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### Cal Poly Pomona Community Unites on April 8 to Protest State Budget Cuts

**WHAT:** Cal Poly Pomona President Michael Ortiz, CSU Trustee Lou Monville, faculty, staff, students, union members and concerned members of the community will unite to lead a budget forum to protest Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed budget cuts.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, **April 8**, noon to 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** University Quad  
(Cal Poly Pomona is located at 3801 W. Temple Ave. in Pomona)

**WHY:** Affordable higher education and the preparation of the state's workforce are at risk. Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed budget slashes funding to the California State University by a total of \$386 million. This reduction includes a direct cut of \$313 million and fails to fund \$73 million necessary to avoid raising student fees by 10 percent for the 2008-09 academic year. Cal Poly Pomona's share of the cuts would be about 5 percent—nearly \$20 million. To put this in perspective, this cut would be greater than the total budget of the College of Agriculture.

The proposed funding cut comes only three years after the CSU budget was reduced by more than \$500 million during the 2002-03 and 2004-05 fiscal years. Those cuts led to significantly reduced student access, as well as a dramatic increase in student fees.

The budget forum will spotlight the fact the **"CSU is the Solution"** to many of California's economic issues. Cal Poly Pomona and the CSU prepare the future workforce in key areas such as science, technology, education, healthcare, agriculture and more. Earlier research has found that the CSU returns \$4.41 to the California economy for every \$1 invested.

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