CSU SYSTEM PRIORITIES for 2011 – SUMMARY

Ensure Access through Aid to Students: One of the nation’s best bargains, CSU annual tuition is $5,180. Significant state and institutional grant aid helps our neediest students. Federal financial aid programs remain critical to CSU students from low-income families, including over 140,000 who rely upon need-based Pell Grants.

• Maintain overall funding for Pell program and maximum grant at $5,550
• Preserve Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG) and Work-Study

Prepare Students for College: The CSU is on the cutting edge of partnering with P-12 to assess and improve student preparation and to measure the performance of CSU-trained teachers. The federal government is a vital partner.

• Fund GEAR UP and TRIO programs at president’s budget levels
• Preserve funding for Teacher Quality Partnership and Improving Teacher Quality State Grant programs

Foster Success for California’s Diverse Population: The CSU provides more than half of all undergraduate degrees granted to California’s Latino, African American and Native American students, and is a leader in transitioning veterans to the civilian workforce. Federal grants help bridge the completion gap.

• Maintain funding for Hispanic-serving and other minority-serving institutions
• Continue funding Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success

Train Students for Today’s Workforce: 93,000 annual graduates drive California’s economy in the information technology, life sciences, agriculture, business, education, public administration, entertainment and multimedia industries.

• Support Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields: specific funding for NSF Science Masters and Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation programs; maintain Learn & Serve America grants
• Provide stable funding for Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program

Solve Problems through Applied Research: In laboratories, at field sites and through programs at the CSU, students, faculty and collaborating scientists advance California’s capacity to address key issues of significance to our state and nation.

• Maintain strong NSF, NIH, Department of Energy and NIST funding
• Invest in authorized Hispanic-serving agricultural colleges and universities (HSACU) and non-land-grant colleges of agriculture (NLGCA) programs