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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### CSU STANISLAUS, FRESNO DELIVER 12 STAFF LAYOFF NOTICES

Sacramento, Calif. (July 18, 2011)—This morning, the California State University Stanislaus and California State University Fresno administrations notified the CSU Employees Union (CSUEU) that ten Stanislaus and two Fresno non-teaching, permanent staff positions will be subject to workforce reductions by layoffs. The Stanislaus layoffs are effective September 30, 2011, while the Fresno layoffs take effect on October 17, 2011.

Nine of the positions (eight at Stanislaus and one at Fresno) are in Bargaining Unit 9, which includes such classifications as administrative analyst/specialist, information technology consultant, equipment technician, accountant, and instructional support technician. The remaining positions are two at Stanislaus in Bargaining Unit 5, which includes such classifications as custodian, groundsworker, irrigation specialist, and gardener, and one at Fresno in Bargaining Unit 7, which includes administrative support coordinators, library assistants, payroll technicians, stock clerks, and parking officers.

This development follows recent notifications of time-base reductions or layoffs at CSU Channel Islands and the Office of the Chancellor in Long Beach.

"The CSU Stanislaus employees who received layoff notices this morning provide services that directly impact students," said CSU Stanislaus chapter President Frank Borrelli. "Meanwhile, managers who make fat six-figure salaries and whose duties don't have a direct impact on the student experience continue on the job."

"It's sad that one of the persons targeted at Fresno is among the lowest paid at the university, while the CSU Board of Trustees just agreed to pay the new San Diego State campus president \$400,000 per year," said CSU Fresno Chapter President Nancy Kobata. "Starting pay for this person's position is less than \$28,000 per year. Just when did the priorities get so screwed up?"

"We hope today's notifications aren't a forecast of widespread layoffs to come," said CSUEU

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President Pat Gantt. "In fact, we're cautiously optimistic that system-wide layoffs can be averted despite this year's historically large budget cuts. Even one or two dozen layoffs, however, are too many, as they'll inevitably have an impact on workload, campus infrastructure and student services. We are committed to mitigating each and every one of these notices."

<u>Article 24</u> of the CSUEU/CSU contract specifies conditions under which layoffs may occur. The union will pursue strict enforcement of this article.

#### **About CSUEU**

Incorporated in 2005 after serving its members as a division of the California State Employees Association for more than 70 years, the California State University Employees Union (<a href="www.csueu.org">www.csueu.org</a>) has built up a rich record of achievements on behalf of its approximately 15,000 represented employees. Today it represents classified staff members at the California State University's 23 campuses, as well as the Office of the Chancellor, encompassing such diverse job categories as registered nurses, custodians, groundsworkers, library assistants, graphic specialists, information technology consultants and performing arts technicians, among many others.