STUDENT SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

SSCCC 2026–27 Budget

What it pays for, where it comes from,
and what we're asking you to approve.

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BEFORE WE DIVE IN

Budget 101 — A plain-English warm-up

MONEY IN

Income

Everything coming into SSCCC over the year — like student fees and conference registrations.

MONEY OUT

Expenses

Everything we spend — staff salaries, events, travel, office, supplies.

THE DIFFERENCE

Net

Income minus Expenses. Positive = surplus. Negative = deficit. Near zero = balanced.

A budget is a plan for the year ahead. It's a promise to spend money on what matters most.

IF YOU REMEMBER NOTHING ELSE

The Big Picture

$3.79M

MONEY COMING IN

Total Income

Student rep fees, conference fees, and savings carried over.

$3.86M

MONEY GOING OUT

Total Expenses

Staff, events, board travel, office, scholarships.

+$22,805

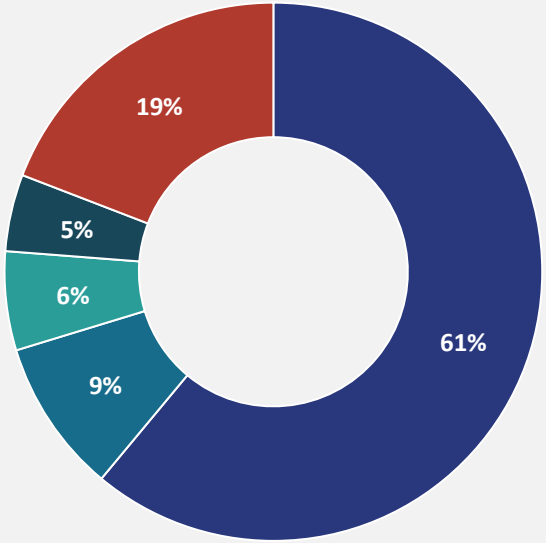
NET SURPLUS

Essentially Balanced

We plan to spend almost exactly what we take in.

INCOME — $3.79M

Where the Money Comes From



- Student Rep Fees
- General Assembly Fees
- Advocacy Academy Fees
- Federal Advocacy Fees
- Carry-over Savings

In plain English

Most of our funding comes from students themselves.

61% from Student Representation Fees — a small fee every CCC student pays.

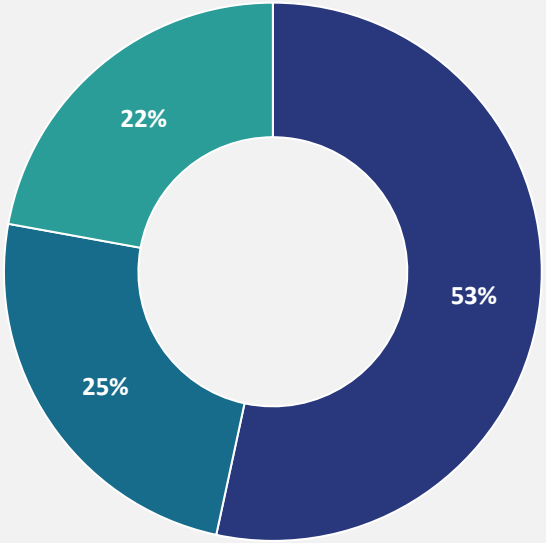
20% from Conference Fees — students registering for GA, Advocacy Academy, Federal Advocacy.

19% from Carry-over — savings rolled over from last year.

Plus another $105K in investment income (dividends + market gains), shown separately on the financials.

EXPENSES — $3.86M — BY WHAT THE MONEY DOES

Where the Money Goes



- Programs & activities for students
- Supporting student leaders
- Running the office

Read it like this

53% Programs that reach students — events, advocacy trips, regions, scholarships, AND the staff who run them.

24% Supporting YOU — board stipends, meetings, travel, training, plus staff who back you up.

22% Keeping the lights on — rent, accounting, audit, insurance, comms, office.

Staff time is allocated to programs, leadership, and operations based on how the team spends their week.

THREE SPOTLIGHTS

What that actually pays for

SPOTLIGHT 1

The team behind every program

$1.39M

- Plans & runs GA, Adv. Academy, Federal Advocacy
- Coordinates board meetings & regional events
- Drafts policy and supports campuses
- Handles accounting and compliance

Without this team, the $2M+ in student programs doesn't happen.

SPOTLIGHT 2

Events you'll actually attend

$1.18M

- General Assembly — $350K
- Advocacy Academy — $225K
- Federal Advocacy — $200K
- General Conf. & MOU — $199K
- Regions events — $200K

Travel, hotel, food, speakers — what makes events possible.

SPOTLIGHT 3

Supporting student leaders (YOU)

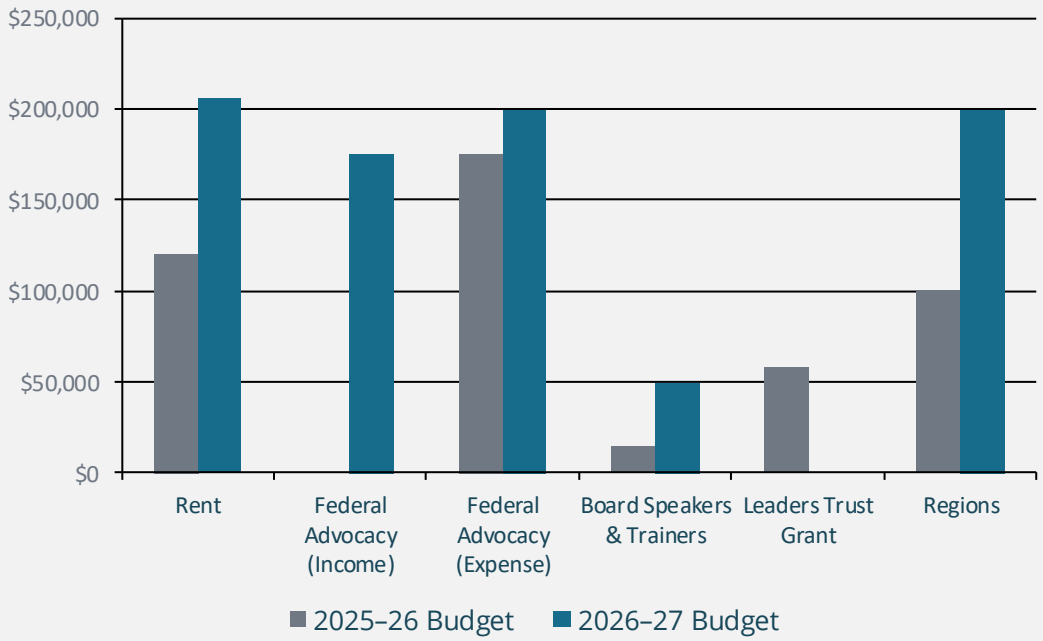
$634K

- Board stipends — $275K
- Board meetings (travel) — $300K
- Board speakers & training — $50K
- Governance meetings — $6.5K
- Participatory gov. stipends — $3K

Stipends + travel so student leaders can fully participate.

2025–26 → 2026–27

What's changing vs. last year



What's different

Rent +$86K

Office costs growing from $120K to $206K next year.

Federal Advocacy now budgeted

$175K income / $200K expense — was unbudgeted last year.

Regions +$100K

Regional events budget grew from $100K to $200K.

Leaders Trust Grant ends

$57K of grant income last year is not expected to repeat.

Board speakers +$35K

More investment in training & education for the board.

Most other lines are roughly flat year-over-year.

2025–26 YEAR-TO-DATE

How we're doing right now

$3.03M

Income to date

vs. $3.75M planned for the full year

$2.96M

Spent to date

Under budget on most categories

+$167K

Net so far

Tracking better than the $80K loss we'd planned for

Translation: we've been careful with money this year. We're on track to roll a healthy surplus into next year, which becomes part of the carry-over funding the 2026–27 budget.

THE ASK

Approve the FY 2026–27 Budget.

INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
$3,787,720	$3,861,415	+$22,805

A balanced budget that funds staff, events, and student leadership for the year ahead.

Motion: To adopt the SSCCC FY 2026–27 budget as presented.

BUDGET WORDS, NO JARGON

Quick glossary

Income

Money coming IN — anything we receive (fees, grants, dividends).

Expense

Money going OUT — anything we spend (people, events, rent).

Net Income

Income minus Expenses. Positive = surplus, negative = deficit.

Budget

A plan for the year — what we expect to earn and spend.

Actual

What really happened — the real numbers, vs. what we'd planned.

Fiscal Year

SSCCC's 12-month financial year, July 1 → June 30.

Carry-over

Money saved from one year that's available to use the next.

Stipend

Money paid to student leaders for the time they put into board service.