committee_adopted_by_assembly.pdf)

4. IP Committee Report and Recommendations from CO

It has been brought to our attention about proposed IP policy and recommendations from CO. As the IP is a bargain-able item in the current CBA (article 39), we will be happy to communicate with the senate if this topic will be discussed on this campus.

5. CFA Membership Appreciation Week

We are planning activities during the week of April 17, 2017. We will send all relevant information to members of unit 3.