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**To:** Lynda Heiden  
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**From:** Josee Larochelle  
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**Subject:** Follow up to February 10, 2014 Budget Presentation

During my budget presentation on February 10, two questions were raised that I said I would look into and provide a response. I have gathered the information and provided it here. Please share this information with the Senate, but especially Senators Buzanski and Gupta who asked the questions.

1. In reference to the campus comparison chart on page 10 in the Budget Report, Senator Buzanski asked why San José State spends much less on student aid than the comparison campuses (Northridge, Sacramento, San Francisco, Long Beach and Fullerton).

The State University Grant (SUG) program is the largest form of student aid shown in this display. The State University Grant program was established in 1982-83 with a General Fund (State) appropriation of \$3.4 million. Due to fiscal considerations, General Fund support for the SUG program leveled off at \$33.7 million in 1992/93. Absent an increase in state support for the SUG program, in March 1993, the CSU Board of Trustees approved the framework for a new student fee and financial aid policy that called for dedicating one-third of annual incremental fee revenues to augment the State University Grant program. The CSU commitment to this program for 2013-14 is \$600 million. The Chancellor's Office allocates these resources to the campuses each year based on student need. Need is determined by expected family contribution. Variations in State University Grant allocations among the 23 campuses are therefore due to differences in student need.

2. Senator Gupta asked for the number of students who were charged the Student Success, Excellence and Technology Fee in Summer 2013. That number is 3,758.