

Growth and Equalization

WHEREAS the issues of equalization and unfunded FTES are both of importance to the California community colleges, and

WHEREAS the Board of Governors, upon the recommendation of the Consultation Council, recommended to the Schwarzenegger administration that the state fund 5% growth statewide and allocated \$25 million for equalization, and

WHEREAS the Schwarzenegger administration, in its January budget proposal, reduced the funding for enrollment growth statewide to 3%, but more than tripled the funding for equalization to \$80 million, and

WHEREAS 3% growth funding will not allow for any significant “rebenching,” of funded and vast numbers of primarily poor and minority students in Los Angeles and other “high growth” districts will be denied access to higher education,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that of the California Federation of Teachers call for balance in the allocation of growth and equalization funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CFT staff and leaders urge the Legislature to reshape the governor’s proposed community college budget so that it addresses the issues of growth and equalization in a balanced way.