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Report to the Academic Senate
11 March 2009

The Legislature, the CSU Budget, faculty salary increases

That "Compact" between Chancellor Reed and the Governor

dateline 12 March **2007**:

28 members of the Legislature to CSU Chancellor Charles Reed:

A few years ago you signed a Compact funding agreement with the Governor, hailing it as a significant breakthrough to ensure CSU funding stability - an agreement that was reached without your ever notifying the legislature of these discussions.

dateline 19 February **2009**:

The Legislature to California: the Compact is very very dead.

The CSU budget for 2008-09 is \$97.6 million less than the previous year, and \$313 million less than the Compact.

What does the death of the Compact mean for the raises that are in our current contract? We did not receive the 3% GSI promised for 1 July 2008, nor did those eligible for an SSI see the promised 2.65% raise in the fall. The CFA contract stipulates that if the State budget does not fund the Compact, then the raises could be subjected to reopened bargaining. This bargaining occurred, and the CSU offered nothing more than to cancel the raises. The bargaining has reached impasse and is headed for mediation. The CFA continues to push for bargaining to go to arbitration.

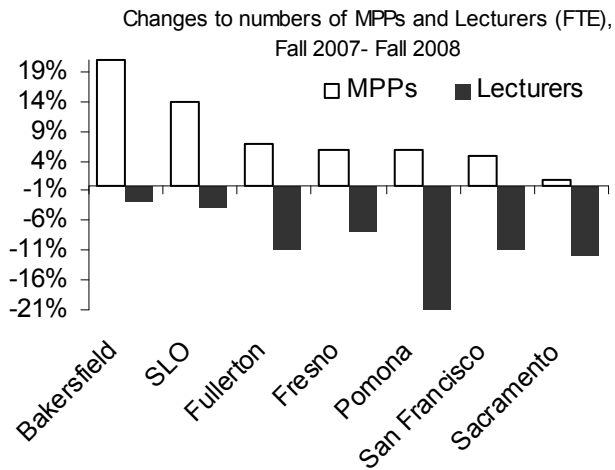
The contingencies in this year's state budget: all bad for the CSU

Contingency #1: The "trigger." If the state gets less than \$10 billion in federal stimulus funding, then the CSU will experience an additional \$50 million cut during 2009-10. It is unlikely that the state will get that much in stimulus funding, making the cut a near certainty.

Contingency #2: Proposition 1A—a Spending Cap for California. This proposition represents a significant threat to the CSU. The spending cap's "rainy day fund" would be drawn from the dwindling share of the state General Fund that also funds the CSU, thus competing directly with the CSU. The Spending Cap also grants the Governor more power to make unilateral budget decisions. The CFA Board of Directors voted to oppose Prop 1A.

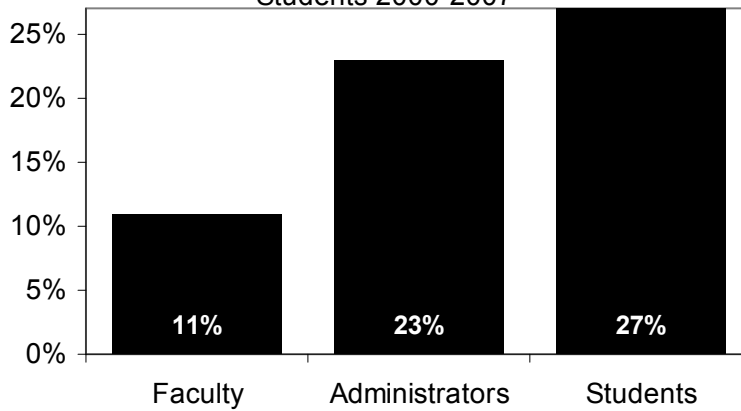
Is Cal Poly Pomona leading the race to the bottom?

Responses to cuts to the CSU budget have varied from one campus to another. Cal Poly Pomona has thus far led the CSU in cuts to faculty (FTE), and has been about average in increased spending on administrators. From the fall of 2007 to the fall of 2008, Cal Poly Pomona had the largest absolute drop in FTE faculty of **any** CSU. The cuts to lecturers represents a 21% decrease in lecturer FTE on our campus.



<http://www.calpac.org/competingpriorities.html>

CSU: Increases in Numbers of FTE Faculty, Managers, & Students 2000-2007



sources: CSU PIMS database, CSU Management Personnel Program database, CSU In Brief Enrollment Report

CFA Chapter President Gwen Urey will be on sabbatical during the spring quarter. CFA Chapter Vice President Dorothy Wills also will be on sabbatical during the spring quarter. The chapter's executive committee is making arrangements for leadership during the quarter.