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The Honorable Mike Thompson  
Budget Conference Committee State  
Capitol, Room 3056  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of June 13 regarding student and faculty access to social science data through the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, the Feld Institute and the Roper Center.

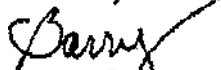
The information you received from my staff is correct. Access to the data provided by these services will be paid for centrally by this office in the coming fiscal year as it has been in the past. The internal mechanisms for accomplishing this have been identified, and the practice will continue in future years until the services are not available or until faculty who use the information in their classes and research determine that they are no longer of sufficient value to merit continuation.

My office encourages campuses to subscribe to the support services provided by the Social Sciences Data Base Archive at California State University, Los Angeles by providing the data resources at no additional cost to the campuses. In addition, we inform campuses regularly about the services provided, invite campuses to subscribe each year, and facilitate funds transfers to make this possible. Faculty-to-faculty encouragement is also provided by the Social Science Research and Instructional Council, the oldest of some ten disciplinary councils in the system comprised of faculty members from all of the campuses.

The decision of whether to pay for support services for the center in Los Angeles is made by each campus based on its perceptions of the value and need for the specific services offered. The same is true for the specialty centers (located on other campuses) in geography, business, engineering and biocomputing. Reasons for choosing to subscribe or not to subscribe vary from campus to campus based on available faculties, equipment, staff expertise, and, in particular, on the preferences of the faculty. In keeping with the time honored tradition of academic freedom, it is ultimately the faculty that must decide what is to the best interest of their programs.

It is my hope that the above information and my personal assurances regarding the funding process are sufficiently satisfactory for you to withdraw the supplemental language from the Budget Conference Committee. Thank you for your continued interest and support of the California State University.

Sincerely,

  
Barry Munitz  
Chancellor

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