

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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May 4-5, 2006

**Annual Adjustments of the Academic Senate California State
University (CSU) Budget**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU request the Board of Trustees (BOT) to work with the Chancellor's Office to ensure adequate annual adjustments in funding for the Academic Senate CSU so that it can effectively fulfill its governance duties as identified in the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (HEERA) and consistent with the principles of shared governance.

RATIONALE: The Academic Senate CSU fulfills an essential role in the delivery of higher education in California as specified in the Higher-Education Employer-Employee Relations Act of 1978. Effective functioning of the Senate is dependent on adequate funding of its operating costs to fulfill its mission. Given that the majority of costs associated with the successful operation of the Academic Senate CSU are increasing—such as mileage reimbursement, assigned time, hotel costs, and per diem rates—annual increases of the Academic Senate CSU budget are necessary and appropriate. Further, funding for release time for Senators, especially for new Senators, allows full participation in the work of Senate committees and systemwide committees as well as providing opportunity for the mentoring of newer Senators by seasoned Senate colleagues.

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