California State University approves tuition increase

Board of Trustees approves a 15 percent tuition increase;
5 percent increase begins next quarter

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The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees Committee on Finance approved a two-step tuition increase Wednesday, Nov. 3, including a 5 percent increase effective Jan. 1 and an additional 10 percent tuition increase starting Fall 2011. The tuition increase is necessary to provide quality service to current and additional students, which equal 30,000, admitted to the CSU system for winter and spring terms, said Erik Fallis, the media relations specialist for the CSU Chancellor’s Office.

"We’re going to be adding students," Fallis said. "We know we need to provide adequate classes and services for them as well as our existing students. That is why the difficult decision to raise fees was recommended and the Board of Trustees adopted it. It’s to get us to the level that we need to be at to support our existing and new students."

The governor’s initial budget proposed in January assumed a 10 percent fee increase to provide the CSU system with a certain level of revenue to allow it to continue to grow. The governor proposed 10 percent and the legislation approved 5 percent. However, the 5 percent state funding was not present when the budget was fully adopted and signed in October. This left the CSU system $64 million short of the budget plan for 2010-11, Fallis said.

According to Fallis, the CSU system is at the same level of state financial support it was five years ago even though today the CSU system has approximately 25,000 more students.

"We took a $625 million hit," Fallis said. "We were restored $260 million, which we’re glad to have, but it’s not a full restoration."

The second phase of the tuition increase would render approximately $121.5 million to continue to provide for the enrollment increase, Fallis said.

"We’re relying on one-time federal stimulus money — about $106 million — to provide adequate classes to our new and existing students," Fallis said. "That money goes away at the end of this year, and we don’t know if the state will be able to replace it. If we do not receive the amount of funding we are requesting from the legislature, that means we need to find a more stable source of funding and unfortunately that means student fees."

According to Fallis, the CSU has two primary sources of funding — state support lends about two-thirds of overall financial support and student fees cover the remaining third.

The Board of Trustees adopted a budget request of the state which asks the governor and the legislature to "buy out" the fee increase.

"We are hopeful the state will prioritize the money to buy out the tuition increase," Fallis said. "If they do so, the CSU will rescind the fee increase and students will not be required to pay it."

Due to financial aid, half of all undergraduate students in the CSU system will not pay the raised tuition fees. Generally, if an undergraduate dependent student and their family makes $70,000 or less, the financial aid award would be equal to or greater than the tuition level. Even if the income is more than that, a student still can qualify for some financial aid.

"For the Cal Grant it’s equivalent to whatever the tuition level is, so if tuition goes up, the grant goes up," Fallis said. "One of the most important things for students to do once they apply to the university is to fill out the FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) because a lot of the students who think they don’t qualify for aid may qualify." Then, the tuition increase will directly impact students that do not receive financial aid.

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Student Trustee Nicole Anderson voted against the tuition increase and was the only committee member to do so. Since starting school in 2007 and now with the 5 percent and the 10 percent increase, her fees have increased over 70 percent. She said the tuition hike impacts middle class students.

"While we still remain an extremely affordable education system, especially nation-wide, I feel if we continue at this rate it’s not going to be obtainable for a lot of students," Anderson said. "It’s the students that see Tuition, page 2

MELISSA WONG MUSTANG DAILY
Data courtesy of CSU Budget Central
The Student Quality Advisory Committee (SQAC) held its first meeting of the year to discuss any concerns within the student population on Nov. 9 at the Sandwich Factory.

SQAC is an open forum aimed at sharing campus concerns and to discover what is vital for students to make their college experience the most beneficial.

"It's a way to connect with students informally and find out what is important to students," French said. "Basically, (we're here to) help students on-campus, find out what's happening on-campus and addressing questions students may have.

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Chairman Jessica Tam finds student involvement to be crucial to improve Cal Poly. "My interest is hearing from students regarding concerns, issues, problems, even things that go well," DeCosta said at the meeting. "This is an opportunity for us to get to know (students) and to decide whether there are areas of concern."

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Entrepreneurial week aims for inspiration

Amanda Sedo

Entrepreneurs around the world will unite in the U.S. this week for the annual Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) on Monday. Throughout the week, groups from 100 different countries have organized events, games and competitions to spread awareness about entrepreneurship.

As stated on the website for the event, “These activities can be anything and everything that gets young people of the world to utilize innovation and creativity in a way to generate new ideas.”

Anne Gilberg, the National Director for GEW/USA since 2009, said in an email the GEW is truly a grass-roots and college council: ASI, SQAC (and) Poly Ambassador. "It is implemented in each country by a host organization that recruits partners. These activities can be anything and the partner organization thinks their audience would be most interested in and/or finds the most productive,” Gilberg said.

Countries such as Malaysia and Turkey launched GEW early with networking meetings in addition to a “Breakfast Penn Conference,” said the website.

However, in the U.S. the activities begin on Nov. 15 and extend until Nov. 21. The University of California, Berkeley and other universities are teaming up with local to find the technologies and people that can have the greatest impact.

Nearly 30 teams will come to Berkeley to compete for up to $45,000 in prize money, as stated on the campus website. Those looking for GEW activities at Cal Poly will have the opportunity to experience Roadtrip Nation on Dexter Lawn on Nov. 17.

Roadtrip Nation is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating educational resources via video interviews said Austin Condon, the vice president of programs for Cal Poly Entrepreneurs and business administration senior. "We are going to use this as a focal point for the activities that we do in the future…we will continue to challenge kids to think outside the box,” Mero said.

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The Cal Poly Entrepreneurs are in their second year of operation. The club is centered on the idea of launching new businesses and developing the necessary skills to create a successful business. Mero said, “I grew up seeing my dad in a nine-to-five job, so I knew I didn’t want what I wanted,” Mero said. "I’m not saying you have to go out and start your own business, but you can use entrepreneurial skills to make your job better.”

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Some California Democrats still support Pelosi for House

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Despite a handful of democratic calls for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to step down as party leader, California Reps. Anna Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, and Sam Farr, D-Carmel, insist she's the right person for the job.

"She really is the most effective in leading," said Eshoo, who does not share Pelosi's the task of representing Northern California. "If she can lead the 50 additional legislators that make up the regional delegation, she can lead all 147 members of Congress."

Pelosi, the first woman to lead a major party in Congress, said last week she would run for minority leader if Republicans take control of the House next year. The announcement followed huge democratic losses in the midterm election, which left a small but increasing number of moderate Democrats suggesting she retire from party leadership.

During the election, Republicans had set Pelosi as a symbol of a failed liberal agenda. The party ran millions of dollars worth of ads attacking her as an obstacle to the economic recovery. Pelosi said she would use her leadership role to repeal Wall Street reforms, to focus on the economy.

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Despite her call for "an immediate ban on earmarks" in the new Congress, the former speaker has not called for an end to earmarks. The money could be better spent elsewhere, she said.

On Friday, the top two House Republicans said they planned to work with a government official that requires a government agency to fund a particular local project, even if it means cutting it from the budget.

The report is the first sign of a real step toward restoring fiscal responsibility, the government, of the Catholic Church, which has been announcing the releases.

A San Francisco Bay Area man accused of attacking a woman with a deadly weapon after a 2005 party in the Hollywood Hills.

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — One of the 13 Cuban political prisoners expected to be released last weekend has said that he was told by a government official that he would be freed within 15 to 30 days.

The report is the first sign of a possible new release date for the 13, an unofficial deadline of Sunday passed without word from the Cuban government or the Catholic Church, which has been announcing the releases.

Pelosi is the voice of her party's interests, he said. "The minority leader is chosen in a closed-door party vote, scheduled for Wednesday.

Eshoo and other Pelosi allies expect her to be reinstated with ample support. No competition has publicly emerged.

Still, some Democrats are showing resistance. Reps. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio, and Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., have penned a letter to their colleagues asking the decision on the minority leader be postponed until the party has had time to analyze the election and understand its "historic losses."

Pelosi, in an op-ed piece published in USA Today this past week, wrote that the election was not a referendum on her leadership but on the economy.

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G-20 summit resolves little for U.S. economy

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The Group of 20 summit ended Friday with a declaration of broad principles but no commitment to immediate action, signaling that the United States will have to go it alone in dealing with its fragile economy and near-double-digit unemployment.

In their final declaration, leaders of the world's most powerful economies pledged to work together and to refrain from protecting their own goods — a development that would have been impossible even a month ago.

They also agreed to take steps to promote growth in low-income countries. But when it came to specifics, a U.S. proposal to set numerical limits on trade surpluses and deficits was rebuffed.

Leaders of the world's 20 biggest economies pledged only to develop "indicative guidelines" to assess imbalances in the first half of next year.

They also refused to endorse a U.S. effort to force China to raise the value of its currency.

"Any sense of global solidarity looks to have been yesterday's story," said Tim Condon, chief economist at ING Financial Markets in Singapore.

Essentially, that left the administration — along with American workers, families and businesses — to shoulder the challenge and the likely pain of trying to solve the nation's economic problems on its own.

"Obama is now in a position where he must be prepared to act unilaterally to reduce the trade deficit and to shore up U.S. industrial and technological competitiveness or risk losing not only the presidency in two years, but also the American dream," said Clyde Prestowitz, a former Reagan administration trade negotiator and now president of the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington.

There are several possible scenarios going forward.

One is that the exporting giants, including China, Germany, South Korea and Japan, will change their positions. If the U.S. economic growth remains low, unemployment high and incomes stagnant, consumers could cut back on their purchases of imported goods — a development that could hit the exporting nations hard because there is no alternative market right now to absorb their output.

If demand for their products drops, the leaders who humbled Obama in Seoul might decide it was in their interest to do more to bolster the U.S. economy.

Another possibility is that American consumers will return to their free-spending ways — as a recent surge in imports suggest they might. That will mean more credit card and other debt, as well as a potential for another financial crisis, unless consumers' spending power also accelerates.

With unemployment seemingly stuck near 10 percent and businesses guarding their profit margins, a hefty round of salary increases looks unlikely unilaterally on certain imports, or undertake a Buy American program, as Ohio has essentially done for government business.

But such actions are fraught with political as well as economic risks. As British Prime Minister David Cameron warned Thursday, they could lead to a dangerous return to what happened in the 1930s when trade barriers, currency wars and other selfish actions by countries prolonged the global depression.

Although nations now have the tools to reduce the intensity of the standoff, the possibility of a currency war "absolutely" remains, said Brazilian Finance Minister Guido Mantega, upon the conclusion of the two-day summit.

Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper expressed similar concern, saying, "G-20 credibility does depend on showing results ... we cannot get out of this with beggar-thy-neighbor policies.

Obama sought to put an optimistic face on prospects for the future.

"Sometimes I think naturally there's an instinct to focus on the disagreements," the president said, when in fact "in each of those successive summits we've actually made progress."

He said there was not a lot of discussion about the Federal Reserve's recent plan to pump $600 billion into the U.S. financial system — effectively printing billions of dollars to spur U.S. growth.

The move has been widely criticized by other countries as a tactic to suppress the value of the dollar to help American exporters compete, though currency and other policies in the leading exporting nations are also designed to help their own economies.

America's large public debts and fiscal deficits also drew fire, especially with fiscally conservative nations such as Germany, which resisted U.S. pressure for high-saving nations to step up their consumption. Even stalwart American allies United Kingdom and Canada were reluctant to support stronger U.S. language in the declaration on rebalance, given their own domestic commitments to fiscal restraint despite resistance from their people.

"I think it was always clear that there's a little more concrete on the imbalance, and it has indeed kicked the problem down the road," said Raghuram Rajan, a University of Chicago finance professor and former chief economist at the International Monetary Fund, which G-20 has enlisted to help assess economic imbalances.

"The reality is that every large currency will do what it thinks will work for its own agenda, and any help they offer one another will be indirect," Rajan said.

"In the medium term, these agendas could converge, but the medium term is too long for political comfort.

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New coffee shop Kreuzberg, Ca brings a little Berlin to town

Kreuzberg, Ca, a new coffee shop and used bookstore located on Monterey Street opened two weeks ago. Since then, it has generated a buzz for implementing a “pay what you feel” structure to Kreuzberg’s customers—which continued through the week of Nov. 1.

James Whitaker created the space which replicates his two year experience in Berlin, Germany, after partnering with his old roommate, Chris Tarcon, and three months of planning. He said it is a portal to the experience at Cal Poly as well as the European trend of staying open into the wee hours of the night.

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Students enjoy the new elements too. Liberal studies junior Sadie Jones said she noticed the difference in ambiance from any typical coffee shop in San Luis Obispo, such as the giant memes projected on a wall.

“Middle school is a little bit of Kreuzberg, California,” Whitaker said. “But when the wall came down, all these people moved there — young people, talented people, writers, fashion designers, musicians from all over Europe like Amsterdam, Paris, London, and it became ‘this creative hub. When I came back to San Luis Obispo, I wanted to bring a little bit of Kreuzberg with me’.”

Whitaker said the two months he spent in Berlin this past summer made him fall in love with it all over again and he decided to translate his love for Berlin into a real space.

“It’s always been a dream to own a bookstore/coffee shop, but the Berlin influence made it kind of the way it is now — sort of a non-traditional quirky cool coffee shop,” Whitaker said. Falling into a category of its own, the now fully open coffee shop and used bookstore caters not only to early-morning risers but also a late-night crowd. The 2 a.m. closing time, Whitaker said, was a decision both influenced by his studying experience at Cal Poly as well as the European trend of staying open into the wee hours of the night.

“When I was at Cal Poly, I used to have to go to Denny’s to study because every coffee shop was closed; it was me and all the depressing waitresses at four in the morning trying to study,” Whitaker said. “So I wanted to make a place where you could come and stay late.”

However, the late closing is tentative and depends on whether customers utilize the coffee shop during the early hours.

“We’ll be open until two as long as people are here,” Whitaker said. “If there’s no one here at 12:30 a.m., then we’re going home, but if there are people here studying and hanging out, then we’re open until two.”

Whitaker’s strategy is working so far. Liberal arts and engineering studies senior Pat Robertson, who bartends down the street from Kreuzberg, Ca, said he feels comfortable knowing there’s a spot to relax after he gets off.

“It’s so necessary — so needed to have a coffee shop open that late,” Robertson said. “As far as bartending, it’s super reassuring to know right down the street after work I can go and actually hang out and have a cup of tea.”

The interior is complete with hardwood floors, couches, chairs, dining room tables and walls covered in bookshelves and contemporary art, which is based on Whitaker’s idea of the atmosphere in Berlin coffee shops.

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New to San Luis Obispo, Kreuzberg, Ca is a coffee shop located on Monterey Street. The shop is open until 2 a.m., allowing students to study in a quiet environment into the early hours of the morning with a cup of coffee or tea.
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Not only are students immersed in the atmosphere the coffee shop brings to San Luis Obispo, but they're also interested in the most collegiate element of all — the books. Economics junior Art Kofman is going to check out the shop to see what books he can find and potentially exchange, he said.

"I heard that you can bring in a book and take another one," Kofman said. "I thought that was a cool con-

The abundance of books adds an intellectual gravitas that you wouldn't get without them," Whitaker said. "I think books, especially used books, have a creative ambiance when they fill up a space," Whitaker said. "A hot drink and a book are meant for each other." Although Whitaker is only sleep-

"You give birth to no thing, then you have to nourish it, and then eventually it grows up and it takes care of you," Whitaker said.
most of us in the U.S. are feeling "disenfranchised from politics," and Republi tolky that the public is detached from conservatism. In his online column "The Conservative Thinker," he narrows down his vision of the issues, but even then, there are still a few bullet points I'll go through each bullet and describe each of his conclusions.

First on Haynes' list is limited government. This describes a shift of power from the federal government to state and local governments. To me, the importance of this is to bring politics closer to home. Liberals feel a strong central government equals stability, but in reality it makes it harder to hear the people's needs. It's not uncommon to find an American who feels the government is distant and needs are not being met since most political happenings occur in Washington, D.C.

Economically, Conservatives support low taxes and free markets. The belief in free markets is a major difference between Conservatives and Republicans. Conservatism usually supports the dreaded "big government" whereas free market ideology favors lower taxes for everyone and takes an even higher percentage from the super rich. Conservatives favor a low flat tax which takes the same amount across all social classes. Obama's view of taxation allows the government to control where money is being allocated, but Conservatives' flat tax allows the people to decide how much a grass-root movement which will soon run out of fuel. Despite these comments, the Tea Party is gaining momentum. Evidence of this can be seen at the Tea Party protest in Washington, D.C. this April, where over half a million Tea Party supporters crowded the streets to protest new taxes and spending—demonstrating the Tea Party's ability to flux their free speech muscles.

For the first time in almost a century, the United States is experiencing severe economic woes, but no relief has been offered by the government. Rather, people are met with distractive and controversial decisions while the government tip toes around the people's real concerns. There is a ray of hope for all Americans—the resiliency of their neighbors and fellow Americans, which can never be questioned. It was free Americans who made this country the superpower it is, and it is free Americans who will honor this tradition.

The belief in free markets is a major difference between Conservatives and Republicans.

Andrew Nenow
Conservative columnist

Great article, I can relate firsthand. I am currently dealing with a similar situation regarding my current school. I am going to play for a certain university and they took my scholarship away because they figured I was going to play at a different school. At that point I was told I was going to play the next year. Then when the year came they did not let me play because I was enrolled and I was the last semester before I received my BA. I am currently trying to get that year back. It's really unfair and unethical how they sometimes treat us student athletes. We get injured playing for their program yet they turn their backs on us when we are injured. There needs to be a lot of change so our coaches can guide us and help us.

— Tye

In response to "The NCAA does not favor the 'student in student-athlete'",

Your use of this historical debate is quite interesting, Jeremy. I guess I can see the benefits of having a science major write a political column. :) I like that you recaptured this conversation about equality and liberty from the simplistic binary of capitalism vs. socialism, where we interpret capitalism to be "liberty" and socialism to be "equality." I think you're implying (and I could, of course, be wrong) that to truly have either of these principles as realities in society, we need BOTH liberty and equality. I think a lot of the arguments I see on I argue that some things are necessary in order to keep the opportunity for equality available for all Americans. And to answer your question, about whether we're okay with "forsa." I don't think we have to do much more than we're doing right now—except to make the tax system more just. I think the middle class and upper middle class will add a lot more burden per dollar of income than the "rich." And I don't think that's really fair. As Jeremy noted above, Warren Buffett pays a smaller share of taxes than his secretary and chauffeur. This is just one more piece of a larger conversation. Take it for what you will. :)
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Volleyball sweeps in final homestand

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The Cal Poly women’s volleyball team (21-7, 11-4 Big West) wrapped up its final homestand with two wins against Pacific and UC Davis over the weekend. Both matches lasted four games, with the Mustangs only dropping the second game in each.

Unfortunately for the Mustangs, Cal State Fullerton won both of its matches to put Cal Poly out of the conference title hunt.

On Friday night, the team faced Pacific and avenged a five-set loss on Oct. 16, where the Tigers won three-straight games after going down two games to none. Jennifer Keddy led the way with 15 kills, including six in the first game. Catie Smith, Kristina Graven and Dominique Olowolafe recorded double-digit kills as well.

The first set was characterized by errors on both sides. Cal Poly got off to a quick start, but was hindered by seven errors while hitting .122. Pacific gave Cal Poly eight points, with four of those errors coming off missed serves.

However, the Tigers’ poor play came at worse times. With the game tied at 19, back-to-back errors gave Cal Poly a 21-19 advantage and kills by Holly Franks and Keddy finished the game as the team won 25-20.

“Here’s the key, we gutted that game out,” said head coach Jon Stevenson. “Maybe it was a little home court advantage.”

Overall, the Mustangs improved from Friday night as the Mustangs hit .292, and Olowolafe and Holly Franks hit above .420, while holding UC Davis to .189.

Stevenson said he was especially impressed with the Mustangs’ third game. After dropping the previous game 25-23, Cal Poly held the Aggies to only 12 points.

The team faces UC Riverside in Cal Poly’s final regular season match on Friday. The Highlanders have not won a game in conference this season.

After that match the team will wait eight days to find out if it gets a berth in the NCAA tournament, while the rest of the conference finishes its seasons.

“We will all be together that Sunday to find out who we play,” Stevenson said.

### THIS WEEK IN CAL POLY ATHLETICS

**THURSDAY**
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Cal Poly falls in final minute to rival UC Davis

Brian De Los Santos

Play after play, drive after drive, Cal Poly's game against UC Davis Saturday night began to look more and more like last year's contest.

At the end of the game, it was close to a picture-perfect replica.

With 35 seconds left on the clock, Aggies' quarterback Randy Wright connected with Sean Creadick on a five-yard touchdown strike, fueling the Aggies (5-5, 3-1 Great West) 22-21 win and marking UC Davis' second-straight come from behind win against the Mustangs (7-4, 2-2) in as many years.

"I can't put it into words right now," quarterback Tony Smith said. "It's just a real tough pill to swallow."

As the story went in last year's Battle for the Golden Horseshoe, if the game ended at halftime, the Mustangs would have won.

The Mustangs came out of the gates firing on all cylinders, Saturday night. On their first possession of the game, they boasted a 15-play, 82-yard drive, capped with a Jake Romanelli one-yard touchdown run.

On their second possession, they pieced together an eight-play, 66-yard drive, capped with another Romanelli touchdown run. And after fullback Jordan Yocum punched in a five-yard touchdown run, the Mustangs found themselves up 21-0.

"This wasn't their fault, head coach Tim Walsh said, this loss was on the offense.

"I think we played flatly poorly on offense in the second half," Walsh said. "The (Aggies) defense didn't do anything to cause the problem, what happened in the second half was on us. They didn't do anything that we didn't expect them to do."

In the third and fourth quarters, the Mustangs accounted for just 91 yards of total offense and they turned the ball over on five of their seven drives — none going farther than Davis' 30-yard line.

"For whatever reasons, (we) made some mistakes that were critical mistakes at critical times," Walsh said. "You can't do that when a team is playing with the amount of pride that I thought (UC Davis) played with."

Despite the showing in the second half, there was a couple highlights for Cal Poly on the stat sheet. Running back Mark Rodgers finished the game with a team-high 108 yards off 17 carries. Yocum was the next closest Mustang behind him, finishing with 65 yards.

For most, Cal Poly's season ends on a losing note. But despite losing their senior class, there is no doubt the Mustangs will return talent next season.

"It isn't the end of the Mustangs," Romanelli said. "I'll tell you that."