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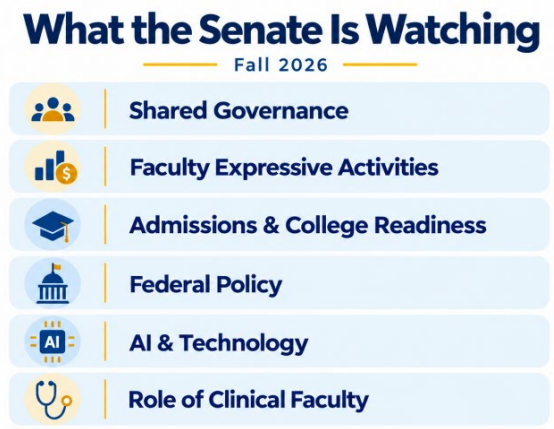
Welcome to a new academic year, and a new way to inform faculty about the issues the systemwide Academic Senate is following.



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Shared governance

Systemwide Senate leadership

As of September 1, 2026, the systemwide UC Academic Senate is led by Chair Susannah Scott and Vice Chair Amani Nuru-Jeter. Each will serve a one-year term, with Vice Chair Nuru-Jeter becoming chair on September 1, 2027. Chair Scott is a Distinguished Professor in Chemical Engineering and Chemistry & Biochemistry at UC Santa Barbara. Vice Chair Nuru-Jeter is a Professor of Public Health at UC Berkeley.

Chair Scott

Vice Chair Nuru-Jeter

Search for next systemwide provost

Following the departure of former Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Katherine Newman in August, a national search is underway for the next UC provost. Former UC Berkeley professor and UC Davis Executive Vice Chancellor Ralph Hexter is serving as Interim UC Provost until the search concludes. Senate Chair Scott is a member of the search committee, which is led by President J.B. Milliken. (See the job description).

Professor Newman remains a faculty member in Sociology and Public Policy at UC Berkeley. She now serves as special advisor to President Milliken. Her portfolio includes the Degree Plus pilot program (which was allocated $5M in one-time funding in the 2026-27 California budget), and the development of new funding opportunities for international research collaborations between UC and institutions in the U.K. and Europe.

Proposed guidelines on faculty expressive activities

Responding to Regents' concerns, a joint Senate-Administration Workgroup on Faculty Discipline was established in October 2024 to review Academic Personnel Manual (APM) sections 015 (Faculty Code of Conduct) and 016 (Administration of Discipline), co-chaired by then-Academic Senate Chair Steven Cheung (UCSF) and Interim Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Programs Douglas Haynes (UCOP). The workgroup recommended timelines for case review, and creation of a systemwide reserve Privilege and Tenure pool, coordinated by the University Committee on Privilege and Tenure (UCPT). Following systemwide review in 2025-26, these revisions were endorsed by both the Academic Assembly and the Board of Regents.

The Faculty Discipline Workgroup also proposed systemwide guidelines to help calibrate disciplinary actions and promote greater consistency across campuses, following a finding of a policy violation in relation to expressive activities. The guidelines were issued in February 2026. Then-System Provost and Executive Vice President Katherine Newman and then-Academic Council Chair Ahmet Palaozoglu subsequently charged a Joint Senate-Administration Taskforce on Expressive Activities with developing systemwide guidance on what may or may not constitute a policy violation related to extramural speech and "significant intrusion of material unrelated to the course." The task force, co-chaired by then-UCPT Vice Chair Michael Robinson-Dorn (UCI) and Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Programs Monica Varsanyi (UCOP), has now completed its report. The proposed guidance will be distributed for a 90-day systemwide review in October 2026.

Role of clinical faculty in UC governance

After the Senate Memorials on Academic Senate membership for Health Sciences Clinical and Adjunct Faculty failed to advance after divisional voting in 2025, President Milliken convened a joint Senate-administration task force to examine clinical faculty participation in UC governance, incorporating both Academic Senate and UC Health perspectives, in June 2026. Co-chaired by Senate representative to the Regents' Health Services Committee Michael Ong (UCLA) and UC Irvine Chancellor Howard Gillman, the task force has now completed its work and delivered a report. Its recommendations include:

- removing campus caps on Senate membership for clinical faculty;
- creating mechanisms to reclassify clinical faculty whose appointments are currently misclassified;
- ensuring that appropriate criteria and clinical faculty perspectives are considered in merit evaluations by divisional Committees on Academic Personnel (CAPs); and
- establishing a systemwide special Senate committee to advise on issues relevant to clinical faculty.

A 45-day systemwide review is now underway to gather input from both Senate and non-Senate faculty. Comments are due by November 16, 2026. Individual faculty are welcome to submit their feedback via SystemwideAP-PolicyReviewComments@ucop.edu.

UC Adaptations to Disruptions (UCAD Plus)

The Senate's task force on UC Adaptation to Disruptions (UCAD), led by then-Senate Vice Chair Ahmet Palazoglu (UCD), finalized its report in January 2026, following systemwide review. The report articulated principles intended to help UC sustain its research, teaching and public service missions amid political volatility, financial stress, and other external disruptions.

The report led to a successor task force, UCAD Plus, whose charge focused on how the UCAD principles might be put into practice. A steering committee comprised of then-Provost Newman, then-Senate Chair Palazoglu and UC Irvine Provost Hal Stern convened Senate leaders and senior administrators to develop recommendations in five key areas:

- Research activities and infrastructure;
- Academic personnel evaluations;
- Program evaluation and alignment;
- Instructional opportunities;
- Future of graduate education.

Concurrently, an Administrative Transformations (AT) Workgroup, co-led by Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Nathan Brostrom (UCOP) and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) Rachael Nava (UCOP), developed recommendations aimed at improving efficiency and restructuring university operations. Members of UCAD Plus and the AT Workgroup met at UC Irvine on May 7, 2026, to discuss areas of overlap. UCAD Plus leaders met again at UCOP on July 23 to finalize and prioritize their recommendations. The UCAD Plus report will be distributed for 90-day systemwide review this fall.

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Systemwide Assembly meetings

The Assembly of the Academic Senate is the legislative body of the Academic Senate. All Senate members may attend Assembly meetings, but only Assembly members may make or second motions and vote. The Assembly consists of the UC president, the 20 members of the Academic Council, and 40 representatives elected or appointed by the 10 Senate divisions. Meeting agendas are distributed to Senate members by email 10 calendar days in advance.

Assembly meetings for 2026-27 are held on Zoom, generally on Thursdays from 2 to 5 pm. At its October 8 meeting, the Assembly heard updates on issues of current concern to the Senate and consulted with senior UC leaders. The Assembly unanimously approved revisions to Senate Bylaws 334/335 regarding the jurisdiction of the Academic Senate to adjudicate grievances related to academic freedom for both Senate and non-Senate faculty, using divisional P&T procedures. These changes were necessary to align the bylaws with the Academic Personnel Manual, specifically APM 010 and 011, which extend academic freedom protections to all instructors and assign the Senate responsibility for adjudicating such grievances.

Upcoming scheduled meetings of the Assembly will be held on:

December 10, 2026
February 11, 2027
April 25, 2027
June 10, 2027

Senate members who are not voting Assembly members must register in advance to attend. Senate faculty are also strongly encouraged to participate in the legislative meetings of their campus Senate divisions.

Academic Council and committee updates

September Academic Council meeting

Council met for the first time this academic year on September 23, 2026, when it endorsed systemwide review of the report of the Presidential Task Force on Clinical Faculty Representation in Governance. Council also discussed federal and state government priorities and strategies with UC Associate Vice President for Federal Government Relations Chris Harrington, and Associate Vice President for State Government Relations Kathleen Fullerton. Council also discussed UC budget issues with CFO Nathan Brostrom and heard from divisional chairs about priorities for 2026-27.

Standardized testing in UC admissions

Undergraduate student preparation, particularly in math, has been a subject of substantial systemwide discussion since the November 2025 release of a report by UCSD's Senate-administration Workgroup on Admissions. That report and subsequent faculty petitions have raised concerns about admissions policies and their implementation, particularly in the context of grade inflation and widespread AI use in California high schools.

UC's Board of Regents Policy 2102 delegates authority to formulate UC policy related to systemwide admissions requirements to the Academic Senate through its Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS), although final decisions on admissions policy remain with the Board. In 2020, the Board voted to suspend UC's use of standardized testing in admissions. In July 2026, Chair of the Board of Regents Maria Anguiano announced that the Board will reconsider whether to reinstate standardized testing in any form as an admissions requirement at the Board's July 2027 meeting.

At its July 22, 2026 meeting, Academic Council issued a charge to BOARS to consider the advantages and disadvantages of using standardized testing in UC admissions, and to make policy recommendations to the Academic Council by February 2027. These charges are issued pursuant to Senate Bylaw 125.B.3, which assigns Council the continuing responsibility to ask Senate committees to investigate and report on matters of Universitywide concern.

After Council consideration, BOARS' recommendations will be distributed for systemwide review. The next steps will be consideration of review comments, followed by discussion in Academic Council and Academic Assembly, prior to final decision by the Board of Regents in July 2027.

The Academic Council's charge to BOARS aligns with a 2020 Assembly recommendation, following endorsement of a comprehensive report by the Senate's Standardized Testing Task Force, that BOARS revisit the issue of standardized testing in five years.

Overarching review of A-G admissions framework

In July, Academic Council charged BOARS with initiating an overarching review of UC's A–G framework to assess whether the current number and general subject areas of required and recommended courses adequately prepare first-year applicants for academic success at UC. Their preliminary report is due to Council by May 14, 2027. This review responds to the Regents chair's request for Senate recommendations in connection with the Regents' Academic and Student Affairs Committee's college readiness work plan for 2026–27, which includes a series of public listening sessions. BOARS may identify subject matter specialists and partners or consultants from other California education segments, as necessary.

Recent systemwide Senate reports and recommendations

The Senate website hosts annual reports for all systemwide committees. Other recent reports and recommendations of broad interest to faculty include:

- State of Shared Governance at the University of California in 2025-26
- Recommendation to Increase the Actuarial Rate of Return for UCRP
- Systemwide Review of the UCPD Gold Book
- Recommendations for UC Online
- Outcome of Systemwide Review of Proposed Senate Committee on Climate Change and Sustainability
- Recommendations for UC Online

UC-wide issues

UC Retirement Plan Funding Performance

In September, UC's Chief Investment Officer Jagdeep Bachher reported to the Board of Regents that the total value of UC's invested assets grew from $198B to $236B over the last 12 months. Most of this growth occurred in the UC Retirement Plan (UCRP), whose annual rate of return was 19.5%. This strong investment performance brought UCRP to 102% funded on a market-value basis, although it remains 88% funded on an actuarial basis (using a five-year rolling average).

Although 2025-26 was an exceptional year for investing, the annualized rate of return for UCRP over the past 30 years has still been 8.1%, well above the current Board-set target of 6.75%. Earlier this year, the Academic Council endorsed a recommendation by the Senate's Task Force on Investments and Retirement (TFIR) that UC increase the assumed actuarial rate of return for UCRP from 6.75% to 7.25% to better reflect expected long-term returns. The value affects the contributions required to keep the plan funded at the desired level.

UC budget outlook

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Office (CFO) Nathan Brostrom reports that UC's total budget now stands at $65 billion, more than three times its size 20 years ago. Much of that growth reflects the expansion of UC Health, which now accounts for 55% of the total UC budget. Core funds - primarily state funds and tuition - have grown much more slowly, while revenue from contracts and grants has remained relatively flat in recent years.

Salaries and benefits have grown faster than core revenues, although the annual rate of growth slowed from 7.6% in 2022-23 to 4.3% in 2025-26. The resulting imbalance between ongoing costs and revenues is contributing to structural budget deficits on UC campuses. Very limited state funding for deferred maintenance has also created substantial need for infrastructure renewal across the system.

Represented academic employees

The collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the university and the UAW was ratified on March 20, 2026. Effective January 1, 2027, when the university offers a Teaching Assistant (TA) or Associate Instructor appointment to an individual in a PhD or MFA program, the appointment will be at 50% time, with a few limited exceptions (including combining a smaller TA appointment with another salaried bargaining unit position, e.g., Graduate Student Researcher, or GSR, to reach the required total of 50% time). There is no restriction on the size of a GSR-only appointment. The CBA also provides that a finite list of graduate student fellowships confer eligibility for UAW membership as an employee, when a STEM PhD student with a fellowship has a formal research obligation to a PI's sponsored research project.

A Senate-appointed faculty advisory group continues to advise Systemwide Academic Personnel on issues at the intersection of graduate education and employment.

UC is currently engaged in collective bargaining with the University Council - American Federation of Teachers (UC-AFT), which represents over 5000 Unit 18 lecturers and other instructional titles (non-Senate faculty). The 2021-26 CBA between the university and the UC-AFT has been extended through June 30, 2027, while negotiations continue.

Artificial intelligence governance

The President's AI Steering Committee, co-chaired by UCSD Chancellor Khosla, Vice President and Chief Information Officer Van Williams, and immediate past Senate chair Ahmet Palazoglu is pursuing its work under the theme "AI for Humans and Humanity." The committee is organized into five workgroups focused on health, learning/work, discovery and innovation, risk and ethics, and the public good. Each focus area will host a public-facing event on a UC campus in the coming year. The first event, AI for Health, is planned for December 17, 2026, at UCSF.

Security of UCPath and the Retirement Administration Service Center

Calvin Turner has been appointed vice president of Systemwide Shared Services, with responsibility for both UCPath and the Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC). Vice President Turner previously served as executive director of UCPath. Security issues affecting UCPath and RASC last year resulted in unauthorized changes to employee accounts. Vice President Turner reported to the Senate that the issues have been addressed, and no new breaches have occurred following implementation of additional security measures.

Changes in health care premiums

Overall health insurance costs will rise by 9.5% in 2027. Effects on employee premiums are detailed in this year's Open Enrollment materials.

Health Net, the administrator of UC's Blue & Gold HMO plan, has announced that it will leave the California market. This change will not affect Open Enrollment for 2027. UCOP Human Resources will begin a search for a new vendor shortly to ensure continuity of coverage for employees who elect Blue & Gold HMO in 2028.

UC Accountability Report

The 2026 UC Accountability Report has been released. This year, the report has a new section describing UC's economic, workforce, health, and undergraduate return-on-investment impacts on California. According to the report, UC contributes $82 billion annually to California's economy and supports more than 500,000 jobs in the state. UC

graduates, on average, double their earnings within ten years, with median earnings exceeding those of other degree holders in California.

Future of higher education

The systemwide Senate is engaging in conversation with other university leaders about the public perceptions of higher education and the future of UC. The national conversation has recently been influenced by several faculty-driven studies, including:

- Report of the Yale Committee on Trust in Higher Education, April 10, 2026. (See UCPB's analysis of the report here.)
- MIT Ad Hoc Committee's Report on AI Use in Teaching, Learning, and Research Training, August 13, 2026.
- Cornell faculty Report on the Future of the American University, September 22, 2026.

Updates from the Board of Regents

The Academic Senate chair and vice chair serve as faculty representatives to the Board of Regents and participate in all meetings of the Board under Regents Policy 1201.

2026-27 Priorities

The Regents met at UCLA from September 13-15, 2026. Board of Regents Chair Maria Anguiano has articulated five priorities for 2026-27. They are:

1. Bringing UC to more Californians;
2. Redefining college readiness;
3. Public leadership in the AI era;
4. Strengthening UC's long-term financial sustainability;
5. Health care governance.

College readiness

UC Vice President of Institutional Research and Academic Planning (IRAP) Pamela Brown presented a new analysis of undergraduate persistence in STEM majors. Retention and graduation rates continue to climb across all student groups and are higher among STEM majors than among non-STEM majors. The data also show a post-pandemic decline in math performance, as measured by grades in introductory courses such as calculus.

Ladder-rank faculty hiring

In her opening remarks to the Board, Senate Chair Scott emphasized that UC's academic excellence depends on continued growth and investment in faculty. She noted that ladder-rank faculty hiring, roughly 10% over the past 15 years, is far below the 30% increase in undergraduate student enrollment over the same time frame. Her remarks were mentioned in a Sacramento Bee article about lagging faculty hiring and changes in the employee structure of UC.

In the Finance and Capital Strategies Committee, CFO Nathan Brostrom reported that over the past 5 years of UC's Compact with Governor Newsom, the university has enrolled an additional 19,000 students, which is roughly the equivalent of a new UC campus. He was asked, by Board Vice chair Mark Robinson, to report back on faculty hiring to accompany this enrollment expansion.

New Regent appointed

In July 2026, Governor Newsom appointed Scott Galloway to a 12-year term as UC Regent, pending confirmation by the California State Senate. A native of California, Galloway has a BA in Economics from UCLA and an MBA from UC

Berkeley's Haas School of Business. He is an entrepreneur, professor at New York University's Stern School of Business, host of *The Prof G Pod*, cohost with Kara Swisher of the podcast *Pivot*, and author of *Notes on Being a Man*.

Senate membership criteria clarified

The Board of Regents approved minor revisions to Regents Bylaw 40 to clarify the long-standing practice that the Academic Senate determines its own membership. Current Senate members include ladder-rank faculty, professors or teaching, clinicians with titles of professor of clinical "X" and in-residence professors, and University Librarians. The change to the bylaw was necessary to incorporate language present in Regents Standing Orders, which are being phased out.

UC Regents Innovation Awards

Immediately following the September Board meeting, Senate Chair Scott and Vice Chair Nuru-Jeter attended the inaugural UC Regents Innovation Awards program. Nominees represented all 10 campuses and ranged from early career to senior faculty. Regents and state elected officials announced the winners in an Academy Award-style ceremony. Winners in the Gamechanger, Disruptive Research, and Best Startup categories each received a $30,000 award. Academic Senate congratulates all faculty nominees and award winners.

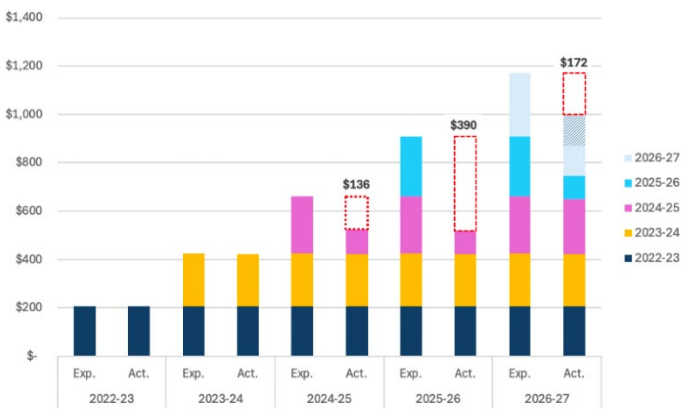
California updates

The legislature is in recess until after the November elections, at which time lawmaking and budget planning will restart.

Compact funding

UC has reached the end of its five-year Compact with Governor Newsom, under which the annual base budget for UC increased by 5% per year in exchange for 1% annual growth in enrollment of California undergraduates, as well as specific policy changes in 6 broad areas:

1. increasing access to UC;
2. improving student success and advancing equity;
3. increasing the affordability of a UC education;
4. increasing intersegmental collaboration to benefit students;
5. supporting workforce preparedness and high-demand career pipelines;
6. providing access to online courses.



To-date, UC has enrolled 5,000 students more than its compact target, and has received most, but not all (-$172 million), of the funding envisioned under the agreement.

Governor Newsom signs Senate Bill 895

On September 30, Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 895, UC-sponsored legislation authored by Senator Scott Wiener that places a $7.5 billion California Science and Health Research Bond Act on the March 2028 ballot. Governor Newsom signed SB 895 into law at the top of the Golden Gate Bridge, making it the last bill he signed as governor of California.

If approved by voters, SB 895 will provide sustained funding for California's research enterprise and support critical advancements in biomedical and public health research, wildfire resilience, climate and environmental science, and

emerging technologies. The bill drew bipartisan support in the Legislature, along with advocacy from UC faculty, staff, students, researchers, and alumni. In fact, the UC community sent 17,000 emails to lawmakers in support of California research. Thank you to the many UC faculty members who helped make research a top statewide priority. More information on SB 895 can be found here.

Federal updates

Education Compact "2.0"

On August 3, 2026, Secretary of Education Linda McMahon issued a letter requesting answers from all institutions of higher education on a series of questions related to principles of access, cost, and fairness. The requested deadline for responses is the end of the 2026 calendar year.

Unlike the now-defunct 2025 Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education, the McMahon letter does not explicitly tie federal funding to institutional responses. Faculty nevertheless are concerned about how they might be used by the federal administration. UC has not yet responded.

Motion to dismiss Department of Justice lawsuit against UCLA

On Wednesday, September 30, UC asked U.S. District Judge Christina A. Snyder to dismiss the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Title VI lawsuit against UCLA, which accused UCLA of tolerating antisemitic harassment and demanded the repayment of more than $2 billion in research grants.

UC's filing disputed the DOJ's allegations and described the government's case as "cloaked in the language of fighting antisemitism" and "not really about ensuring compliance with civil rights laws, but about weaponizing those laws to bring institutions of higher education to heel." It also highlighted the DOJ lawsuit as the "latest attempt to leverage governmental power as a tool for political coercion."

About the DOJ's complaint, President James B. Milliken said: "We have enhanced policies across the University of California to strive for safe and welcoming campus environments for all. The Department of Justice's complaint ignores the meaningful action UCLA and Chancellor Frenk have taken to protect our Jewish community. DOJ's action does nothing to improve the environment on campus."

The court has not yet ruled on the motion.

Changes to federal regulations

The federal government has recently proposed or adopted numerous regulations affecting research grants, international student visas and work authorization, accreditation, transfer credit, and academic freedom. At the same time, federal research priorities are shifting by discipline, with some funding moving away from universities toward the private sector.

Thakur v. Trump, the class action lawsuit alleging that cancellation of UC grants violated the First Amendment by targeting projects for political reasons or viewpoint-discrimination, resulted in a preliminary injunction based on a lower court's opinion that the plaintiffs were likely to succeed. Last month, the Trump administration presented a petition for a writ of certiorari. The petition asks the higher court to consider whether the First Amendment prohibits the government from considering the viewpoints furthered by academic research projects when deciding whether to grant or terminate funding for those projects through competitive grant programs.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) recommended changes to the Uniform Guidance on federal grant-making, adding political oversight of funding decisions and termination at will, bans on many types of international collaborations, and explicit permission for conference travel and publication costs. The OMB rule was slated to take effect October 1, but its implementation is blocked until December 11 by language in the federal government's

continuing budget resolution. Nevertheless, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Department of Education recently announced that they will add language to their proposal guidance such as the ability to terminate grants at will, and preferences for institutions with lower indirect cost rates. NIH is also considering changes to its grant-review process, including replacing final numerical impact scores/percentiles with broader categories of competitiveness.

Student visa issues

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was expected to issue its Final Rule on Duration of Status (D/S) on September 15, 2026. The rule would replace open-ended duration of status for F-1 and J-1 visas with fixed periods of admission corresponding to program length. Of particular concern is the four-year maximum, since it would require international doctoral students whose programs extend beyond that time to apply for extensions of stay. On September 14, a federal court in Massachusetts issued a nationwide preliminary injunction, citing DHS's failure to properly address nearly 22,000 public comments on the proposed rule.

New guidance from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) limits Curricular Practical Training (CPT), an internship or practicum undertaken for academic credit, to work that is integral to an established curriculum, such as a graduation requirement for all students in the program. The August 12 guidance warns that educational institutions that improperly authorize CPT could lose their ability to host international students, and that individual school officials involved in the authorizations could face legal penalties.

A new DHS proposal would increase the fee for post-graduation Optional Practical Training (OPT) applications by F-1 students from $520 to $70,000 per student. DHS has also announced plans for a new $103,265 fee for most H-1B visas. Universities and national laboratories would be exempt from the H-1B fee, but international graduates seeking employment with other employers could face the additional cost.

Separately, NAFSA: Association of International Educators used Association of American Universities (AAU) data to project 112,000 fewer international students enrolling at U.S. colleges and universities in fall 2026, relative to fall 2025. NAFSA estimates that this decline would result in $3.4B in lost revenue nationally, including nearly $500M in California.

Proposed changes to accreditation and transfer

The U.S. Department of Education proposed its Accreditation, Innovation and Modernization (AIM) rule on August 20, 2026, with the stated goal of overhauling accreditation of higher education. By opening the process to many more accreditors and institutions, the number of students pursuing their education at accredited institutions could increase significantly. The proposed changes would require accreditors to evaluate programs based on student return-on-investment metrics, favoring lower-cost programs with higher short-term earnings outcomes. Language concerning the cost and flexibility of faculty-led instruction could have implications for tenure.

The rule also changes the presumption about transfer credit by requiring institutions to award credit for similar courses absent a specific explanation for each denial, and mandates faculty intellectual diversity and freedom of expression. UC submitted a letter with Academic Senate input during the public comment period. The Department of Education has until November 1 to respond to comments, before it may issue the rule with an effective date of July 1, 2027.

Impact of upcoming changes to Medicare/Medicaid

House Resolution 1 (H.R.1) is expected to reduce federal Medicare and Medicaid spending by $1 trillion starting January 1, 2027, by tightening eligibility requirements and introducing new work requirements with more frequent eligibility checks. Because UC is a major provider of health care to Californians covered by these programs, the changes could significantly affect the finances and operations of UC medical centers. UC Health projects a possible $1.1B decline in revenues over the next 4 years.

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Systemwide Academic Senate leadership, 2026-27

Senate leadership	
Chair	*Susannah Scott* (UCSB)
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University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP)	*Jason Duque* (UCSB)
University Council on Faculty Welfare (UCFW)	*Shasha Sher* (UCSC)
University Committee on Diversity and Equity (UCODE)	*Gareth Funning* (UCR)
University Committee on Research Policy (UCORP)	*Jim Weatherall* (UCI)
University Committee on Planning and Budget (UCPB)	*Alyssa Brewer* (UCI)
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University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE)	*Brad Queen* (UCI)
University Committee on Privilege and Tenure (UCPT)	*Michael Robinson-Dorn* (UCI)
University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (UCRJ)	*Kathleen Montgomery* (UCR)
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