

Another Fee Hike is Not Needed After Recent Increases in State General Fund Support and Previous Fee Increases

The UC Regents claim that fee hikes are necessary to make up for recent decreases in revenue from the State General Fund. However an analysis of UC's financial statements—some of which will be presented for the first time at the November 2010 Regents meeting-- shows otherwise. The table below lists the recent funding levels from both the State General Fund and the net revenue collected from student tuition and fees, after scholarships are redistributed for financial aid. During the three years between the 2007-2008 and 2010-11, UC saw the combined revenue increase by 14% or \$700 million. When the revenue increase is combined with the many austerity measures imposed by the Regents, including larger class sizes, furloughs, thousands of layoffs, and no cost-of-living increases for tens of thousands of UC workers, the necessity of a tuition increase at this time is doubtful.

UC revenue from the State General Fund and student fees (in billions of dollars)

Fiscal Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
State General Funds (including federal stimulus aid)	\$3.1¹	\$3.1²	\$2.6³	\$3.0⁴
Student Fees, Net Financial Aid	\$1.9⁵	\$2.1	\$2.4	\$2.7⁶
Total	\$5.0	\$5.2	\$5.0	\$5.7

Note: footnotes below contain links to all original sources.

¹ The first line of [this presentation](#) at the September 16-17, 2009 Regents meeting indicates \$3.1 billion came from state General Funds in 2007-08. On page number 3 of the [Summary of the UC Budget Request for 2008-09](#) the \$3.1 billion for 2007-08 is confirmed.

² [This presentation](#) from the July 14-16, 2009 Regents meeting shows how \$640 million from the federal stimulus bill was used to boost UC support from the General Funds to \$3.1 billion for 2008-09. The numbers from this presentation are confirmed in the June 10, 2009 [UC press release](#) and again in the discussion at the bottom of page 45 of the [UC 2008-09 Financial Report](#) presented at the November 17-19, 2009 Regents meeting. Finally the \$3.1 billion for 2008-09 is confirmed on page 7 of the [Summary of the UC Budget Request for 2009-2010](#).

³ [The same presentation](#) from the July 14-16, 2009 Regents meeting also shows that UC received General Funds revenues of \$2.6 billion for 2009-10. On page number 18 of the [Summary of the UC Budget Request for 2010-11](#) the \$2.6 billion for 2007-08 is confirmed.

⁴ [This message from UC President Mark Yudof](#) on October 13, 2010 indicates that a variety of increases led to \$370 million in additional UC funding from the state General Funds, thus bringing the 2010-2011 total to $\$2.6 + 0.4 = \3.0 billion. The \$3 billion amount is confirmed in a UC press release from October 8, 2010. This is further confirmed in the [Summary of the UC Budget Request for 2011-12](#) which states in footnote 3, on page number 3, that once the \$106 million from a one-time stimulus infusion is excluded, the General Funds support for UC came to \$2.9 billion. Adding this together confirms the 2010-2011 total: $\$2.9 \text{ billion} + \$106 \text{ million} = \$3.0 \text{ billion}$.

⁵ For the 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 fiscal years the net revenue collected from student tuition and fees, minus the amount redistributed via scholarships can be found on page 2, under the heading "PRIMARY REVENUE SOURCES" of the [UC 2009-10 Financial Report](#). This report will be presented to the Regents at the November 16-18, 2010 meeting.

⁶ For 2010-2011 see page number 15 of the [Summary of the UC Budget Request for 2010-11](#) which indicates that tuition and fees collected totals \$435.4 million while the amount redistributed via financial aid is \$154.4 million. The net increase of $\$435.4 - 154.4 = \281 million. Then this is added to the \$2.4 billion from 2009-2010 the total is \$2.7 billion.