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TO: CSU Directors of Financial Aid

FROM: Nathan S. Evans 
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**Response Requested
by October 12, 2018**

SUBJECT: 2019-20 Financial Aid Cost of Attendance Allowances

This memorandum provides information related to the cost of attendance allowances for financial aid considerations. **Campuses are asked to forward a copy of the campus 2019-20 cost of attendance (with updated 2019-20 campus fee detail) to the Office of the Chancellor by October 12, 2018.**

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) has adopted student expense budgets, Attachment A, for use by the commission for 2019-20 Cal Grant programs. The budget allowances are based on statewide averages from the 2006-07 Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS) data and adjusted for 13 years of inflation or deflation. Additional adjustments have been made based on data from the 2018 SEARS pilot.

Attachment B reflects the 2019-20 recommended standard student budget ranges for the California State University. These ranges were calculated using the 2006-07 SEARS data for CSU campuses. The ranges have been adjusted for 13 years of inflation or deflation and the 2018 SEARS pilot. As the SEARS pilot was a survey of community colleges only, the CSU food and housing amount for students living with their parents is less than the CSAC amount. Additionally, in accordance with past practice, the amount for "miscellaneous/personal" is a fixed amount for all CSU campuses.

In order to determine the appropriate cost of attendance allowances for students, each campus is encouraged to conduct regular assessments of expenses reasonably incurred by students in its immediate geographic area. Campuses may also consider consulting with neighboring postsecondary institutions to develop comparable budget standards. A copy of appropriate documentation regarding the development of student cost of attendance allowances (including on-campus housing) should be retained in files for potential review by auditors and program reviewers.

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Additionally, Section 66014.2 of the California Education Code requires campuses to post the market cost of a one-bedroom apartment in the areas surrounding that campus, where its students commonly reside. **As a reminder, this information must be posted by February 1, 2019.**

Questions, comments and copies of the campus 2019-20 costs of attendance may be directed to Wendy Ortega-Garrett, associate director of student financial aid programs and services, Student Academic Services, at wortega@calstate.edu or (562) 951-4730.

Attachments (2)

c: Dr. Loren J. Blanchard, Executive Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs
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CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
2019-20 Student Expense Budgets

ALLOWANCE	WITH PARENTS	ON CAMPUS HOUSING	OFF CAMPUS HOUSING
TUITION AND FEES¹	ACTUAL INSTITUTIONAL CHARGES		
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES²	\$1,971 PER ACADEMIC YEAR		
FOOD³ Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 754 / MO \$ 6,786 / YR	ACTUAL INSTITUTIONAL CHARGES	\$ 531 / MO \$ 4,779 / YR
HOUSING⁴ Per Month: Per Year:	INCLUDED IN ABOVE		\$ 1,145 / MO \$ 10,305 / YR
TRANSPORTATION⁵ Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 126 / MO \$ 1,134 / YR	\$ 96 / MO \$ 864 / YR	\$ 142 / MO \$ 1,278 / YR
PERSONAL / MISC⁶ Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 396 / MO \$ 3,564 / YR	\$ 317 / MO \$ 2,853 / YR	\$ 444 / MO \$ 3,996 / YR
CHILD / DEPENDENT CARE	REASONABLE EXPENSES WITH ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT, DEPENDING UPON AGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN		
LOAN FEES	FOR STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS, ACTUAL OR AVERAGE LOAN ORIGATION AND INSURANCE		
TOTAL , Excluding Allowances based on actual institutional charges Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 1,495 / MO \$ 13,455 / YR	\$ 632 / MO \$ 5,688 / YR	\$ 2,481 / MO \$ 22,329 / YR

¹ Includes all mandatory fees.

² The breakdown for this category is as follows: books (\$1,080), educational supplies (\$279), course material fees (\$162), and computer-related expenses (\$450), excluding the costs associated with the purchase of a personal computer.

³ Includes food, snacks, meals on campus, household supplies.

⁴ Includes dorm charges, rent, and utilities.

⁵ Includes travel to and from parent's residence and transportation costs to and from classes and work. (e.g., bus fare, gasoline, tolls, parking.)

⁶ Includes clothing, laundry and dry-cleaning, personal care, gifts, recreation, medical etc.

NOTE: The expense budgets shown on this table are based upon average expenses reported by students at the University of California, California State University, California independent institutions, and California Community Colleges in the 2006-07 Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS), adjusted for 13 years of inflation or deflation. Additional adjustments have been made based on data from the 2018 SEARS pilot.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

2019-2020 Recommended Standard Student Budget Ranges

STANDARD STUDENT BUDGET RANGES	With Parents			On-Campus Housing			Off-Campus Housing		
	CSAC Standard	CSU Minimum	CSU Maximum	CSAC Standard	CSU Minimum	CSU Maximum	CSAC Standard	CSU Minimum	CSU Maximum
NINE MONTHS (Academic Year)									
(Food)							(4,779)	(4,215) -	(4,915)
(Housing)							(10,305)	(9,000) -	(11,274)
Food and Housing	\$6,786	\$6,096 -	\$6,096 ⁽¹⁾		Actual Amount ⁽²⁾		\$15,084	\$13,215 -	\$16,189 ⁽³⁾
Transportation	1,134	707 -	1,621 ⁽⁴⁾	864	643 -	1,505 ⁽⁵⁾	1,278	801 -	1,579 ⁽⁵⁾
Miscellaneous Personal	3,564	1,704 -	1,704	2,853	1,704 -	1,704	3,996	1,704 -	1,704
Books and Supplies	1,971	1,440 -	2,058	1,971	1,440 -	2,058	1,971	1,440 -	2,058
Fees		Actual Amount			Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
Dependent/Child Care Allowance	Reasonable expenses with adequate documentation based on the number and ages of student's dependents.								
MONTHLY SUBSISTENCE									
(Food)							(531)	(468) -	(546)
(Housing)							(1,145)	(1,000) -	(1,253)
Food and Housing	\$754	\$677 -	\$677		Actual Amount ⁽²⁾		\$1,676	\$1,468 -	\$1,799
Transportation (4)	126	79 -	180	96	71 -	167	142	89 -	175
Miscellaneous Personal	396	189 -	189	317	189 -	189	444	189 -	189
Total Per Month	\$1,276	\$945 -	\$1,046	\$413	\$261 -	\$357	\$2,262	\$1,747 -	\$2,164

(1) Represents cost of meals and basic expenses which the parents continue to provide while the student lives at home with parents and the student's expenses for meals away from home.

(2) The contract cost should be adjusted to a 21-meal per week basis. If less than a nine-month contract, an adjustment of up to \$677 or a fraction thereof may be made for dependent students.
An adjustment up to the standard off-campus allowance per month or a fraction thereof may be made for independent students.

(3) Based on 2006-2007 SEARS data; separate allowances for food and housing (adjusted for inflation) are shown in parentheses.

(4) Represents allowance for student's transportation to and from classes and work (bus fare, gasoline, tolls, parking, etc.) Does not include vehicle payments, insurance, repairs, or license fees.

(5) Represents allowance for student's transportation to and from classes and work (bus fare, gasoline, tolls, parking, etc.) and transportation between residence while at college and parents' permanent residence. Does not include vehicle payments, insurance, repairs, or license fees.