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MEMORANDUM

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To: CSU Directors of Financial Aid

Response Requested By January 13, 2012

From: 
Eric Forbes, Assistant Vice Chancellor

Subject: Financial Aid – 2012-13 Cost of Attendance Allowances

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) has adopted student expense budgets, Attachment A, for use by the Commission for 2012-13 Cal Grant programs. The budget allowances are based on statewide averages from the 2006-07 Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS) data and adjusted to 2012-13 with the forecasted changes in the California Consumer Price Index (CPI) produced by the Department of Finance.

Attachment B reflects the 2012-13 Recommended Standard Student Budget Ranges for the California State University. These ranges were calculated using the 2006-07 SEARS data for CSU campuses and adjusting to 2012-13 based on the California CPI changes from 2006-07 through 2012-13 projections.

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

Please forward a copy of your campus 2012-13 costs of attendance (with updated 2012-13 campus fee detail) to Dean Kulju, Director of Student Financial Aid Programs and Services, Academic Affairs, Student Academic Support, by January 13, 2012. Questions or comments may be directed to Mr. Kulju at (562) 951-4737 or dkulju@calstate.edu.

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Attachments (2)

cc: CSU Presidents
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Dr. Ephraim Smith, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer

CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
2012-13 Student Expense Budgets

ALLOWANCE	WITH PARENTS	ON CAMPUS HOUSING	OFF CAMPUS HOUSING
TUITION AND FEES¹	ACTUAL INSTITUTIONAL CHARGES		
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES²	\$1,665 PER ACADEMIC YEAR		
FOOD³ Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 489 / MO \$ 4,401 / YR	ACTUAL INSTITUTIONAL CHARGES ⁴	\$ 396 / MO \$ 3,564 / YR
HOUSING⁵ Per Month: Per Year:	INCLUDED IN ABOVE		\$ 822 / MO \$ 7,398 / YR
TRANSPORTATION⁶ Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 130 / MO \$ 1,170 / YR	\$ 99 / MO \$ 891 / YR	\$ 146 / MO \$ 1,314 / YR
PERSONAL / MISC⁷ Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 345 / MO \$ 3,105 / YR	\$ 253 / MO \$ 2,277 / YR	\$ 316 / MO \$ 2,844 / 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 FEES		
TOTAL , Excluding Allowances based on actual institutional charges Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 1,149 / MO \$ 10,341 / YR	\$ 537 / MO \$ 4,833 / YR	\$ 1,865 / MO \$ 16,785 / YR

¹ Includes all mandatory fees.

² The breakdown for this category is as follows: books (\$909), educational supplies (\$234), course material fees (\$135), and computer-related expenses (\$387), excluding the costs associated with the purchase of a personal computer.

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

⁴ If contract is for less than nine months, adjustments may be made at the rate of \$389/month or fraction thereof.

⁵ Includes dorm charges, rent, and utilities.

⁶ Includes travel to and from parent's residence and transportation costs to and from classes and work. (e.g., bus fare, gasoline, tolls, parking.)

⁷ 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 six years of inflation or deflation. Private career college data are from the 2003-04 SEARS, adjusted for nine years of inflation or deflation.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

2012-2013 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)							(3,564)	(3,386) -	(3,920)	
(Housing)							(7,398)	(6,770) -	(8,483)	
Food and Housing	\$4,401	\$4,401 -	\$4,401 ⁽¹⁾		Actual Amount ⁽²⁾		\$10,962	\$10,156 -	\$12,403 ⁽³⁾	
Transportation	1,170	647 -	1,483 ⁽⁴⁾	891	588 -	1,379 ⁽⁵⁾	1,314	732 -	1,445 ⁽⁵⁾	
Miscellaneous Personal	3,105	1,572 -	3,288	2,277	1,308 -	3,096	2,844	1,464 -	3,054	
Books and Supplies	1,665	1,236 -	1,754	1,665	1,236 -	1,754	1,665	1,236 -	1,754	
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)							(396)	(376) -	(436)	
(Housing)							(822)	(752) -	(943)	
Food and Housing	\$489	\$489 -	\$489		Actual Amount ⁽²⁾		\$1,218	\$1,128 -	\$1,378	
Transportation (4)	130	72 -	165	99	65 -	153	146	81 -	161	
Miscellaneous Personal	345	175 -	365	253	145 -	344	316	163 -	339	
Total Per Month	\$964	\$736 -	\$1,019	\$352	\$211 -	\$497	\$1,680	\$1,372 -	\$1,878	

(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 \$489 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.