



CFA on Governor's budget plan: An important beginning to reinvestment in public higher education

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SACRAMENTO – Today, California Governor Jerry Brown released his 2013/14 state budget proposal that begins to reinvest in the California State University system.

The governor's budget replaces the \$125 million in tuition the system refunded to students and their families as a result of the 2012-13 budget. In addition, as a result of the passage of Prop. 30 the governor's budget proposes \$125.1 million in a general fund increase for the system.

The following statement on the budget can be attributed to CFA President Lillian Taiz, professor of history at CSU Los Angeles:

"This budget proposal is the first step in restoring a prosperous future for California.

"We appreciate the governor's commitment to public higher education and in particular to keeping the CSU affordable for our students.

"The mission of the CSU is to reach students who might otherwise not be able to afford to get a college degree. This is a good move and it's right to take that burden off of students and for the state to make that investment.

"This much needed influx of funding is a direct result of the thousands of hours our members put in – alongside other education advocates – to support the passage of Proposition 30.

"While we have concerns about some of the policy proposals made in the budget, there is sufficient time to have a thorough discussion of these policies and their impact on the future direction of the CSU.

“We look forward to working with CSU Chancellor Timothy White in a constructive way to continue to publicly advocate for resources our university needs to turnaround a decade of disinvestment.”

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The California Faculty Association champions the needed resources for quality education in the CSU and greater affordability for students. CFA represents 23,000 faculty, librarians, coaches and counselors who teach at the 23 California State University campuses.