

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 5

AS-2638-04/FGA
January 22-23, 2004

CSU Budget Flexibility

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University(CSU) request that when—due to the current state budget deficit—reductions in the CSU budget are mandated, the Governor and the State Legislature not identify specific or targeted budget reductions, but rather, place the responsibility on the CSU for implementing those reductions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor, all State Legislators, the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees, and other pertinent State officials.

RATIONALE: Specified and/or targeted budget cuts often have unintended and adverse consequences. For this reason, reductions in the CSU budget need to be carefully implemented so as to minimize any detrimental effects on its ability to educate the students of California.

Moreover, since budget decisions are often finalized after the student enrollment commitments for the following year have already been made, it is necessary that the CSU have the greatest flexibility in allocating its funds.

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