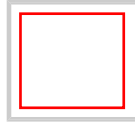


President's Monthly Message (archived)

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 CCA Past President, Dián
 Dolores Hasson, [here](#).

Midyear Budget

We finally know the budget for the current year. CCA worked hard to protect the community college base funding and categorical programs such as EOPS, DSPS, Fund for Student Success (Mesa, Puente, etc.) and Part-time Faculty Compensation/Health Insurance/Office hours. We are glad to say that we were successful!

Below is a chart of the proposed budget cuts and the final outcome for this year. The figures are in thousands; therefore, 750 is \$750,000. Since it is a chart of cuts, a dash simply means no cuts were made.

| | Governor's Proposed Cuts | Midyear Budget Bill Signed by Governor |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Apportionments | \$142,409 | - |
| Basic Skills | 3,011 | - |
| Apprenticeship | 1,380 | - |
| Growth | 4,186 | - |
| PFE | 32,486 | 6,500 |
| Financial Aid | - | - |
| Administration | 878 | - |
| EOPS | 61,346 | - |
| Teacher and Reading | 541 | 2,732 |
| DSPS | 9,054 | - |
| CalWORKS | 3,790 | - |
| Foster Care Ed. | 202 | - |
| Matriculation | 5,881 | - |
| Academic Senate | 54 | - |
| Faculty and Staff | - | - |
| Development | 201 | - |
| PT Health Insurance | 109 | - |

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|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| PT Compensation | 6,172 | - |
| PT Office Hours | 777 | - |
| Telecommunications | 2,653 | 6,000 |
| CA Virtual University | 314 | 2,900 |
| Fund for Instructional | - | - |
| Improvement | 177 | 750 |
| Fund for Student | - | - |
| Success | 675 | |
| Economic Development | 4,366 | 6,100 |
| Transfer Ed | 213 | |
| Scheduled Maintenance | 3,439 | 31,752 |
| Instructional Equipment | 3,439 | 31,752 |
| Hazardous Sub | - | - |
| Mandated Health | 183 | 1,700** |
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| Total cuts | \$288,802 | \$90,000 |
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| Property Tax | - | - |
| Student Fee shortfalls | - | 71,310 |
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| Net Funding Loss | - | \$161,000 |

**The legislature wants to keep the cuts at \$161 million. Therefore, if property tax revenues come in at a greater level than anticipated, cuts could be made in PFE at the May Revise. The actual amount of money to community colleges would not change—just the categories in which the money is placed. If there is more money in property tax revenues, there will be less money in PFE category.*

*** These funds are being borrowed. The mandates hold and the State will pay these funds back with interest in a later budget*

2003-04 State Budget

The Governor proposed a reduction of \$530 million to community college budgets from the previously signed 2002-03 budget. The Governor assumes a \$149 million increase in student fees but

only a 9.2% share for Proposition 98.

The possible best case scenario assumes a \$110 million reduction. Note: the \$110 million is not on top of the \$90 million dollar reduction for the 2002-03 midyear budget recently signed. Therefore, if the best scenario holds, community colleges would only have an additional \$20 million cut. Should the system want more money in Growth, then that amount would have to be funded by cutting other budget items.

The \$110 million reduction in the 2003-04 budget assumes that community colleges get a 10.45 split of Proposition 98, that there are no increases in student fees and that there is more money in Proposition 98 than the Governor anticipated. The Legislative Analyst predicts that there will be an addition \$370 million in Proposition 98.

CCA is working with the Chancellor and with other groups to again get the best budget we can for community colleges. We were very successful in reducing the Governor's midyear cuts from \$288 million to \$90 million! Moreover, we protected base funding, historically underrepresented groups and part-time faculty budget items.

Retirement Legislation (by Bill Collins, CCA/CTA Legislative Advocate)

Even as budget shortfalls stress community college budgets, CCA/CTA continues to press forward to ensure the adequacy of pensions for both CalSTRS and Social Security.

CCA/CTA is sponsoring legislation to extend highest year compensation to all vested STRS members. AB 265 (Mullin Dem-South San Francisco) would extend base STRS pensions on the single highest 12 months of compensation, rather than the average of the highest 36 months of salary. Members should consider asking their own two state legislators in the Assembly and Senate to coauthor AB 265.

CCA/CTA is also sponsoring legislation to help educators in STRS quality for the STRS bonuses, which are provided at 25, 30, 31 and 32 years of service. Under SB 102 sponsored by state Senator John Burton (D-San Francisco), up to 36 days of unused sick leave would be used in qualifying for the bonuses under current law, only days actually worked are used in determining eligibility for highest year compensation and the career and longevity bonuses.

CCA/CTA is also working for repeal of federal laws that greatly reduce the Social Security payments to educators who have pensions under CalSTRS. Congressional Rep. Buck McKeon (R-Santa Clarita) and Howard Berman (D-Mission Hills) have reintroduced the Social Security Fairness Act to repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). The new bill, HR 594, had nearly 100 co-sponsors upon introduction following active lobbying in Washington by NEA/CTA and other affected state NEA affiliates.

March on March 17

CCA/CTA was a cosponsor of the march on the capitol. The following are pictures of the successful event. You will see CCA at the front of the march.



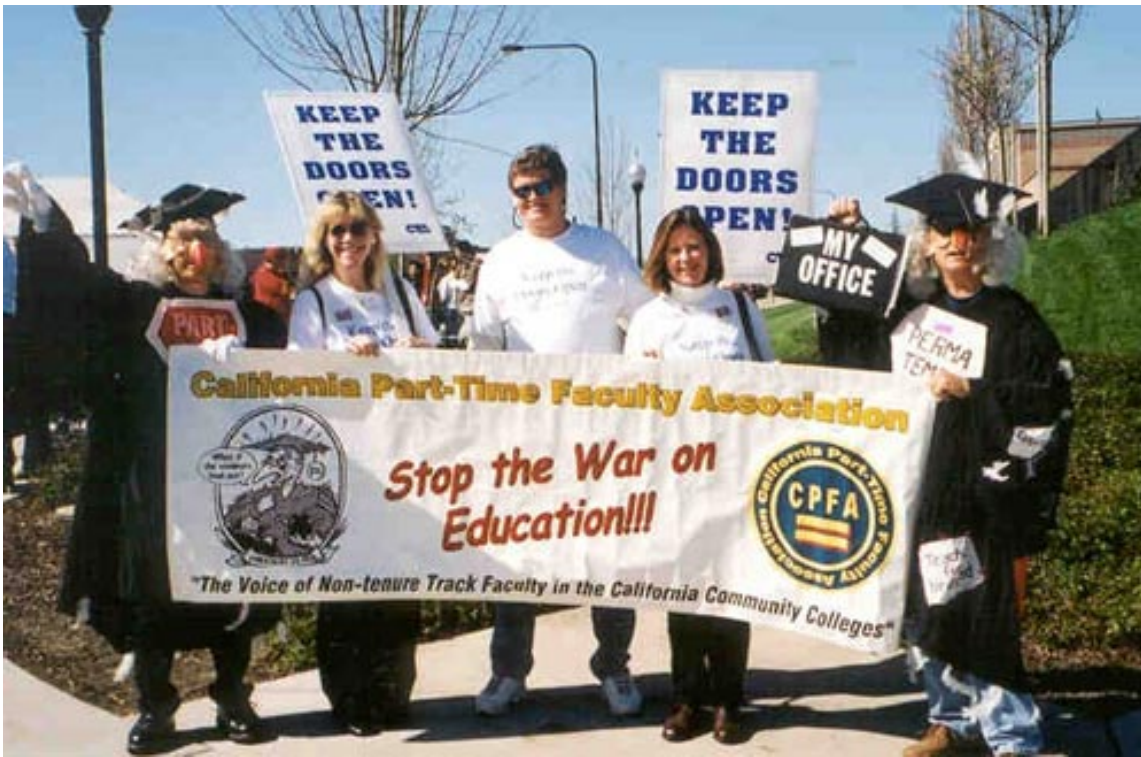
Cruz Bustamante (Lieutenant Governor) joined the march when we made it over the Tower Bridge.





CCA Secretary Cathy Crane-McCoy gave a speech at the capitol steps, letting the marchers know that CCA will save the funding for community college based funding and for categorical programs such as EOPS, DSPS, Puente and the Part-time Faculty budget items. She introduced Senator Alarcon, who is standing to her left in the picture.





CCA is proud of working united in the cause with other faculty organizations, such as the California Part-time Faculty Association.



Yet, it should always be remembered that this was primarily a march by students. We shared our signs with students and these are pictures of some Oxnard College students who had the most tremendous spirit. We can be very proud of our students who engaged in peaceful political action to let the Governor and State Legislature know that a college student's education is important—so important that it should be funded adequately!



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