



**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** September 15, 2023

**To:** Students of California State University San Marcos

**From:** Ernest Cisneros, President & CEO

**Re:** CSU Tuition Increase

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the CSU Board of Trustees voted to increase cost of tuition for the next 5 years starting in Fall of 2024. This means that starting in Fall of 2024, all new and returning students will have a 6% increase in the cost of their tuition. Tuition will first increase by \$342, then continually increase by 6% until the 2028-29 academic year.

I want you to know that myself and the California State Student Association (CSSA) which represents all 480,000 CSU students, were opposed to this increase. For months we have been advocating to the CSU Board of Trustees against this proposal. These advocacy efforts included speaking at the recent CSU Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, to speak out against this increase to the Board along with the other ASI President's and representatives from across the CSU. We also worked with the CSU Chancellor's Office on making amendments to the proposal so it would best benefit all our CSU students.

While the increased revenue for the CSU means that the system and campuses will get new money to increase enrollment, close graduation equity gaps, increase salaries, and better serve basic needs & mental health services, it also means a heavy financial impact on CSU students. I opposed this increase because I believe the revenue should not be coming from students.

I want you to have as much information as possible so if you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me. We in ASI stand united with all of you and ready to support you in any way that we can. ASI will stay informed on updates related to this tuition increase and will continue to share information with students as it becomes available. If you are interested in learning more about this tuition increase, more information can be found on the CSU Chancellor's Office website and also linked below.

<https://www.calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/tuition-increase>

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