Getting there together. A short primer on how CU Denver is funded and spends its funding.
Where does our money come from?

**Unrestricted General Fund**
- Main Campus UG and Grad Tuition (aka, D1)

**Auxiliary and Self-Funded Activities**
- Extended Studies (D2)
- Continuing Education for non-credit (D3)

**Restricted Funds**
- Financial Aid
- Sponsored project awards (e.g., grants, contracts from businesses, foundations, and federal or state government agencies)
- Gifts

*Includes unrestricted state funding (14.6%)

Restricted means the money can only be used for specific purposes. The money can’t be shifted around.

Unrestricted means the money can be used wherever needed.
74% of the unrestricted fund revenue is from students and families (tuition & fees)

7% goes to help students with financial aid
Major factors influencing our financial picture

• We have not met our enrollment targets in recent years
• We have worked to keep tuition and fees affordable at CU in the interest of our students and families
• State funding for research institutions has not kept up with inflation
• We want to pay our employees competitively and equitably, including merit increases in January 2023 and beyond
• Our costs for employee benefits and other campus costs have gone up significantly