

FACT SHEET 5



ADMINISTRATIVE INEFFICIENCIES IN UC and CSU

The California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC) have nearly doubled their student fees in the past six years. With increasing enrollment and escalating fees, students in California's public higher education system would seem to be enjoying a period of enhanced academic offerings and increased student services. But this is not generally the case. Against the backdrop of persistent fee hikes and stagnating faculty salaries, public investigations by journalists and the state legislature have revealed administrative waste and inefficiency. Numerous examples of excessive bonuses and questionable contracts have been uncovered, leaving some of the public to question the necessity of excessive student fee increases.

UC Budget

- The 2007-08 projected budget for the University of California System is \$19.2 billion.
- The 2007-2008 UC budget allocates only two times as much funding for student education costs as it does for administrative costs, even though the budget line for student educational costs needs to support six times more staff positions than the UC administration.

CSU Budget

- The 2007-08 projected budget for the California State University System is \$6.7 billion dollars.
- The 2007-08 CSU budget allocates only three times as much funding for educational costs as it does for administrative costs, even though the budget line for educational costs needs to support four times

as many staff positions as the administrative budget line.

Executive Compensation

- The top UC executive in 2006-2007 received \$705,425 in pay and compensation; the top CSU executive in the same year made \$398,500.
- In addition to receiving base salaries and benefits, UC executives also receive stipends, cash compensations, bonuses, incentive payments, and low interest mortgage loans. These compensations amounted to over \$49.5 million in 2006-2007.
- 54 of the top UC executives received automobile allowances that totaled to \$481,464 in 2006-2007.
- CSU executives received over \$1 million in housing and automobile allowances in addition to their base salaries.
- Since 1997, CSU Presidents have received 49% increases in their salaries.

Executive Scandals

- A UCSD Chancellor received a \$248,000 payment from UC for a sabbatical she earned at North Carolina State University. She gave up the sabbatical upon accepting a position at UCSD (SF Chronicle, 1/22/06)
- The UC mansion in Kensington costs UC \$300,000 a year in maintenance (SF Chronicle, 11/14/05)
- A CSU President was paid \$157,926 in transitional payment after leaving to work for the UN in Paris, on top of his new six-figure salary (Oakland Tribune, 11/08/06)
- A CSU executive received a job at CSU to teach one English class for \$163,776 a year—a salary that almost doubles what professors with more than 25 years of experience receive (www.csicu.org).

Resources

UC Office of the President www.ucop.edu

California State University www.calstate.edu

California Taxpayers Association, Cal-Tax Digest
[www.caltax.org/digest/2007/
jan07_fraud_and_waste_misused_abused.html](http://www.caltax.org/digest/2007/jan07_fraud_and_waste_misused_abused.html)

CSI: CSU, presented by CFA www.csicsu.org

California Faculty Association [http://www.calfac.org/
execcomp.html](http://www.calfac.org/execcomp.html)

Endnotes

¹ <http://www.csicsu.org/content/fmd/files/whymad.pdf>