

To the Campus Community:

Governor Gavin Newsom submitted his 2019-20 budget proposal to the California legislature on Thursday, offering a set of fiscal guidelines that, among other things, call for a stronger commitment to higher education.

For the California State University system, the Governor's proposal requests increases to the ongoing General Fund for operational costs, increased enrollment and for continued progress toward the equity goals of the Graduation Initiative 2025. His budget also includes one-time funding for the expansion of on-campus childcare facilities serving students, deferred maintenance and for student hunger and housing initiatives.

For Cal State San Bernardino, this will certainly assist in improving our aging infrastructure, classrooms and laboratories, providing a modern, enriched learning environment for our students. It will also help with the implementation of the CSU Graduation Initiative 2025, which seeks to increase graduation and retention rates, decrease time to degree and eliminate achievement gaps for all students.

This is just the beginning of a long and involved legislative process. This university will join with the CSU to support the Governor's proposal as well as seek additional funding that can help provide students increased access, additional financial assistance, personal guidance as well as enhanced facilities and technology.

In the coming months, I will keep you apprised of further developments as we look toward ensuring our students' success and adding to the educated workforce that will attract more businesses to the Inland Empire and improve the quality of life for all who work and live here.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales
President