

Budget Committee Report- September 16, 2026

Members: Faculty- Bharti Sharma (Chair), Anna L Soper, Don St. Hilaire, Heather E Taylor, Yuanjie (Ed) He, Brinna Pam Anan, Phyllis R. Nelson, Administrator- Lisa M. Rotunni, Staff - Sabrina Toney, ASI Student representative -To be appointed.

The Budget Committee has met twice during this reporting period.

September 2, 2026 – The Committee’s first meeting for Academic Year (AY) 2026-2027 focused on reviewing its roles and responsibilities and examining the AY 2025-26 Senate Budget Committee reports to identify key budget issues, financial trends, and areas that need continued attention during AY 2026-2027.

Committee members in attendance: Don St. Hilaire, Heather E Taylor, Yuanjie (Ed) He, Brinna Pam Anan, Bharti Sharma

September 9, 2026 – The committee prepared for the upcoming Division of Enrollment presentation by reviewing previous presentations and discussing the relevance of enrollment in relation to budget and academic resources.

Committee members in attendance: Heather E Taylor, Yuanjie (Ed) He, Lisa M. Rotunni, Anna L Soper, Sabrina Toney, Bharti Sharma

CSU Budget Context: As communicated by CSU Chancellor’s office (7/1/26) the final budget for 2026-2027 is “positive news” for CSU. The Board of Trustees Committee of Finance presentation (Agenda Item 3, July 20-22, 2026, link a) noted that the “final state budget shows strong support for CSU mission. While the state budget is balanced through 2027-2028, structural deficits loom. State revenue remains volatile; end of Newsome compact creates funding uncertainty”. The ongoing funding allows CSU Forward, Expenditure Framework to advance.

The CSU final budget allocation is ~ \$712.6 M in new operating funds (Budget Allocation Coded Memo B 26-02, Final Budget Allocations, see link b). This includes \$143.8 M in restoration from 2025-2026 reduction; \$365.7 M is partial year 4 and full year 5 compact funding totaling to \$509.6M in State General fund. The tuition revenue- \$179.4 M from approved 6% tuition rate increase and revenue and \$23.6 M from enrollment growth totaling to ~\$203 M.

CPP’s Budget Context: CPP’s 2026–2027 Final Budget Allocation is ~ \$448.7 M that is a total of \$ 232.79 M (General Fund) and \$215.96 M (Estimated Tuition and Fee Revenue, link c). Cal Poly Pomona’s Budget Planning and Analysis - BPA#26-01 (link d) reports the Total Base allocation of ~ \$442.66 M that is a total of \$389M Base Undesignated Allocation, \$28.2 M Designated Allocation, \$ 25.4 M Base Fee Allocation. Divisions have been requested to submit their projected General Fund recurring expenditures for FY 2026-2027 by Oct 15, 2026, with the purpose to gain better understanding of recurring General Funds costs that institution requires to

operate on an ongoing basis (BPA #26-01, link e). CPP's Annual Budget Calendar is posted (link f).

University Budget Committee - CPP has establishment University Budget Committee (UBC), that will serve as the university's primary advisory body for budget and resource allocation (link g).

Weblinks

- a) <https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/board-of-trustees/MeetingHandouts/July%202022,%202026/FIN%20Item%203%20-%202026-27%20Final%20Budget%20-%20HANDOUT%20BOTv1.pdf>
- b) https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/about-the-csu/budget/Documents/fy-budget-coded-memos/B_2026-02_Final_Budget_Allocations_Memo-signed.pdf
- c) https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/about-the-csu/budget/Documents/fy-budget-coded-memos/B_2026-02_Final_Budget_Allocations_Attachments.pdf
- d) <https://www.cpp.edu/bpa/bpa2601.xlsx>
- e) <https://www.cpp.edu/bpa/bpabudgetallocations26.pdf>
- f) <https://www.cpp.edu/bpa/docs/budget-calendar-26-27.pdf>
- g) <https://www.cpp.edu/president/from-the-president/2026-fall/advancing-transparency-through-the-university-budget-committee.shtml>

Committee Discussion Themes

The Committee discussed key budget issues, financial trends and areas that need continued attention in 2026-2027.

Enrollment- The committee identified enrollment as an area for continued monitoring important for University's financial sustainability.

Impact of Budget Balance Measures – Building on discussions from prior year across-divisions, the committee will continue to understand the realized savings from VSIP and the new resource capacity needs.

Faculty & Academic Impact – The committee will continue to examine and understand the relationship of increased enrollment to student-faculty ratio (SFR) and the resources available to academic affairs to support its academic mission.

Capital and Infrastructure and Deferred Maintenance – The committee will continue to understand resource planning and financial implications associated with deferred maintenance and other capital and infrastructure priorities including the Lanterman Project.

Auxiliary and Philanthropic Funds – The committee will continue to understand the relationship of these resources to CPP’s academic mission.

In the context of new and continuing budget issues and current financial year’s budget environment, the Committee will continue to examine financial sustainability and the alignment of resource with Universities academic mission.

Budget Committee Commentary and Collaborative Next Steps

The committee will continue to build on the foundation established through prior committee work. As the deliberative body of the faculty on general fund budget and resource use as they affect the University, the committee looks forward to engaging with all campus partners, divisions, and auxiliaries. The committee will review, analyze relevant budget information and financial trends and will report observations regarding universities financial position and its implications to the academic senate.