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. A March 2017 study by the Public Policy Institute of California showed that cost per degree dropped by more than $20,000 (33 percent) at CSU from 1987-2013. While the university has saved millions of dollars and utilized available resources, efficiency measures alone cannot generate enough revenue to sustain and grow quality degree programs. Additional resources are needed to ensure the CSU can meet the state’s college degree deficit.

Doing More with Less

Historical achievements have been made despite the fact that state funding has dropped more than $1,800 per student since 2007-08. In the wake of unprecedented funding cuts during the recession, the CSU has delivered more with less.

- Fall 2017 enrollment reached an all-time high with 484,297 students.
- Four- and six-year graduation rates are at all-time highs.
- Time to degree is at an all-time low (4.7 years for first-time freshmen).
- The CSU awarded nearly 120,000 degrees (bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate) in 2016-17—30,000 more than in 2006-07.
As student enrollment grows and mandatory costs increase, the CSU strives to be efficient in the use of available funds and effective in providing the services required to meet its mission, all while maintaining or improving the quality of the educational experience.

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT**
- $15.9 million in cost avoidance annually from electronic library resources
- $5.9 million in cost reductions from academic technology contracts and learning management systems (2016-17)
- By expanding the use of leading-edge technology and enhancing online-cross enrollment, e-advising, library management systems and online courses, students are benefitting from an improved campus experience that supports academic achievement and degree completion

**ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY**
- $1.2 million in cost avoidance as a result of efficiency projects
- $2.9 million obtained in incentive funding from Energy Efficiency Partnerships
- $3 million in cost reductions from electricity purchase contracts

**SYSTEMWIDE AND COLLABORATIVE PURCHASING**
- $2 million in cost reductions on facilities maintenance products
- $2.6 million in cost reductions on medical supplies and lab equipment

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**
- $4 million in cost reductions from construction bidding process
- $4.6 million in cost reductions on print advertising

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
- $7.5 million in cost avoidance from robust communications infrastructure
- $15.7 million in cost avoidance on hardware and software purchases
- $1.8 million annual in cost savings from combining physical data center and cloud platform

**FINANCE AND BUSINESS SUPPORT**
- $12.5 million annually in cost savings from insurance acquisition
- $8 million in cost reductions on financial auditors, bank card services, office supplies and printers (2016-17)
- $1 million in cost avoidance from catalog based purchasing
- Unprecedented CSU-UC partnership will reduce procurement costs

*All values provided are annual savings, unless otherwise noted.*