



2025 State Budget Update

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INTRODUCTION

The California Faculty Association (CFA) represents over 29,000 faculty, including tenure-track professors, lecturers, librarians, counselors, and coaches from all 23 California State University (CSU) system campuses. The CSU has been issuing layoff notices at many campuses, including Sonoma State, citing budgetary issues, and operating with austerity measures. The California Faculty Association has been advocating for the past 6 months against proposed budget cuts that would only exacerbate the CSU’s layoffs we’ve seen statewide.

Governor Newsom’s January Proposal & May Revision

The Governor’s January budget proposal included a 7.95% (\$375.2M) ongoing reduction for the California State University system. After much advocacy from CFA members and negotiations with legislative leaders and staff, the Governor’s May Revision reduced the cut to 3% (\$143.8M), ongoing. A few weeks later, the Legislature’s version of the budget included NO CUTS to the CSU.

AB/SB 101: Budget Act of 2025

On Friday, June 13th, the State Assembly and State Senate passed their version of the budget, which is now on Governor Newsom’s desk awaiting action. The budget bill includes over \$324.7B in total spending, of which approximately \$231.9B is from the general fund.

The Budget Act of 2025 restores the ongoing reduction for the CSU. It defers the 3% amount for 2025-26 to 2026-27. This means that while the CSU will not see the 3% in the upcoming fiscal year, they will see it in the next fiscal year, 2026-27. The budget bill also includes language that will provide access to cash flow resources to mitigate the deferral impact, in the form of a short-term loan. Furthermore, the budget bill also includes language to set an enrollment target.

Next Steps: Final Budget to be signed by June 30th

We are eagerly awaiting the Governor to take action and sign the final budget by the June 30th Deadline. Negotiations are ongoing, and CFA Government Relations staff are also working on the final trailer bill language to hold the CSU accountable for how they spend their funding allocation.

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