Cal Poly policy provides that certain campus fees are to be adjusted annually to compensate for the effects of price inflation. Unlike the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and other price indexes published by the U.S. Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics), there is no nationally recognized price index for higher education. Currently, Cal Poly utilizes the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) for annual fee adjustments. The HEPI was originally published in 1975 by the U.S. Office of Education ("Higher Education Prices and Price Indexes") after a sponsored study by Dr. Kent Halstead. The HEPI was designed as an analytical tool to assist in preserving the purchasing power of students and institutions.