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CSU Students Also Kick Off Protest Campaign

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Dozens of college students were at the State Capitol Monday to complain about the effect state budget cuts will have on their lives.

Students gathered on the steps of the Capitol where they held a rally. Protesting budget cuts and tuition increases is getting to be a routine thing for students at the University of California. This is the fifth time in six years that UC students have seen their fees go up.

They know the governor's budget proposal calls for a 7 percent fee increase which will leave the UC system with a \$417 million shortfall. Students have heard that the UC regents have proposed taking fees even higher and bumping them up by ten percent to make sure they cover their losses.

Students say it's already tough trying to pay an \$8,900 a year tuition bill.

Louise Hendrickson, a graduate student at UC Riverside, said she owes \$133,000 in loans and credit bills. "It shouldn't cost that much to go to a state-supported school," she said. "I had to use my credit card once to pay my fees because my financial aid hadn't come in yet. I pay approximately \$500 a month to get all of my different bills paid off. I obviously live very frugally. I obviously don't have a big spending budget and I have to put out this kind of money just to stay in school? It's not fair."

After the rally outside the Capitol, students planned to go inside to talk to lawmakers to try to convince them to reduce the blow to the UC system.

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Video: Students Gather At Capitol

Many University of California students waved signs on the north lawn of the Capitol in opposition to the governor's plan to raise UC tuition by 7 percent.

State officials are grappling with a \$14.5 billion budget deficit that some say may be bigger than earlier expected.

Schwarzenegger's plan would cut money for UC and raise undergraduate tuition from \$6,636 per year to about \$7,300 a year.

The UC system is warning that without additional money from the state, it will not be able to expand enrollment for future classes, beginning with the 2009 school year.

Students said that increase breaks the state's promise to provide access to higher education.

"With an increase in the number of applications, and if there's going to be a freezing or even a decrease of enrollment, where does that put these other students?" asked Gregory Cendana, a student at University of California, Los Angeles. "It's going to have an ... impact not only on the UC system, but the (California State University) system and even the community colleges, which are already impacted.

"And so, I feel like with that there's going to be even more students who are going to be left out of higher education," Cendana added.

Lt. Gov. John Garamendi, a Democrat and member of the UC board of regents, said he believes California is abandoning efforts to supply higher education to residents.

In response, Schwarzenegger's administration said it does not want to make such cuts. But given the current budget problems and a slump in revenues, the state must make cuts somewhere to keep finances in the black.

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They say \$330 million cut is too much for the UC system.

A handful of Democratic lawmakers and office holders were slated to attend the event.

State Senator Jeff Denham also planned to show up. The Merced Republican is the target of a recall campaign funded by Democrats.

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