

**Pizza with the Presidents Twitter Transcript**  
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## **Cal Poly Pomona**

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@calpolypomona: Pizza w/ the Presidents is about to begin. Free food and ask university and ASI presidents questions at 6 pm in BSC Ursa Major.

@calpolypomona: We're going to be live tweeting the questions and answers from Pizza with the Presidents. Come to the BSC from 6-7 for free food and Q&A!

@calpolypomona: In intro Jianu says the Rec Center ground breaking will be later this year.

@calpolypomona: In welcome, Prez Ortiz says we've got a lot of big programs coming up thanks to the Kellogg endowment (interest made from \$42M gift).

**@calpolypomona: Q: Does CPP offer assistance to graduates for employment opportunities?**

@calpolypomona: A: Tom Munnerlyn at Career Center: Lots of opportunities for graduates. Look at Bronco Connections for info. Skill, resume help there too.

**@calpolypomona: Q: What advancements toward carbon neutrality in 2030?**

@calpolypomona: A: Lots of steps to be green. Replacing vehicles w/ electric cars, reduce ag herds, Suites is LEED silver, incentive funds from utilities.

@calpolypomona: A: ASI is also has new secretary of sustainability. Brita water filters in BSC, new Rec Center aiming for LEED gold.

**@calpolypomona: Q: Why do we place recycling bins as we do?**

@calpolypomona: A: Walter Marquez: We follow CSU guidelines. Recycling bins placed in areas we think are strategically well placed.

**@calpolypomona: Q: Why aren't there water fountains near the 24 hour computer lab near library and tennis courts?**

@calpolypomona: A: Rec Center will address some of the water issues at sports area. At 24hr lab, they will look into issue of access in evening.

**@calpolypomona: Q: What is being done to address parking shortage on campus?**

@calpolypomona: A: Parking's Mike Biagi says parking is scattered, but there are always spots in K, J, E. F lot is fuller. Encouraging rideshare increase.

**@calpolypomona: Q: Ortiz, would you support a nonprofit cafe that would only provide organic produce?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz says theoretically idea of student-run organic, local cafe is good idea, but needs more info about whether it is profitable etc.

**@calpolypomona: Q: Have you thought of more vegetarian food options? Example of Chipotle.**

@calpolypomona: A: Foundation's Paul Storey says surveys say Inn-n-out & Chipotle are very popular, but they don't plan to come to a university campus.

**@calpolypomona: Q: What's the scoop with the CLA Building removal?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz, After built, CLA found to have earthquake fault underneath. Seismic retrofit estimated cost of \$90M-\$130M. (cont...)

@calpolypomona: A: (cont) Doesn't make sense to spend so much to fix one on the fault. Instead will build a student services building not on a fault.

@calpolypomona: A: Facilities' Marquez: Waiting for state to issue bonds to design new facility. Up to voters to decide.

**RT @objurium: Q: @calpolypomona justification for repeated salary increases for CSU staff while hoisting the financial burden on your students?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz says staff, faculty and administration have not had raises for 4 years. So tuition costs have not gone toward it.

**@calpolypomona: Q: How many tuition dollars go toward Pizza with the Presidents?**

@calpolypomona: A: CPP Foundation dollars from campus dining provides funding for this event. Foundation is an auxiliary organization, not from state \$.

**@calpolypomona: Q: What have you learned from cutbacks and how does it inform what you are doing?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz says he looks at outcomes. Tries to address student, staff and institution needs. No layoffs. Still 13 unit ave. course load.

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz says we are losing \$43.6M in last two years, but student fee increases don't cover that loss. Everything we do is to keep quality.

@calpolypomona: A: Jianu says they're fighting to increase advocacy efforts and they need more student support. Join letter writing campaigns etc.

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz adds they need people to contact governor last year. 36K people contacted the governor but there are half million students in CSU.

**@calpolypomona: Q: When is summer fee schedule coming up?**

@calpolypomona: A: Provost says we don't know yet. The central CSU office has rules which change. Hope to have fees soon, but will be after rules are clear.

**@calpolypomona: Q: Regarding semitruck deliveries: Why can they drive on sidewalks at night. Can they be escorted so they don't run people over?**

@calpolypomona: A: Police Chief says they watch trucks & will consider escort idea. Most drivers are respectful. Send complaints to police. They will...

**RT @demarcoag: Q: @calpolypomona do you think its fair that your salary is over \$200,000/year during these tuition hikes & our financial crisis?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz joked "No I don't. I think it's too low" to laughter. Also noted his wife works alongside him for free.

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz added he works day/night, sits on community and national boards. I'm working 365, 24/7 for you (to applause). Don't just look at...

**@calpolypomona: Q: Faculty have not received pay increases, but Chancellor Reed has. Why?**

@calpolypomona: A: President of DeVry makes \$6.5M. Reed oversees largest public university system in country but is 67th in pay. He can coach at UCLA and...

**@calpolypomona: Q: How can you accommodate evening students more? Ex. evening classes?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz, evening is as busy as during the day. There are classes offered. Can't say for sure numbers.

@calpolypomona: A: Provost denBoer says this is a question of demand. Please share desire with the department and if enough demand, can offer more.

**@calpolypomona: Q: What is status of summer session. Will it be more affordable? Will courses be made available sooner?**

@calpolypomona: A: Provost: Summer is self-funded and courses must be able to cover cost. Will make schedule available as soon as possible.

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz: summer is cash funded because if we offer summer courses then we have to reduce courses during key time between fall to spring.

**@calpolypomona: Q: Any way to ask Kellogg foundation to use their donations/contributions for academic purposes?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz: Can't tell a donor what to do with their money. Donors want state to support classes. BUT want to help continue special programs.

**@calpolypomona: Q: Any plans to upgrade Building 2? Also, AHS program only offers classes once a year. If you don't take it, you have to wait a full year?**

@calpolypomona: A: Marquez: There is backlog of deferred maintenance issues on campus, upwards of \$150M in needs.

@calpolypomona: A: Ag Dean Young: Need to let your dept chair know. If there is bottleneck course we need to know. There are petitions. Talk 2 your advisor.

**RT @patvdc1985: Q: @calpolypomona what exactly is being done to ensure students cont to get all the classes they need in light of state budget cuts?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz: We're doing all we can to provide courses, section. With 13 unit ave. course load we're doing a pretty good job. Other CSUs ave 10

**@calpolypomona: Q: What has facilities done to repair Collins College pathway? People have twisted their ankles.**

@calpolypomona: A: Marquez: Agree, not the best. Weighing priorities and dealing with leaking buildings right now. Again, it's a deferred maintenance issue.

**@calpolypomona: Q: What happened to the trees outside the library?**

@calpolypomona: A: Had issues with tree branches falling. Thankfully no one hurt. Arborist looked at trees. We have 4,100 trees in inventory.

@calpolypomona: A: ... trees that were removed had issues with insect, root or disease issues. They were a danger and facilities rather protect people.

**@calpolypomona: Q: CSU is increasingly privatized. How do you, as president, help it remain public?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz says we r public, we r not going private. Amount of tuition is increasing and state support is decreasing but not heard of that effort.

**@calpolypomona: Q: What are we doing about the lack of housing on campus?**

@calpolypomona: A: Freer says there are plans to construct 1600 more beds on campus. Will open around Fall 2014. More phases in works.

**@calpolypomona: Q: How do you ensure those who benefit from AB131 and AB 130 can receive benefits?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz: We have a campus list serve to get the information out through Mery Hernandez.

@calpolypomona: A: Freer: These are passed laws and these students will apply and have equal access to aid provided by state.

**@calpolypomona: Q: Facebook question - Can you have Blackboard modified so grades can be viewed after close of quarter?**

@calpolypomona: A: Provost says that is a good idea to review your progress. Checking with new Chief Info Officer.

@calpolypomona: A: CIO McGuthry says Blackboard has limitations on its ability to be modified. Will look into it and also other solutions like Moodle.

**@calpolypomona: Q: Why is there no air force ROTC on campus?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz says was a victory to get Army ROTC on campus. Up to the service providers to decide where to put it. We have a fine ROTC program here.

**@calpolypomona: Q: What's the point of teacher evaluations? How do they help get rid of bad professors?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz says they help us keep good professors.

@calpolypomona: A: Provost: Student evaluations are an important part of a teacher's tenure process. Process includes peer evaluations. Need honest evals.

**@calpolypomona: Q: Kikka is a restaurant on campus that does not hire students. Can we replace this restaurant?**

@calpolypomona: A: Foundation says we hire thousands of students and are always looking for good employees. If you are looking for a position, look at the...

**@calpolypomona: Q: What are we doing to help ensure businesses are looking to hire out students?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz says recruiters recruit here heavily because of the university's hands-on model, multicultural teamwork experience etc.

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz says I think a lot of that has to do with the discipline and opportunities there, but our graduates are very popular.

**@calpolypomona: Q: CSU approved a fee increase without allowing students in the room. What can you do to prevent this?**

@calpolypomona: A: Ortiz: I wasn't there, but understood it to be an issue of safety, including that of the lieutenant governor's.

**@calpolypomona: Q: I'm a grad student, need only one class that is 1 unit. Tuition fee is \$1K+. I tried to take it through the open univ. Is it possible?**

@calpolypomona: A: Pinter-Lucke says we are not allowed to mix state-supported AND cash-supported (open univ) university. There has to be a separation.

**@calpolypomona: Last QUESTION: Do you like cereal?**

@calpolypomona: A: Jianu says Road Apples -- fruit loops and coco puffs. Ortiz adds I love cereal but only if it has a big red K on the box.

@calpolypomona: Thanks for joining us in the live-tweeting of Pizza with the Presidents. Send us your thoughts! PS My favorite cereal is Crunchy Nut.