Travel Policy Highlights

- The CSU Travel Policy applies to all Travel which will be paid for by the CSU for employees, students, visiting scholars, independent contractors, volunteers, and interview candidates.
- ALL reimbursable travel must be authorized in writing – via the “Request for Authorization to Travel/Travel Advance” form, prior to making any reservations.
- The “Request for Authorization to Travel/Travel Advance” form must be attached to the Travel Expense Claim when submitting the claim for processing/reimbursement.
- Traveler should make certain that the business related expenses are ordinary, reasonable, not extravagant, and necessary for the trip.
- Receipts are required for $75 or more.
- Per meal reimbursement levels are not defined; however, the daily meal expenses must not exceed the allowable rate(s).
- Lodging for domestic travel (50 states + U.S. Possessions) – actual expenses up to $275/night, excluding taxes, with detailed receipt.
- Lodging for International locations – Federal Per Diem amount for specific location, with no receipts required.
- Lodging with friend/relative – non cash gift up to $75; limited to one reimbursable gift per stay.
- Meals for Continental U.S. (contiguous 48 states) – actual meal expenses up to $55 + $7 incidentals per day. Do not need to define breakfast, lunch, dinner – but will not be treated as an actual per diem.
- Meals for Alaska, Hawaii & U.S. Possessions – Federal Per Diem for meals and incidentals for the specific location, with no receipts required.
- Meals for International Locations – Federal Per Diem for meals and incidentals for specific location, with no receipts required.
- Drivers must be authorized by EHOS to drive on University Business – no one-time exemption; Defensive Driver Training now completed on-line; approver must verify that employee has a current STD 261 on file in the department.