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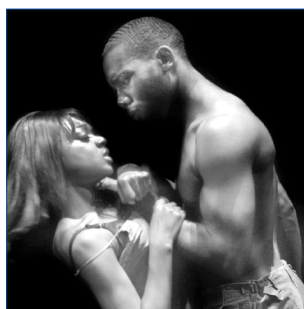
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## University Budget Proposed

# CSU Seeks Replacement of Money Cut This Year

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The CSU Board of Trustees Committee on Finance adopted a "recover and reinvest" budget Tuesday calling for an increase in state funding for 2010-2011.

An increase of \$884 million would go towards general fund support for the CSU system, a release from the CSU Chancellor's office said.

The current reduced level of the general fund stands at \$2.3 billion. It would be increased to \$3.4 billion under the new plan.

The board will present the new budget to the state legislature and the governor in hopes of increasing state support.

"This is a very ambitious budget in these very challenging times," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed.

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new alternatives to try to counteract the budget cuts such as employee furloughs, student fee increases, enrollment cuts and numerous other reductions across all 23 campuses.

More recently, according to the press release, the CSU system cut 4,000 students from Fall 2009 enrollment and last week announced another expected 6,000 cuts to be made for Spring 2010.

"We are trying to maintain diversity on our campuses, while at the same time we are looking to reduce enrollment by about 40,000 students," said Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer Jeri Echeverria.

The plan, according to Echeverria, is to cut student enrollment by 40,000 over the next two years.

The new budget proposal includes funding to "restore \$305 million in one-time cuts imposed in 2009-2010" as well as requesting an amount of "\$296 million for mandatory cost increases, compensation increases and improvements in student services and instruction."

This amount, according to the press release, also includes \$111 million to offset an additional 10 percent increase in student fees.

While the CSU Board of Trustees has approved the budget, the battle is far from over.

The budget proposal must still be presented to the State Department of Finance, the State Legislature and the Governor himself, who, according to the California State Official Website, is scheduled to revise his budget next May for adoption in mid-June.

The governor, who warned of budget cuts last week during a press conference in San Jose,

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time cuts that were imposed for this year, but to also provide the needed revenue for mandatory costs, compensation increases, as well as fund our collective bargaining agreements for the past two years. This budget reflects the true fiscal needs of the CSU."

Over the past two years, the state funding for the CSU system has continued to decline and has been cut almost \$625 million or 21 percent of the original budget.

In just the past six months, the CSU system has adopted



CSU Chancellor Reed: Looking for more in a period in which no more is to be had.  
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estimated a grim outlook for everyone across the board.

"I think there will be across-the-board cuts again," Schwarzenegger told reporters today in San Jose after signing legislation that is part of the water

deal he reached last week with lawmakers.

"We are not going to go and pick and choose (between programs). I think that we always have to go and cut across the board."

# Hayward Library First To Stop Charging Fines

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The Hayward Public Library will soon be the first in the nation to offer a fines-free borrowing program.

Acting Library Director Sean Reinhart said, "We're hoping the program will get more residents to use the library. Some residents simply don't come to the library because of fear of the fines and due dates and hopefully this new program will change that."

Reinhart's goal is not only to lure more patrons to the library, but also to accommodate the changing customer service expectations of patrons, some of which would like to avoid fines and enjoy services like Netflix.

Reinhart says with one in five Hayward Library card holders owing \$20 or more in late fees and fines, most patrons just stop coming because their borrowing privileges are restricted. With a service population of 150,000, that amounts to over 30,000 residents unable to obtain materials from the library.

However, the Hayward Public Library is looking to change that.

Beginning Jan. 2010, the Fines Free Library Loan Program will allow library patrons the option of enrolling in a program to check out 3, 5, or 10 items at a time by mail.

Like Netflix, the program charges a small monthly fee, (\$2.99 for three items, \$4.99 for five items, or \$8.99 for ten items), and patrons are not able to check out more materials until returning the ones they have.

Reinhart explained that everything currently available for checkout in the library's collection will be available for customers of the Fines Free program.

Some patrons are concerned about losing library materials through the Fines Free program. Reinhart says the library will replace any lost materials.

The California State Library has approved Hayward's Fines Free Program, stating that it meets the requirements and laws regarding equal access.



Check it Out: A young patron checks out her materials at the Hayward Public Library.

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