

UCSC Feeling Money Squeeze

The money squeeze for higher education is on, and has been on for a number of years, a faculty analysis of UCSC's budget shows.

A budget analysis was part of an end-of-the-year report of several areas of campus life presented to the UCSC Academic Senate Wednesday.

It shows that in the last three years, the money the local campus has to spend on each student has dropped.

The major category, instruction and research, has fallen from \$1,567 per student to \$1,537 since 1972-3 to this year's 1974-5.

Organized research money has dropped from \$216 to \$170 per student in the same period. Library money has gone from \$289 to \$251 per student and

there have been drops in student services, institutional services and a very slight drop in general administration.

Only the amount of student aid has gone up, from \$101 to \$138 per student, and maintenance costs from \$301 to \$325 per student.

More students have come to UCSC over the years, and so the total budget has gone up, but the faculty report seems to indicate the local campus is getting less to spend for each student.

Enrollment has gone from about 4,600 to 5,900 in the last three years.

The faculty has grown increasingly restless over the cutbacks — even though the total budget is up — since it means heavier teaching pres-

ures. While the number of students for each faculty member was 16.9 in 1970, it has increased to 18 students for each faculty member today.

The faculty has had some extra help from teaching aides but the increase has been slight, from 65.8 students for each aide in 1970 to 57.3 students per aide this year.

Since its founding, UCSC has been run on a tight budget in comparison with other University of California campuses, since an early concern of UC Regents was that the UCSC college system would be more costly.

The academic senate's report tried to outline UCSC's costs in comparison with other campuses, though the report noted this can be done only in "broad comparisons".

UC Berkeley, the oldest of UC campuses, had an increase per student for instruction and research, from \$2,021 per student three years ago to \$2,041 today. Another campus similar to UCSC, the Irvine campus, had \$2,280 to spend per student in 1972-3 and \$2,424 today. But Irvine also has an expensive medical school which raises the cost, the committee noted.

One of the committee's apparent concerns was the cost of

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administration, which rose sharply last year.

The report shows that administrative costs stayed much the same for four years, rising slowly from \$411,000 in 1970 to \$467,000 in 1973-4. Then last year it shot up to \$504,000 and this year to \$715,000.

This sharp increase was one of the original complaints made by Professor Martin Kaner which set off a faculty revolt against now-resigned Chancellor Mark Christensen.

The committee added that the administration actually spent more than its budget — \$675,000 instead of the \$504,000 budgeted — last year.

Pat Sullivan, assistant chancellor for planning and analysis, explained that Christensen had authorized the increase "because administration had been seriously underfunded for a number of years."

He added that the apparent overspending in the budget was not actually the case. "Extra money comes in from various sources, and it was simply put in those budgets as a place to put them." The actual use of the funds was not necessarily for administration at all, Sullivan said, but for a variety of campus needs.

UCSC's total budget for this year is about \$29.4 million, and Sullivan said that not much increase is expected when the budget is approved in early July.

Of that \$29.4 million, only about \$19.7 million comes from the state's general fund. The rest comes from student fees, Regents' money, gifts, foundation grants, and federal grants.

On the subject of the administrative fund increase, Acting Chancellor Angus Taylor told the academic senate that they could not have gotten the money for academic use anyway, since the funds were in a special augmentation category from the UC president's office.