



## ALLIANCE FOR CSU TALKING POINTS

- The Budget Advocacy Hour is an effort to educate the campus community about the dire nature of the proposed budget cuts to CSU (\$312.9 million plus \$73.2 million needed to avoid student fee increase) so that we can collectively fight to have the funding restored.
  - The CSU is still hurting from funding cuts of \$522 million between 2002 and 2005.
  - These proposed cuts will limit student access, affect the CSU's contribution to the state's workforce and limit the gains made in helping students from underserved communities get to college.
  
- These cuts will impact every aspect of the CSU and have a devastating impact on student access.
  - The proposed budget means 10,000 qualified students won't be able to attend a CSU campus.
  - We estimate that approximately 700 qualified students won't be able to attend CSUSM
  - CSUSM closed enrollment for first time freshmen as of February 1.
  - Without the revenue, student fees will likely have to be increased under the proposed budget.
  - These cuts will erase significant gains made in recent years to increase access for minority and underserved communities.
  
- The message we want to deliver to those making budget decisions in Sacramento is, "CSU is the economic engine of California and represents the future of our state. Every dollar cut from CSU translates into more than four dollars removed from the California economy."
  - The current budget proposal would mean more than \$1 billion lost in economic activity for California.
  - We're educating the majority of teachers, nurses, engineers and business professionals that will be absolutely critical to California's future.
  - Future demand for college graduates outweighs the supply by 6 percent – representing a million graduates
  - North County is a growing region and dependent on our graduates as teachers, business leaders, and service professionals.
  
- This budget meeting is just a first step in educating everyone in the CSU community (students, faculty, administrators and parents) and the local communities and industries that rely on us so that we can work together.
  - As the budget process moves forward, we'll be calling on everyone to advocate for restoring the CSU funding to the governor and our representatives in Sacramento.