The CSU is committed to leveraging resources, streamlining processes and implementing efficiencies to support the academic mission of the university. Prudent fiscal decisions and wise investments have resulted in substantial cost savings across the university, and improved the delivery of programs and services to students. While the university has saved millions of dollars and utilized available resources, its operating budget is still $180 million below pre-recession levels. Efficiency measures alone cannot sustain and grow quality degree programs. Additional resources are needed to ensure the CSU can meet the state’s college degree deficit.

**Budget vs. Efficiency**

Historical achievements have been made despite the fact that state funding per student has dropped nearly $1,600 in the past 10 years. In the wake of historic funding cuts, the CSU has delivered *more with less*, serving 460,000 students.

- Four- and six-year graduation rates are at an all-time high.
- Time to degree is at an all-time low (4.7 years for first-time freshmen).
- The CSU awards 100,000 degrees annually—20,000 more than in 2005.

“*The cost savings helps us stay afloat but it doesn’t address our students’ needs, and the needs of the state of California.*”

—Steve Relyea
Exec. Vice Chancellor & CFO
California State University
## Financial Services
- $8.9 million saved on software purchases
- $8.2 million saved on office and technology products
- $1.3 million saved on facilities maintenance products
- $3.6 million saved on pharmaceuticals

## Energy and Sustainability
- The CSU’s students-to-administrators ratio is well above that of comparable public universities
  - Three times higher overall for comparable institutions
  - Six times higher for the largest campuses
- Over the last 10 years, the CSU has hired three times the amount of faculty as executives and managers
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- $51 million saved through strategic debt refinancing
- $7 million saved in insurance claims from cost management strategies
- $7 million saved in workers’ compensation costs through mitigation
- $4 million saved in current-year insurance rates

## Information Technology
- $37 million saved for network equipment
- $2 million saved from moving CSU data center to a cloud platform
- $2.5 million saved from enterprise software agreement consolidation

## Academic Support
- $9 million saved from coordinated purchasing of electronic library resources
- $3.9 million saved from academic technology contracts
- By expanding the use of leading-edge technology and enhancing online-cross enrollment, e-advising, library management systems and online courses, students are benefiting from an improved campus experience that supports academic achievement and degree completion

## Systemwide and Collaborative Purchasing
- $16 million saved as a result of efficiency projects
- $19 million obtained in incentive funding from Energy Efficiency Partnerships
- $18 million saved from electricity purchase contracts

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