

Every November, the Board of Regents discusses and is asked to adopt a budget proposal for state funding for the next fiscal year. In November 2005, in a continuing effort to provide data, analysis, and contextual information that would allow The Regents to assess not only the short-term state funding needs of the University, but also the long-term challenges, opportunities, and issues facing the University, the UC administration made a series of presentations focused on maintaining and enhancing the University's long-term competitiveness and quality, access and affordability.

While state funding support is an integral part of this plan, other vital components are the academic enterprise, federal support, private support, and institutional efficiencies. At the November 2005 Regents' meeting, Senior Vice President Bruce B. Darling made presentations on the University's federal funding support, its progress in increasing private support, and the historical context for why student fees have increased and how these increases have impacted not only student access and affordability, but also academic quality and institutional competitiveness.