

**19/AS/17/FBAC – Budget Priorities Resolution**  
**Sense of the Senate**

**PREAMBLE:** *The budget priorities of the CSU Stanislaus for 2018-19 must recognize the primacy of our central mission: educating the people of our region. While universities often take on additional missions and acquire properties that are peripheral to their central mission, the size and role of CSU Stanislaus--as a public university in a less educationally enriched, less affluent part of a much better educated and wealthy state--makes our central mission that much more prominent. The budget lines that relate directly to educating our students both through instruction and the support of instruction should be enhanced.*

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Faculty of California State University, Stanislaus affirm the commitment of the CSU to public access to affordable high-quality instruction, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Faculty's major priorities for the University are the following mutually dependent items, equally essential to the central mission of CSU Stanislaus:

- Maintain maximum possible access for qualified students, including admission to campus and access to courses required for degree completion;
- Raise the percentage of tenured/tenure track faculty FTEF (as per ACR 73) to 75% (most recently measured at 60.7% as of fall 2016) while reducing the student/faculty ratio;
- In order to effectively support the central mission, adequately fund tenure-track psychological counselors (currently the percentage of tenured/tenure-track faculty counselors is at 15% for our campus), tenure-track librarians, career services and academic advisors, and the Office of Service Learning staff;
- Fund adequate assigned time for tenured/tenure track faculty to allow an average of 18 WTU's teaching assignment thus allowing time for expected research, scholarship and creative activities, professional development, and community engagement;
- Fund activities that contribute to student success, such as CEGE, and FMP;
- In consultation with faculty, implement the best practices identified by the graduation rate initiative which are most meaningful to our campus;
- Fund campus activities and initiatives that honor and promote diversity on campus and the neighboring communities as identified in the statement on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice;
- Hire a Dean of the Graduate School, enhancing leadership and oversight of Graduate programs in campus planning and administration, program outreach, assessment, program review, research, and development.
- Adequately fund the Stockton Center to fulfill our commitment to meet the needs of the Stockton region.
- Increase classroom space to reduce scheduling barriers and support timely graduation.

- Appropriately fund processes and practices that support RSCA.
- Fund library and research services to support critical curricular needs, including adequate library staffing, acquisition of library collections to enhance student research and learning, and implementation of the library building renovation;

**RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate, the Faculty Budget Advisory Committee, and the faculty members of the University Budget Advisory Committee should serve as the Faculty's representatives in the budget planning process and should participate in all budgetary discussions and decisions through the entire process of budget planning, allocation, and re-allocation of the university budget, including the apportioning of its budget among specific university divisions; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Faculty Budget Advisory Committee (FBAC) is established in the Constitution of the General Faculty and the priorities listed in this resolution should be given the same consideration as those of any other budget advisory committee; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** FBAC is viewed as the advisory committee to the administration on fiscal decisions. The faculty is primarily responsible for all academic and pedagogic areas, and has ultimate academic responsibility for the programs, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That any major change affecting the central mission be made only after consultation with appropriate faculty governance committees and include open and consensual processes that consider the viewpoints of all affected parties, an analysis of the costs and benefits, and the effects on CSU Stanislaus as a whole, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the priorities above shall be applied to all considerations of budgetary decisions, effective immediately.

**RATIONALE:** The Faculty of CSU Stanislaus wants to affirm our budget priorities, which can contribute to strategic planning and everyday budget decisions. The first two resolved clauses deal with priorities for the institution, and the next four involve procedures to ensure faculty input in decisions related to the budget. FBAC has provided statements of faculty budget priorities as follows:

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 14/AS/16/FBAC Approved by the Academic Senate on 12/6/16  
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