



Contract Negotiations NEWS

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NEW FISCAL YEAR STARTS WITHOUT A STATE BUDGET

Impact on Salary Increases

For the twentieth time in thirty years, the California legislature has failed to submit a budget to the governor by the July 1st constitutional deadline. The budget proposal passed by the legislative budget conference committee only provides funding to the CSU at the compact level and is not sufficient to fully fund the raises negotiated by the union earlier this year. It is highly unlikely that any more funds will be dedicated to the CSU. The conference committee vote was split along party lines, with four Democrats voting for the \$140 billion budget and two Republicans voting against. Several Republican legislators are calling for additional cuts to the budget before they will lend their support to it.

CSUEU is preparing to return to the bargaining table to negotiate over salary. Our first meeting will be held on July 10. Our contract with the CSU provides for a general salary increase of 3.696%, as part of a 5.25% total compensation package. **However, this package was predicated on the CSU receiving an additional one percent above the "compact" between the Governor and the Chancellor.** Despite efforts by CSUEU and other unions representing CSU employees, and despite efforts by the CSU, neither the Governor nor the legislature supported additional funding above the compact.

We will keep you informed about both the state budget deliberations as well as our negotiations with the CSU regarding compensation for FY 2007/08.

Parking Fee Increases

Parking fees will be held to an increase of 4% on some campuses, which is the amount of the cumulative general salary increase provided to CSUEU-represented employees in FY 2006/07. Examples include Sonoma parking fees going from \$14/month to \$14.56/month and Channel Island parking fees going from \$25/month to \$26/month. There will be no increases for CSUEU staff at Bakersfield, Chancellor's Office, Chico, Maritime Academy, Monterey Bay, San Francisco, and Stanislaus. For a complete list of all increases that are effective on July 1, 2007, go to our website. Negotiations beginning on July 10 will determine the amount of the GSI for FY 2007/08, and parking fees will be increased only by that percentage in 2007/08, and then ONLY if students are paying more than CSUEU staff on a particular campus.

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