

California Polytechnic State University

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**TO:** Cal Poly Employees

**FROM:** Bob Detweiler, Interim Provost/VP for Academic Affairs  
Larry Kelley, Vice President for Administration and Finance

**RE: Budget Update**

FALL ENROLLMENT UPDATE:

After the first week of classes 17,513 students were enrolled, and typically almost 100 more will register before the end of the drop-add period. This headcount is running below the Fall target of 17,981, primarily because fewer continuing undergraduate and graduate students have enrolled than expected. New undergraduates are very close to target, and new graduate students are over target. Headcount is greater than Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES) because the average unit load for Cal Poly students this Fall is just above 14 while the FTES calculation is based on a 15 unit load.

Fall course loads are higher than last year; however, with the lower headcount, FTES is likely to be under the Fall target. We will have the final Fall enrollment numbers in late October. FTES for Summer totaled 137, compared to a target of zero. It appears that the combined Summer and Fall enrollment will leave us about 1% below the new campus enrollment target, which was set by the CSU in August.

To offset lower Fall numbers and help Cal Poly reach the new annual enrollment target, we have increased the number of students to be admitted for Winter. For those keeping track of changing expectations, our FTES enrollment for the 2003-04 was 17,170. The target for 2004-05 was initially set by the CSU at 16,218 FTES due to state operating budget reductions. Then, after the Governor signed the California budget, which added some funds for enrollment, the CSU increased Cal Poly's target to 16,521 FTES for the 2004-05 year.

More details regarding preliminary enrollment are posted on the IP&A website at <http://www.ipa.calpoly.edu/> and more complete information will be available after we reach the Fall census date in late October.

BUDGET:

With the 2004-05 budget in place, discussions have begun at the Chancellor's Office about the budget request for 2005-06. The Governor and the Chancellor (as well as the UC system) entered into a compact for higher education with a term of 2005-2006 through 2010-2011. The Compact includes predictable increases in enrollment, funding and student fees for the next six years in exchange for long-term accountability goals. The specific funding issues for 2005-06 include:

- Increase of 3% to the base funding above the 2004-05 level
- Enrollment increase, and related funding, of 2.5% at each campus
- Undergraduate fees to increase by 8%
- Graduate fees to increase by no less than 10%
- 20% to 33% of the fee increase is to be set aside for Student Financial Aid
- One-time funding for renovation, care, and renewal of existing facilities and utilities, based on the fiscal health of the State budget

The CSU Board of Trustees has scheduled a special meeting on October 28, 2004 to consider the budget. The budget development process is:

- November 2004: Board of Trustees submits a budget request to the Department of Finance (DOF)
- December 2004: DOF submits budget recommendations to the Governor
- January 2005: Governor submits his budget to the Legislature
- February 2005: Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) publishes the Legislative Analyst's report on the Governor's Budget
- Spring 2005: Legislature considers the Governor's budget
- May 2005: May Revise will be based on the State revenue and expenses, allowing the Governor to modify his budget
- June 2005: Legislature acts on the budget
- July 2005: Governor signs the 2005-06 budget

We will continue to monitor the process as the budget develops and report on the progress.

#### SUSTAINABILITY:

The new Sustainability Advisory Committee has been formed and will be meeting throughout the year. This committee, which is focused on facility projects and utility usage, is a broad-based group with representatives from students, faculty, and staff. To see more about the sustainability efforts on campus, please visit the Facilities Planning and Capital Projects website at <http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu>, and then click on the Building For Sustainability icon.

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