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Assembly, Senate Committees OK Further CSU Budget Cuts

SACRAMENTO -- In Sacramento last week, Assembly and Senate budget panels both made final budget recommendations for the fiscal year that included \$69.5 million in additional cuts to CSU's 2003/04 budget.

According to Gov. Davis' January budget and the May Revise released last week, the CSU is already slated to take a net \$260.7 million, or 10 percent cut from its 2002/03 General Fund base budget. An additional cut of \$69.5 million would bring the CSU's total net reductions to \$330.2 million, or 12.3 percent of the CSU's budget.

Although no decisions will be made until the budget is finalized, CSU budget officials have outlined possible scenarios for addressing an additional budget reduction, such as:

- . An additional increase in student fees with a set-aside for financial aid; or
- . A combination of budget reductions and student fee increases; or
- . A cut in enrollment and the potential layoff of employees.

Key differences between the Assembly and Senate versions remain. The Assembly added budget bill language that the CSU would take the cut while "protecting instruction, student services, and outreach programs." The Senate took the reduction by indicating that the cut would limit enrollment growth to 4 percent instead of the 7 percent proposed in the governor's January budget.

Differences between the Assembly and Senate budgets will be negotiated during the next step in the budget process, the conference committee of both Assembly and Senate members. More information: [Assembly](#) | [Senate](#)

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