

CASU WEEK OF ACTION

OCTOBER 13-17, 2014



RESISTENCIA

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Join students from across the state this Fall 2014 for a Week of Action focused on educating, organizing, and mobilizing our strength in the struggle to protect our education and our future!

WHAT WE DEMAND

- **No to Privatization!** We demand education be treated as a right, not a commodity! Roll back fees, divest from inhumane corporations, & hold administrators accountable.
- **Yes to Democracy!** We demand democratic governance by students, staff, and faculty! Remove UC President Napolitano and CCSF Special Trustee Agrella.
- **No to Repression!** We demand an end to the intimidation and culture of violence against students! Campuses should be hate free, rape free, and free speech zones.
- **Yes to Diversity!** We demand that the academy represent and serve the community! Open undocumented resource centers & make Ethnic Studies a G.E. requirement.

THE ACTION PLAN

September – Regional Meetings convened and organized by regional committee groups who will set and finalize the dates.

September/October – Outreach Tour of students tabling, flyering, and conducting workshops at each other's campuses. Exact dates to be scheduled by those in attendance at the September Regional Meetings.

October 13-17 – Week of Action across the state. Each campus group will determine the exact day/s and action/s that work best for them.

If you or your school organization would like to get involved, please send an email to castudentunion@gmail.com

ZINE SUBMISSIONS

During the week of action, we'll be distributing a Zine that is open for any Cali student to contribute to! The submission guidelines are as follows:

- Should focus on one or more of the demands stated above
- All forms of artistic expression will be accepted—drawing, photograph, poem, short story, etc.—as long as these can be formatted to fit on a 8.5" x 5.5" sheet
- PDF, JPG, DOC files should be emailed to casuzine@gmail.com
- Hard copy submissions will be collected during the Outreach Tour on campuses

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STUDENTS' DEMANDS ACROSS THE STATE

NO TO PRIVATIZATION!

Since Wall Street crashed the economy in 2008, tuition fees at all California public universities have increased over 300%, forcing students to either drop out or mortgage their education with exorbitant loans. Nationally, the class of 2014 had an average debt burden of \$33,000, making it the most indebted in history. Even with the four-year fee moratorium that students protested for and won in 2012, administrators are still finding ways to further their privatization agendas, whether it's by negotiating unfair union contracts and manipulating commercial property values within the UCs, implementing campus-by-campus "student success fees" and outsourcing classes to online providers at the CSUs, or pushing two-tier pricing systems and dismantling faculty rights within the CCCs. Worst of all, university funds are used to invest in corporations guilty of environmental and human rights violations. Enough is enough! We demand education be treated as a right and that administrators be held accountable for the mismanagement of public education funds.

YES TO DEMOCRACY!

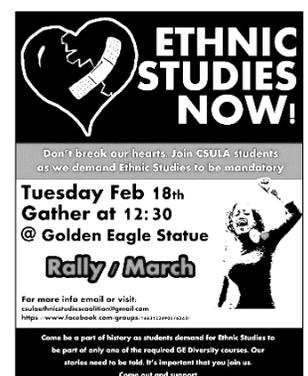
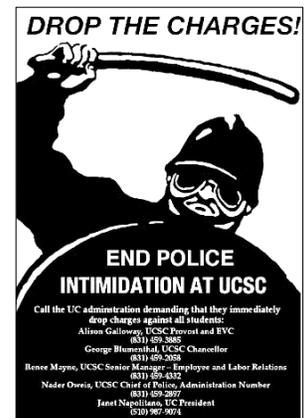
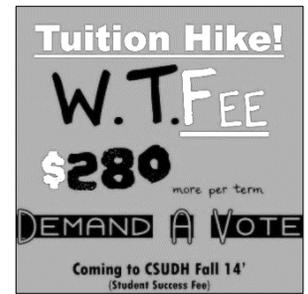
When shared governance is nothing but an empty promise framed as advisory recommendations, and power that should belong to students, staff, and faculty is handed to unelected administrators, democracy becomes non-existent. Within the UC, CSU, and CCC systems, centralized governing boards are appointed by the Governor and accountable to none. The only vestige of democracy that exists within the CA public education system lies within the CCC District Boards, which are locally elected. Even there, private accrediting bodies like the ACCJC have granted themselves unchecked authority over schools "in crisis" as a tactic to disaccredit, close, and further privatize them. We demand the implementation of true democratic governance throughout campuses, and the resignation of Special Trustee Bob Agrella at CC San Francisco and UC system President Janet Napolitano. Without the ability to directly participate and have a substantial impact on the programs and institutions that affect our lives, the promises of egalitarian public education cannot be fulfilled.

NO TO REPRESSION!

Campus repression has become an essential and widespread tool for intimidating and controlling students and other members of the university community. From the militarization of campuses via crackdowns on student protests and union picket lines, the limiting of free speech zones and politically dissenting voices, and most notably, the appointment of the former Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security as the UC system president, authoritarianism and coercion have taken hold in a public sphere that should be open to communication, democratic practices, and a commitment to a critical education. We demand an end to the university as an extension of the national security state, the ongoing assault on civil liberties, and the tolerance of violence by school administrations. Violence towards any student or group on campus is unacceptable, no matter the perpetrator. An injury to one is an injury to us all, and students, like all other members of society, must have the freedom to study, live, and speak without fear of retribution or retaliation.

YES TO DIVERSITY!

Students who are undocumented, of color, identify as LGBTQ, working-class, are survivors of violence and rape, and differently-abled, end up the least represented, marginalized, and discriminated groups on campuses. Universities remain unwelcoming environments for such students, especially seen in the recent trend of hate crimes at schools such as San Jose State, administrations' lack of accountability for rape, the noted decrease in admissions for students of color, and cuts to programs such as women's centers. We demand the UCs, CSUs, and CCCs to address these hardships by providing resources for students and for administrations to discontinue practices of victim-blaming and avoiding responsibility for helping their students. Change is not impossible. UCLA already has a Dream Resource Center, while CSU Long Beach and CSU Fullerton have implemented plans to open up undocumented resource centers of their own. In addition, Cal State Los Angeles students and faculty recently fought and won to make Ethnic Studies courses a requirement for undergraduates.



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