

# THE PROBLEMS





State investment in higher education has been trending downward since the 1970s. In the most recent round of CSU cuts prior to this academic year, CSUF alone lost a total of \$40 million in operating support from the state.



#### **Minimal Reinvestment**

While California this year began what will hopefully be a gradual reinvestment in higher education, it is a drop in the bucket.



## **CSUF Among Lowest-Funded**

CSUF receives the lowest amount of state support in the system per student and has the third-lowest student fees. This puts the University at an ongoing disadvantage in delivering the student experience that Titans deserve.



### Other CSU Campuses Are Taking Action

To date, 8 of the CSU's 23 campuses have implemented their own version of the proposed Student Success Initiative.

## THE PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

**You are being held back by the status quo.** Improving both your student experience and outcomes requires us to be bold, and make substantive improvements through a multi-faceted Student Success Initiative that will:

- Strengthen academic advising
- Improve course availability
- Expand library hours and improve the library technology environment
- Upgrade athletics facilities and provide additional scholarship support for students
- Increase support for learning communities, internships, the Career Center, supplemental instruction, and service-learning

- Upgrade classrooms and provide instructional software
- Expand and modernize student spaces such as the Titan Student Union and a one-stop student services center
- Strengthen cultural centers, veterans services, and Disability Support Services
- Provide upgraded technology by expanding Wi-Fi coverage and provide a new 24/7 IT help desk for students

These efforts speak to particular needs that your fellow students have identified, and are also built on a proven track record of what it takes to help you succeed.

The improvements help position you for enhanced post-graduation success and increase the value of your degree as instruction, student services, co-curricular programs, and the University's reputation are all strengthened.

If we wait, we fall farther behind, and we also stand to lose out on lower construction costs that are now available.

## THE PROCESS



#### **Funding Support**

The Student Success Initiative would be supported through a \$240.50 fee per semester phased in over three years beginning in Fall 2014. This fee and all student fees would be adjusted annually for inflation based on the Higher Education Price Index. (HEPI is an inflation index designed specifically for use by institutions of higher education).



#### **Accountability**

The counsel of the CSUF Student Fee Advisory Committee, with seven out of 13 seats held by students, will be instrumental in the implementation of the Initiative. Further, the Initiative's success will be measured against defined outcomes, with strict accountability built into its administration and assessment.



#### **Make Your Voice Heard**

This winter, you can make your voice heard at a series of campus forums. Your input will help inform the CSUF Student Fee Advisory Committee. Any recommendation by the Committee to CSUF President García about implementing the proposed Initiative must also be approved by the CSU chancellor.

For more information, visit success.fullerton.edu

## **Student Success Initiative Allocation**

CATEGORY	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
SUPPORT YOUR ACADEMIC PROGRESS  Expand academic advising Expand library hours Increase course availability	\$13	\$26	\$40
ENRICH YOUR PATH TO GRADUATION  Learning communities and supplemental instruction Career Center, internships and service learning	\$7	\$14	\$22.50
SUPPORT TITAN PRIDE  Athletics support Alumni student services	\$11	\$21	\$33
EXPAND AND MODERNIZE STUDENT-CENTERED SPACES Titan Student Centers Athletics facilities	\$24	\$47	\$72.50
EMBRACE DIVERSITY AND VETERANS ■ Veteran Student Services ■ Disability Support Services ■ Diversity education initiatives	\$5	\$11	\$17.50
IMPROVE YOUR INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE ■ Instructional software ■ Classroom technology upgrades	\$10	\$19	\$30
ACCESS UPGRADED TECHNOLOGY ■ Expand Wi-Fi and network ■ Improve library technology environment ■ 24x7 IT help desk for students	\$8	\$16	\$25
TOTAL / PER SEMESTER	\$78	\$154	\$240.50

<sup>\*</sup>The summer fee would be prorated based on services provided, similar to the way in which current fees are administered.

# Make Your Voice Heard!

You can help advise the CSUF Student Fee Advisory Committee by:

- Participating in consultation meetings and open forums
- Responding to a questionnaire available at the forums

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