

[Regents vote to approve plan for tuition, fees, compensation](#)<sup>[1]</sup>

CU's budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year came into sharper focus Friday with the Board of Regents voting to approve the administration's recommendations on tuition, student fees, and faculty and staff compensation. The figures will be used to determine CU's annual budget, which the board will vote on in June.

Chad Marturano, vice president and chief financial officer, [presented the plan](#)<sup>[2]</sup> during the [board's April 10-11 meeting](#)<sup>[3]</sup> at CU Denver. It calls for varying tuition increases for undergraduate resident students. Rates for new students at CU Boulder will increase 3.5%; continuing students won't see an increase over last year, based on the four-year tuition and fee guarantee. CU Denver undergraduate resident students will see an increase of 3.3%; at UCCS, 3.5%. Resident undergraduate nursing tuition at CU Anschutz is slated to increase 2.1%.

Fees as approved vary by campus.

For compensation, the board approved a 2.5% increase for classified staff across the system matches the state requirement. For non-classified staff, salary merit pools will vary by campus. CU Boulder plans a 2.5% merit pool for faculty and staff, and a 1.5% pool for compression, retention and adjustment pay. CU Denver set a 2.5% pool for merit, compression, retention and adjustment pay, assuming the campus reaches its enrollment thresholds. UCCS set a 1.3% pool for compression, retention and adjustment pay, plus a 1.3% merit pool for faculty and staff (\$700 per employee), assuming an enrollment threshold is reached. CU Anschutz set a 2.5% merit pool for faculty and staff, and a 1.0% pool for compression, retention and adjustment pay. The CU system administration salary adjustment is limited to a 2.5% pool.

Marturano noted that the non-classified increases for faculty apply to all faculty categories, including tenure and tenure-track faculty; instructional, research and clinical (IRC) faculty; and contingent faculty.

CU's ability to keep tuition in check is made possible by the state's investment, which is expected to bring CU an operating increase of 2.5%, or \$8.7 million in state funding.

For more campus details, see coverage in [CU Boulder Today](#)<sup>[4]</sup> and [Communique](#)<sup>[5]</sup>.

In other business at last week's meeting, the board formally recognized four members of the newest cohort of Distinguished Professors, [first named last November](#)<sup>[6]</sup>. CU Anschutz faculty members Nancy F. Krebs, Donald Y.M. Leung, Jill M. Norris and Kurt R. Stenmark attended and received the official awards, CU's highest honor for faculty across the system's four campuses.

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CU Distinguished Professors are tenured faculty members who demonstrate exemplary performance in research or creative work; a record of excellence in promoting learning and student attainment of knowledge and skills; and outstanding service to the profession, the university and its affiliates.

The five members of the 2024 cohort from CU Boulder and CU Denver were [honored at the board's February meeting](#).<sup>[8]</sup>

The Board of Regents also honored Michelle Marks with a [resolution of appreciation](#)<sup>[9]</sup>.<sup>[10]</sup>

Marks, who served CU Denver as chancellor from 2020 to 2024, was recognized for her significant and distinctive service, and was granted the title of Chancellor Emerita of the campus. She is a faculty member in the CU Denver Business School.

A [memorial resolution](#)<sup>[11]</sup> was passed honoring Regent Emeritus Eric Schmidt, who [died earlier this year](#)<sup>[12]</sup>.

[Members of Strategic Planning Working Group announced](#)[13]

CU has announced the members of the Strategic Planning Working Group, tasked with crafting CU Strategic Plan 2.0, the next iteration of CU's systemwide strategic plan.

The dedicated group of faculty, staff and administrators will collaborate to develop a plan that will align with CU's mission and vision and guide the university's growth and success in the years ahead.

The Strategic Planning Working Group [will be led by co-chairs](#)[14] Dr. Lynn Vidler, provost at UCCS, and Chad Marturano, vice president and chief financial officer for the CU system.

The Strategic Planning Working Group members are:

**CU BOULDER**

**D'Andra Mull**, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs **Mandy Cole**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, Finance and Business Strategy **Marissa A Ehringer**, Ph.D., Professor & Chair, Department of Integrative Physiology; Member, Institute for Behavioral Genetics **Ashley Grice**, Ed.D., Senior Consultant, Office of Leadership Support and Programming **Bryn Reese**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Innovation Partnerships, Research & Innovation Office; Venture Partners at CU Boulder

**UCCS**

**Chris Malec**, Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Computer Science, College of Engineering and Applied Science **Benek Altayli**, Psy.D., Assistant Vice Chancellor for Health and Wellness **Deann Barrett**, HR Director for the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, CU System Staff Council and President, UCCS Staff Council **Jevita Rogers**, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management **Glen Whitehead**, DMA, Chair, Department of Visual and Performing Arts, Professor of Music, College of Letters, Arts & Sciences

**CU DENVER**

**Marvin Lynn**, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Education & Human Development **Anthony Wilson**, Assistant Director of Finance and Operations in the College of Arts and Media **Amy McGuire**, Director of Strategic Projects **Pam Toney**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management **Nimol Hen**, Director of First-Generation and Multicultural (FAM)

**CU ANSCHUTZ**

**Laura Buccini**, DrPH, MPH, M.A., Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Development and Strategy **Eli Provencio-Vasquez**, Ph.D, R.N, FAAN, FAANP, Dean and Professor of the College of Nursing **Gali Baler**, Ph.D., Managing Director of Strategy & Operations, Strategy, Operations, Ventures & Investments (CU Innovations) **Ryan Davis**, MBA, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget, Planning and Campus Strategy and Deputy CFO **Jill Taylor**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**CU SYSTEM**

**Danielle Radovich Piper**, Senior Vice President for External Relations and Strategy **Judi DíazBonacquisti**, Ed.D., Vice President for Collaboration **Mike Lightner**, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs **Agnessa Vartanova**, Associate Vice President, Internal Audit Artificial Intelligence, managed by **Diane Sieber**, Ph.D., Director of Herbst Program for Engineering, Ethics & Society, CU Boulder

These members of the CU community bring diverse perspectives and expertise from across our system, and together they will work collaboratively to develop actionable strategies that will propel the University of Colorado into the future.

**What's next?** Over the coming months, the Working Group will meet to discuss key priorities, gather input from the wider campus community, and craft a strategic plan that reflects the needs, aspirations and values of our system. We encourage everyone to stay engaged and share your thoughts and ideas with the group as we move forward.

**How can you get involved?** Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to participate in open forums by way of shared governance groups across the system, surveys and a website where you can provide suggestions on the planning process. Your input is essential to creating a strategic plan that truly represents our entire community. Let's come together and chart the course for a successful future.

If you would like to provide feedback or learn more about the strategic planning process, please visit the CU Strategic

Plan 2.0 [website](#)[15].

If you have questions, please contact [CUStratPlan@cu.edu](mailto:CUStratPlan@cu.edu)[16].

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[Tenure list: April 2025](#)[19]

The CU Board of Regents on April 10 approved nine tenure awards and one appointment with tenure.

#### **CU Denver**

Effective April 11, 2025

Awards of tenure:

**Adriana Alvarez**, School of Education and Human Development **Edelina Burciaga**, sociology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences **Louis Anthony Cox Jr.**, Business School **Rachel Gross**, history, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences **Lisa Kelley**, geography and environmental sciences, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences **Yaning Liu**, mathematical and statistical sciences, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences **Diana Schaack**, School of Education and Human Development **Margaret Woodhull**, master of humanities/master of social science programs, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences **Jing Zhang**, Business School

Appointment with tenure:

**Kenneth T. Christensen**, mechanical engineering, College of Engineering, Design and Computing

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