

FACULTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON BUDGET PRIORITIES

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(1) WHEREAS instructional spending per student at CSU has remained flat, after accounting for inflation, since 2009;

(2) WHEREAS athletic subsidies have almost doubled during this same period, amounting to \$25.4 million in FY18;¹

(3) WHEREAS \$5.9 million of these subsidies came from student athletic fees that raised the cost of attendance;¹

(4) WHEREAS Faculty Council believes that more resources should be devoted to CSU's primary academic mission without increasing tuition and fees;

(5) BE IT RESOLVED that Faculty Council urges the CSU administration to significantly reduce athletic program subsidies, and to use the savings to support the university's primary academic mission.

ENDNOTES

1. Budgetary subsidies are provided by the university to the athletic program to offset athletic program budget deficits. Athletic program budget data from NCAA financial reports, available at <https://sports.usatoday.com/ncaa/finances/>. The FY18 subsidy is reduced by a \$0.5 million transfer from athletics back to the general fund.