President's Budget Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes/Action Items
October 15, 2026
Manchester Hall 3318, Zoom

Voting Members Present	Area Budget Reps Present	Staff Present	Guests Present
Agnes Wong Nickerson	Mary Anne Kremicki	Sarah Aldous	Stefan Hyman
Rashmi Praba	Carly Stramper		Trudy Milburn
Gloria Bjerke			David
Antonio Deninno			Chris Manning
Stephen Schellenberg			Sridhar Seshagiri
Brian Hentschel			
Heather Canary			
Christol Sohl			
Matthew Lauer			
Bann Attiq			

Voting Members Absent	Area Budget Reps Absent
William Tong	Katie Olivo
Milan Rawls	Travis Clancy
Brittany Santos-Derieg	
Adrienne Vargas	

I. **Call to order**
- Call for amendments to agenda – None

II. **Information Item**
- **2027/28 CSU BOT Budget Proposal**
  - The Board of Trustees approved a 2027/28 request for a 7% ($396 million) General Fund increase, above the 5% compact level, bringing the CSU base budget above $10 billion. The request includes approximately $618 million in prioritized increases aligned with the CSU Forward initiative.
  - Key items include a 4% compensation increase ($232 million), enrollment growth ($67 million), the State University Grant ($64 million), facilities debt service ($50 million), and new sales tax on digital software ($17 million).
  - The APC unit reached a tentative agreement: a $3,325 one-time payment expected in December 2026, a 4% increase retroactive to July 1, 2026, and 4% on July 1, 2027. Other units remain in negotiation.
  - Only 4% is funded in the request. Any underfunding or higher settlements must be covered by campuses, and SDSU will likely face a compensation gap in 2026/27.
  - Facilities: The CSU proposes $407 million per year from the state for three years, matched by the CSU, to keep the $9.6 billion deferred maintenance backlog from growing and to address approximately 12 academic buildings.
  - SDSU-specific challenges remain: second-lowest funding per FTES, no added funding for graduate students or research, unfunded over-target enrollment, and a net loss in the State University Grant pool.
  - Approximately $4 million in 2026/27 enrollment-growth funding may be recaptured by the system if SDSU does not meet the target raised on June 18. SDSU continues to advocate for more time.
  - Slide 10 will be updated to reflect the $407 million figure.
  - Members suggested strengthening SDSU's funding case by connecting underfunding to class size, classroom space, contingent faculty, and student impact.
- **Enrollment Update**
  - Stefan Hyman reported fall 2026 stateside enrollment of 41,024, essentially flat with last year's record; the small decrease reflects record graduation rates. SDSU expects to meet its revised target.

- International enrollment continues to decline at both levels, while nonresident domestic first-year enrollment increased by about 200 students. Nonresident retention after the first and second years remains a focus.
- SDSU received 144,362 applications and enrolled 6,748 first-year students against a target of 6,725. New doctoral and master's enrollments reached record highs, while credential enrollment continues to decline.
- SDSU is projected to be 5–6% above its funded target (approximately 1,625–1,950 unfunded FTES). A Chancellor's Office task force on per-campus FTES funding is expected to begin in spring 2027.
- First-year retention reached a record 91.4%, and four-year and transfer graduation rates rose sharply.
- Federal student loan changes (OB3) are being monitored. An information session for graduate students is scheduled for October 21.
- Enrollment Management will plan additional sophomore-level course capacity for next year.
- Members suggested exploring data on students' consideration of state politics in college choice for possible use in marketing.

III. **Action Item**

- None

IV. **Watch List**

- Monitor potential recapture of 2026/27 enrollment-growth funding and the effect on the campus base budget.
- Monitor collective bargaining outcomes and any compensation costs beyond the 4% funded in the CSU request.
- Monitor state action on the 2027/28 CSU budget request.
- Continue monitoring international and nonresident enrollment and retention, and federal student loan changes.
- Follow the Chancellor's Office task force on per-campus FTES funding.

V. **New Business**

- No additional new business was raised.

VI. **Reminder**

- Next Meeting Date – November 19, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.