2026-27 Budget Update - August 2026

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Budget Timeline

State
CSU
Campus

Jul-Sept

Campus Budget Finalization (2026-27)

UBO finalizes budget and seeks final approval from CFO & President. UBO posts final budget in CFS & Open Book. UBO submits budget to the CO.

CSU Final Budget Allocation Memo (2026-27)

CSU Budget Request (2027-28)

Oct-Jan

Campus Budget Strategic Planning (2027-28)

UBO engages leadership, URPC & campus partners on budget planning. UBO provides preliminary proposed budget target scenarios to Divisions. Divisions begin to budget plan accordingly.

Governor's January Budget Proposal (2027-28)

Feb-Apr

Campus Budget Preparation (2027-28)

Divisions work with their MBUs to meet preliminary proposed budget target. Budgets are submitted to respective VPs for approval.

CSU Preliminary Budget Allocation Memo (2027-28)

May-Jun

Campus Budget Submission (2027-28)

UBO provides final budget target scenario to reflect any material changes from preliminary planning. Divisional budgets are presented for review to leadership and URPC.

Governor's May Budget Revision (2027-28)

Governor's Final Budget (2027-28)

State & CSU 2026-27 Budget Update

Cal Poly Humboldt.

2026-27 Final State Budget

General Fund Allocation to CSU

$509.6M

- Supports core operating costs and CSU priorities.
- Funding remained consistent across the January proposal, May Revision, and Final State Budget.

Base Increase

$365.8M

- $264.9M Year 5 Compact
- $100.9M Year 4 Compact (partial)

Base Restoration

$143.8M

- Restores the 2025-26 General Fund reduction to CSU.

Source: CA State Budget

2026-27 Final CSU Budget Memo

New CSU Resources

$712.6 M

$509.6M General Fund Allocation from State

$203M Tuition & Other Revenue

Campus & System Support

$251M

- $178.4M Direct Campus Cost Allocations
- $43.2M Centralized Programs & Services
- $3.9M New Facility Operations & Maintenance
- $25.0M CSU Forward

Compensation

$176.6M

- Held centrally at CSU
- 3% faculty and staff compensation pool
- Final compensation will be determined through agreements with each bargaining unit.

Systemwide Commitments

$285M

- Held centrally at CSU
- $143.8M State General Fund Loan Repayment
- $50M Capital & Infrastructure
- $91.2M Contingency for State funding uncertainty

The CSU's 2026-27 budget plan is centered on protecting and strengthening existing commitments rather than pursuing new initiatives.

Source: CSU Budget Allocation Memo

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2026-27 CSU Allocations to Campus

New CSU Funding Allocation to Humboldt

$5.38M

+$2.99M
State General Fund Increase

+$2.39M
6% Tuition Rate Increase

Student & Employee Support

$4.60M

86% of Allocation

Retirement	$3.1M
State University Grant (SUG)	$1.0M
Health Benefit Premiums	$0.5M

Operational Costs & Facilities

$0.70M

14% of Allocation

Utilities	$0.5M
Liability & Property Insurance	$0.1M
Maintenance of New Facilities	$0.1M

The CSU has fully designated this new allocation for corresponding required costs, with minimal funding available for discretionary campus use.

Source: CSU Budget Allocation Memo

2026-27 Campus Resources & Uses

Net New Campus Resource

$2.5M

+$2.1M
Tuition: 3% Enrollment Growth

+$1.2M
Tuition: Summer Session

+$2.6M
Ongoing Base Reductions

-$3.4M
Enrollment Reallocation

Campus Planned Uses

$2.5M

Utilities & Insurance Premiums	$0.7M
Departmental Allocations	$1.3M
Green & Gold Guarantee	$0.2M
Enrollment Contingency	($0.3M)
Unallocated Base	$0.6M

New tuition revenue and ongoing base reductions offset the $3.4M enrollment reallocation, provide $1.9M to address increased campus operating costs and priorities, and leave $625K in unallocated base funding available.

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2026-27 Polytechnic Special Allocation & Uses

Special Campus Resource

$3.7M

State General Fund Polytechnic Allocation

(State Allocated in 2021, CSU Allocated in 2026)

Polytechnic Allocations

$3.7M

Academic Programs Buildout **(87% of Allocation)**	$3.21M
Communications, Marketing & Branding	$0.46M
Infrastructure	$0.05M

Reflects the final installment of the $25M in ongoing Polytechnic funding allocated by the State.

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2026-27 Operating Fund Reductions

Division	Reduction %	Reduction $
President's Office	0.0%	-
University Advancement	1.4%	64,000
Academic Affairs	2.0%	1,678,000
Administrative Affairs	1.2%	256,000
Enrollment Management & Student Success	1.5%	230,000
Athletics & Recreation	2.0%	69,000
University Wide	3.8%	316,000
Total Reductions	**1.9%**	**2,613,000**

Reflects the ongoing base reductions implemented by each division as recommended by the URPC in Spring 2026.

Source: URPC Recommendation - Spring 2026

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2026-27 Operating Fund Revenue Budget

	Spring Planning	Increase (Decrease)	Final Budget
2025-26 Revenue Budget	**175,270,821**	**-**	**175,270,821**
Restoration of 2025-26 Cut to CSU	3,040,000	(3,040,000)	-
Enrollment Reallocation *(slide 9)*	(3,378,000)	(7,000)	(3,385,000)
Polytechnic Allocation *(slide 10)*	3,729,000	-	3,729,000
New State General Fund Allocation *(slide 8)*	4,549,000	(1,558,000)	2,991,000
Tuition: 6% Rate Increase *(slide 8)*	1,969,000	422,000	2,391,000
Tuition & Fees: Enrollment Growth *(slide 9)*	2,707,000	(629,000)	2,078,000
Tuition: Summer *(slide 9)*	-	1,194,000	1,194,000
2026-27 Revenue Budget	**187,886,821**	**(3,618,000)**	**184,268,821**

- 2025-26 State funding was restored and retained centrally by the CSU to repay the one-time State loan.
- New State General Fund funding decreased, as compensation is being held by the CSU pending final negotiations offset by the retirement increase.
- Tuition revenue reflects an updated 3% enrollment growth assumption plus new summer session revenue.

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2026-27 Operating Fund Expenditure Budget

	Spring Planning	Increase (Decrease)	Final Budget
2025-26 Expenditure Budget	**175,270,821**	-	**175,270,821**
CSU Allocated Costs & Priorities *(slide 8)*	9,558,000	(4,176,000)	5,382,000
Polytechnic Allocation *(slide 10)*	3,729,000	-	3,729,000
Campus Costs & Priorities *(slide 9)*	2,079,000	(204,000)	1,875,000
Base Reductions *(slide 11)*	(2,613,000)	-	(2,613,000)
Unallocated *(slide 9)*	-	625,000	625,000
2026-27 Expenditure Budget	**188,023,821**	**(3,755,000)**	**184,268,821**

- CSU allocated costs decreased, as compensation is being held by the CSU pending negotiations.
- $625K in ongoing base funding remains unallocated pending URPC's recommendation in the next budget planning cycle, as the campus held to division committed reductions ahead of anticipated enrollment recalibration.

2026-27 Operating Fund Budget

	Spring Planning	Increase (Decrease)	Final Budget
Total Revenue Budget	187,886,821	(3,618,000)	184,268,821
Total Expenditure Budget	188,023,821	(3,755,000)	184,268,821
Total Operating Budget Surplus (Deficit)	**(137,000)**	**137,000**	**-**

- 2026-27 Operating Budget is balanced, supported by enrollment growth, increased State investment, and collaborative campus-wide reductions.
- $3.5M in one-time roll-forward funding remains available for future budget needs.
- We are well positioned for 2027-28, with a goal of avoiding university-wide budget reductions.
- Work remains to evaluate current resource allocations, strengthen the sustainability of divisional budgets, and make strategic shifts within divisions to better support University priorities.

Next Steps

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September

- CSU 2027-28 Budget Request will go to CSU Board of Trustees for approval

October & Beyond

- Campus 2027-28 Budget Strategic Planning kicks off

Questions?

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