

# Minutes

## Action Item

Approval of minutes of May 28, 2015 and June 25-26, 2015

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#### CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

**May 28, 2015**

A meeting of the California Student Aid Commission was held on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at the Commission's Board Room located at 11040 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova, California and the various locations listed on the second amended notice dated May 27, 2015.

Chair Hal Geiogoue called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Hal Geiogoue, Chair  
Ana Beltran, Vice Chair  
Brian Conley, Secretary  
Nancy Anton  
Jacqueline Doud  
Jessica Foresti  
Devon Graves  
Harry Le Grande  
Michael W. Marion, Jr.  
John R. McDowell, Jr.  
Jamillah Moore  
Wm. Gregory Sawyer  
Jack Scott  
Jose Solorio

The following Commissioner was absent:

Lande Ajose

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Geiogoue called for public comment and, hearing none, proceeded to the next agenda item.

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## UPDATE ON THE 2015-16 STATE BUDGET ISSUES, INCLUDING MAY REVISIONS AND ITEMS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

Mr. Brandon Biegert, Senior Policy Analyst, Strategic Policy, Media & Communications Division, provided a summary of the positions taken by the Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 1 on Education and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance regarding the Commission's 2015-16 budget items.

Dr. Angelo Williams, Legislative Director, provided an update on the Joint Legislative Budget Conference Committee. Discussion ensued regarding the Commission's approach to the following budget items:

### 1. Middle Class Scholarship

By general consensus, the Commission **ADOPTED** the Assembly version, which is to adopt trailer bill language accelerating the scheduled increase in Middle Class Scholarship payment amounts by one year, and implementing an asset ceiling and a time limit for award eligibility.

***In Favor:** Commissioners Anton, Beltran, Conley, Doud, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Sawyer, Scott, Solorio and Geiogoue.*

***Absent:** Commissioner Ajose*

### 2. Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE)

By general consensus, the Commission **ADOPTED** the Assembly version, which is to approve the Governor's 2015-16 reduction, and, in addition, authorize 1,000 new APLE warrants, with the **CAVEAT** to urge the Conference Committee to consider budget bill language making other changes to the program before moving forward.

***In Favor:** Commissioners Anton, Beltran, Conley, Doud, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Sawyer, Scott, Solorio and Geiogoue.*

***Absent:** Commissioner Ajose*

### 3. Increase Number of Competitive Cal Grant Awards

By general consensus, the Commission **ADOPTED** the Assembly version, which is to increase the number of Competitive Cal Grant awards from 22,500 to 50,000.

***In Favor:** Commissioners Anton, Beltran, Conley, Doud, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Sawyer, Scott, Solorio and Geiogoue.*

***Absent:** Commissioner Ajose*

### 4. Increase Cal Grant B Access Award

By general consensus, the Commission **ADOPTED** the Assembly version, which is to increase the Cal Grant B Access award amount from \$1,648 to \$2,000 per student.

***In Favor:** Commissioners Anton, Beltran, Conley, Doud, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Sawyer, Scott, Solorio and Geiogoue.*

***Absent:** Commissioner Ajose*

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The Commission's positions would be communicated in a letter to the Joint Legislative Budget Conference Committee.

### UPDATE ON LEGISLATION

Legislative Director Williams provided an update on Assembly Bill (AB) 573 (Medina): Campus Closures: Corinthian Colleges, which pertains to reestablishing Cal Grant eligibility for students who attended Corinthian College institutions. Some discussion followed.

**MOVED** (McDowell), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** unanimously, the Commission **APPROVED**, By Roll Call Vote, a SUPPORT position on AB 573 as it relates to the financial aid provisions.

*In Favor:* Commissioners Anton, Beltran, Conley, Doud, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Sawyer, Scott, Solorio and Geiogoue.

*Absent:* Commissioner Ajose

### CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Keri Tippins, General Counsel, made the following announcement:

- ❖ **The Commission will meet in Closed Session to discuss and may take action on personnel matters pursuant to California Government Code, Section 11126(a)(1).**

Chair Geiogoue recessed the Open Session at 10:34 a.m. and convened the Closed Session at 10:40 a.m.

### RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Chair Geiogoue reconvened the Open Session at 11:40 a.m. whereby Executive Director Diana Fuentes-Michel made a public statement announcing her retirement from the California Student Aid Commission and state service, effective August 1, 2015.

Chair Geiogoue thanked Executive Director Michel for her distinguished public service and announced that during Closed Session the Commission took action to appoint Chief Deputy Director Keith Yamanaka as Acting Executive Director, effective August 2, 2015, until such time that the Commission appoints a new Executive Director.

### NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee had no new business.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the California Student Aid Commission was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

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BRIAN CONLEY  
SECRETARY

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## CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**June 25-26, 2015**

A meeting of the California Student Aid Commission was held on Thursday, June 25, 2015 and Friday, June 26, 2015 at the University of California, Berkeley, California Memorial Stadium, University Club Room located at 2227 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley, California.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2016

Chair Hal Geiogoue called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Hal Geiogoue, Chair  
Ana Beltran, Vice Chair  
Brian Conley, Secretary  
Lande Ajose  
Jacqueline Doud  
Devon Graves  
Harry Le Grande  
Michael W. Marion, Jr.  
John R. McDowell, Jr.  
Jamillah Moore  
Jose Solorio

The following Commissioners were absent:

Nancy Anton  
Jessica Foresti  
Wm. Gregory Sawyer  
Jack Scott

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Geiogoue called for public comment and, hearing none, proceeded to the next agenda item.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 16-17, 2015**

On **MOTION** by Commissioner Conley, the Commission unanimously **APPROVED** the minutes of the April 16-17, 2015 meeting, as presented.

***In Favor:** Commissioners Ajose, Beltran, Conley, Doud, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell and Geiogoue*  
***Absent:** Commissioners Anton, Foresti, Moore, Sawyer, Scott and Solorio*

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## STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Brad Morrison, Facilitator, provided an overview of the Commission's accomplishments during the 2014-15 fiscal year. The Commissioners discussed what key issues the Commission should address, the approach it should take, and the challenges it will face in the coming year. The following priority themes were established (in no particular order):

- New Executive Director;
- Staffing Issues;
- Data;
- Information Sessions / Public Hearings;
- Orientation for New Commissioners;
- Foundation Partner (Institutional Partner); and
- Policy Agenda.

The Commission developed a short-term (one-year) action plan, and a long-term (five-year) action plan, delegating many of the tasks to its standing and ad hoc committees for further action.

### One-Year Action Plan

Issue	Responsible Party	Timeline	Deliverable
Information Sessions	Ad Hoc Committee: - <i>Commissioner Doud</i> - <i>Commissioner Le Grande</i>	November Commission Meeting	Ad Hoc Committee to develop future agenda items for information sessions on segments
Data	All Commission	Future Meetings (TBD)	Address priorities on staffing. Work with foundation partner. Pursue BCP for staff.
Policy <i>Research Positions</i>	Commission Staff	September Commission Meeting	Budget Change Proposal (BCP) preparation
Policy <i>Direction to Staff regarding Direction for Research</i>	Strategic Planning and Policy Committee (SPPC)	September SPPC Meeting	Develop input for staff research agenda.
Policy <i>Student Financial Conditions</i>	Student Impact Committee (SIC)	September SIC Meeting	Discuss affordability issues and report back to Commission on future agenda items.
Foundation/ Partners	Commission Staff	September Commission Meeting	Develop BCP priorities and present to Commission.

### Five-Year Action Plan

Issue	Responsible Party	Timeline	Deliverable
Financial Literacy	All Commission	November Commission Meeting	Continuing interest and action. Report from April hearing is scheduled for November meeting.
Affordability	Staff	November Commission Meeting	Tracked by Commission. Will address at future meetings with progress on research issues.

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Issue	Responsible Party	Timeline	Deliverable
Foundation/Partner	Staff	Future Meeting (TBD)	Existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce will extend into the future. It is also a good template to use for other partnerships.
Staffing	All Commission	Future Meeting (TBD)	Follow up on think tank idea.

### **MDRC REPORT ON CALIFORNIA’S PERFORMANCE BASED SCHOLARSHIP STUDY & NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION**

Ms. Despina Costopoulos, Commission’s Institutional Support Program Training Office, introduced Ms. Michelle Ware and Mr. Alex Mayer of MDRC.

Ms. Michelle Ware, Operations Associate, provided background information on the national study of performance-based scholarships, which MDRC conducted in partnership with Cash for College, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and the College Futures Foundation. Ms. Ware described the study, which included California and five other states, with 5,000 California students receiving scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to those who met specific performance criteria. The purpose of the study was to provide financial incentives to students to effect some type of change in student behavior.

Mr. Alex Mayer, Senior Associate, discussed MDRC’s broader findings in California, including a notable impact on first year enrollment, mostly concentrated among community colleges and students who had lower grade point averages (GPAs) in high school. Mr. Mayer also discussed the design and broader findings of the demonstrations conducted in some of the other states. Additional discussion ensued about the design and cost-effectiveness of the California demonstration.

Ms. Julia Lopez, Executive Director of the College Futures Foundation, commented on the finding that scholarships are an important strategic tool to increase college-going among low-income students who have low high school GPAs, but reach college and finally have a chance to succeed.

### **CONSIDERATION OF CAL GRANT REFORM PROPOSALS SUGGESTED AT THE APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> COMMISSION MEETING**

Ms. Catalina Mistler, Chief of the Program Administration & Services Division, and Mr. Tae Kang, Senior Program Manager, presented a PowerPoint summary of the proposals given by each of the segments at the Commission’s public hearing on Cal Grant reform on April 17, 2015. Ms. Mistler and Mr. Kang discussed the benefits and the concerns about each of the segmental proposals, which included integrating delivery, increasing eligibility to five years; expanding the Transfer Entitlement program; adopting the federal system; using prior/year personal income tax information; increasing financial literacy programs; reviving the Grant Advisory Committee; enhancing WebGrants; funding the Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS); and increasing Cal Grant B access and Cal Grant C awards amounts. Some discussion followed.

Mr. Bryan Dickason, Student Services Planning and Development Specialist at the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, urged the Commission to comprehensively review all of the proposals and seek more data.

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Ms. Rachele Feldman, Financial Aid Director at University of California at Berkeley, commented and the various proposals and also encouraged the Commission to explore ideas with a group of segmental representatives.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Keith Yamanaka, Chief Deputy Director, made the following statement:

- ❖ **The Commission will meet in Closed Session to discuss and may take action on personnel matters pursuant to California Government Code, Section 11126(a)(1)**

Chair Geiogoue recessed the Open Session at 4:43 p.m. and convened the Closed Session at 4:45 p.m.

### **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

Chair Geiogoue reconvened Open Session at 5:08 p.m. and reported that there is nothing to report out of Closed Session.

### **RECESS**

Chair Geiogoue recessed the Commission meeting at 5:08 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2015.

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### **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2016**

Chair Hal Geiogoue called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Hal Geiogoue, Chair  
Ana Beltran, Vice Chair  
Brian Conley, Secretary  
Lande Ajose  
Jacqueline Doud  
Devon Graves  
Harry Le Grande  
Michael W. Marion, Jr.  
John R. McDowell, Jr.  
Jamillah Moore  
Jose Solorio

The following Commissioners were absent:

Nancy Anton  
Jessica Foresti  
Wm. Gregory Sawyer

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Jack Scott

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Geiogue called for public comment and, hearing none, proceeded to the next agenda item.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Geiogue thanked Commission staff for working with Finance and the Department of General Services to resolve the Cal-SOAP contract issue. He indicated that the Commission would later receive a budget update and hear his proposal on changes to the budget change proposal process. Additionally, he announced that he is appointing Commissioner McDowell to fill the vacancy on the Personnel, Evaluations & Nominations (PEN) Committee at his request. Lastly, Chair Geiogue presented Executive Director Diana Fuentes-Michel with a Resolution from the Commission and thanked her for her service to the State of California.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

At Commissioner Conley's suggestion, Executive Director Michel asked for a moment of silence for the victims in Charleston. She then presented her written report, which included an update on all of the partnerships that the Commission has engaged in over the last several year, including Steps to College. She noted that the nomination process for the Arthur Marmaduke High School Counselor award has been extended, and a recipient will likely be chosen by the fall. Finally, she noted that she is working with Chief Deputy Director Yamanaka on the transition of leadership and her last day in the office will be July 31<sup>st</sup>.

## CONSIDERATION OF INSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY APPEALS FOR THE 2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR INCLUDING PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND COLUMBIA COLLEGE HOLLYWOOD

Ms. Keri Tippins, General Counsel, provided a summary of the Cal Grant institutional appeals for Providence Christian College and Columbia College Hollywood.

Ms. Tippins reported that Providence Christian College did not meet the 15.5 percent cohort default rate (CDR) metric established in law because its unofficial CDR of 16.6 percent was used for certification of eligibility for the 2015-16 academic year. However, as of January 1, 2015, the law requires that the CDR used in certification be official. Since Providence Christian College did not have an official CDR at the time of certification, the Commission may consider the institution eligible to participate in the Cal Grant program for 2015-16. Some discussion followed.

On **MOTION** (Doud), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** unanimously, the Commission **APPROVED** the staff recommendation that 1) Providence Christian College's appeal be granted and that it be eligible for participation in the Cal Grant Program for the 2015-16 academic year; and 2) that the Commission delegate to the Executive Director the authority to grant appeals by future institutions that present similar factual and legal issues to those presented by Providence Christian College.

***In Favor:** Commissioners Beltran, Conley, Doud, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, Moore, Solorio and Geiogue  
**Absent:** Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Foresti, McDowell, Sawyer and Scott*

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Next, Ms. Tippins reported that Columbia College Hollywood (CCH) was deemed ineligible for Cal Grant program participation because its graduation rate, as reported by the U.S. Department of Education on October 1<sup>st</sup> when the Commission certified rates, was below the required 20 percent. CCH contends that its graduation rate was, in actuality, 20.4 percent and met the requirement, but the institution failed to appeal to the U.S. Department of Education in a timely manner. Ms. Tippins noted that the Commission previously granted the appeal of Menlo College, which presented a similar case. Further discussion ensued.

On **MOTION** (Doud), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** unanimously, the Commission **APPROVED** the following staff recommendation:

Based upon application of the criteria established by the Commission previously, staff is recommending 1) that the appeal of CCH be granted and that CCH's eligibility for Cal Grant participation in 2015-16 academic year be re-instated; and 2) that the Commission delegate to the Executive Director the authority to grant appeals by future institutions that present similar factual and legal issues to those presented by Menlo College and Columbia College Hollywood.

*In Favor:* Commissioners Beltran, Conley, Doud, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, Moore, Solorio and Geiogoue

*Absent:* Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Foresti, McDowell, Sawyer and Scott

### **CALIFORNIA STUDENT OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS PROGRAM (CAL-SOAP) PROJECT DIRECTORS REPORT**

Ms. Nicole Korgie Jackson, Long Beach Cal-SOAP Project Director and Lead, presented her report, which included an update on the Cal-SOAP database, 2015-16 funding, and the new insurance documentation requirement. There was some discussion about the need to highlight more of the Commission's involvement in Cal-SOAP services.

### **CONSIDERATION OF 2015-16 CALIFORNIA STUDENT OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS PROGRAM (CAL-SOAP) CONTRACTS**

Ms. Catalina Mistler presented her written report, including a breakdown of Cal-SOAP's baseline funding for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Some discussion ensued about the Cal-SOAP budget and the need to re-evaluate the Cal-SOAP service areas to ensure equality in funding and determine where services might be expanded in the future. There was also a discussion about the need for the projects to provide data to the Commission on the number of high schools in the Los Angeles area that are being served.

Ms. Sonia Ramos, San Jose Cal-SOAP Project Director, commented on the ineffectiveness of the new Cal-SOAP database system and the continued efforts made by the project directors and Commission staff to improve the system in order to report the projects' outcomes.

**MOVED** (Le Grande), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** unanimously, the Commission **APPROVED** the following staff recommendation:

The Commission authorizes the Executive Director to take the following actions, subject to the final 2015-16 State Budget:

1. Execute the 2015-16 contracts to provide up to \$7,721,000 in total baseline funding and authorize the Executive Director flexibility to reallocate funds as equitably as possible if a project cannot utilize all of its allocated funds.

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2. Reinstate \$162,500 to the CTE baseline allocation.
3. Provide up to \$331,343 in additional 2015-16 contract funding for documenting business requirements for the database enhancements and an evaluation tool for the program.
4. Allocate \$500,000 in additional 2015-16 contract funding for outreach of the Middle Class Scholarship Program, with \$95,000 allocated to a consortium for specific outreach material requested by the Commission staff.

***In Favor:** Commissioners Ajose, Beltran, Conley, Doud, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Solorio and Geiogoue*

***Absent:** Commissioners Anton, Foresti, Moore, Sawyer and Scott*

### **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS OVER \$100,000**

Mr. Keith Yamanaka, Chief Deputy Director, provided overviews of three contracts for which Commission staff is seeking authority for the Executive Director to enter that exceed the Executive Director's delegated authority of \$100,000. Some discussion followed.

**MOVED** (Graves), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** unanimously, the Commission **APPROVED** the staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to enter into the following contracts:

1. Contract with Garner Consulting for \$300,000;
2. Contract with C & G Technology Services, Inc. for \$224,952; and
3. Contract with a firm that has not yet been selected as the State procurement process has not yet been completed, for a cost not to exceed 122,000.

***In Favor:** Commissioners Ajose, Beltran, Conley, Doud, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Solorio and Geiogoue*

***Absent:** Commissioners Anton, Foresti, Moore, Sawyer and Scott*

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMISSION'S POLICY ON TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Chair Geiogoue reported that the current ad hoc policy on travel to Washington, D.C. is that the Chair determines the appropriateness of the travel, refers the matter to the Legislative, Audit & Budget (LAB) Committee (to determine an agenda), designates the travelers, and then moves forward with the visits.

Commissioner Conley presented his proposal that two Commissioners and one staff person make an annual trip to Washington, D.C. to address Federal aid issues that affect California students, such as the Dream Act, FAFSA improvement, and student debt. He also reported on his past experiences traveling to D.C. on behalf of the Commission, including meetings with the Undersecretary of Education, Members of Congress, and the Congressional Committees that focus on education and student financial aid.

Further discussion ensued about the Commission's presence in D.C. and its influence on issues such as the Dream Act and middle class affordability; the need to maintain relationships with the California Delegation locally; and coalition-building.

**MOTION** (Le Grande), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Commission **APPROVED** to refer this issue to the LAB Committee, which can come back by the end of the year with a recommendation on how the Commission should proceed.

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***In Favor:** Commissioners Ajose, Beltran, Conley, Doud, Graves, Le Grande, Marion, McDowell, Moore, Solorio and Geiogoue*

***Absent:** Commissioners Anton, Foresti, Sawyer and Scott*

## **UPDATE ON STATE BUDGET**

Mr. Brandon Biegert, Senior Policy Analyst, presented the most current State budget as signed by the Governor on June 24, 2015. There was some discussion about the new supplemental award for Cal Grant B recipients at community colleges, and the funding given to the community colleges for the award administration.

Dr. Angelo Williams, Legislative Director, commented that the supplemental award will prove to be a pilot to determine the effectiveness of providing an incentive to full time enrollment, and to shifting the administrative process to the community colleges. Additional discussion ensued and Mr. Bryan Dickason also provided comments.

## **UPDATE ON LEGISLATION**

Dr. Williams provided an update on the status of the legislative bills and the context in terms of the Commission's policy priorities. He also provided a summary of the legislative unit's accomplishments throughout the year, including its efforts pertaining to the Middle Class Scholarship Program and the Cal-SOAP proposals. Some discussion followed.

## **CHANGES TO COMMISSION BUDGET CHANGE PROPOSAL (BCP) PROCESS**

Chair Geiogoue provided an overview of the budget change proposal (BCP) process and presented his proposal for changes, which would align with the process followed by other independent boards and commissions; increase the Commission's role; and produce more transparency. Chair Geiogoue also reported that he consulted with the Governor's Office and the Department of Finance and received their support.

Executive Director Michel described in more detail the BCP process in which Commission staff has engaged over the years as a result of the recession and budget cuts. Additional discussion ensued.

Chair Geiogoue stated that BCPs will be considered by the LAB Committee and brought to the Full Commission in September. He also noted that the Commission would consider the BCP timeline when establishing next year's schedule of meetings.

## **UPDATE ON THE GRANT DELIVERY SYSTEM MODERNIZATION PROJECT**

Ms. Tracy Howard, Chief Information Officer, presented a Power Point overview of the Grant Delivery System (GDS) Modernization Project, including a summary of its current applications and platforms; and the challenges that the Commission has had to face with the current version of GDS, such as its complexity, fragility, and limited support. Ms. Howard's presentation also included an overview of the benefits and services that the new version will provide, and a summary of the project's phases.

More discussion followed about the staff's approach to accomplishing each phase of the project, the associated costs, and the consultation process.

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## UPDATE ON AD HOC COMMITTEES

### Ad hoc committee on executive search for new Executive Director

Chair Geiogue reported during the Commission's strategic planning session the previous day that a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an executive search firm has been issued and responses expected by the end of June. He provided a summary of the evaluation process, noting that interviews will likely occur the first week of August with a selection being made shortly thereafter. The selected firm will develop a job description based on consultation with the Commissioners, segments, and external parties. Chair Geiogue added that, hopefully by September, the Full Commission would interview prospective candidates and make a selection.

Vice Chair Beltran had added that the ad hoc committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on August 4, 2015 to review and evaluate the firms that respond to the RFP, and provide an update to the Full Commission.

### Ad hoc committee on financial literacy and student debt

Chair Geiogue indicated that the Commission's report on student debt in California, which is based on testimony presented at its public hearing in November, is still in draft form and being reviewed by the Student Impact Committee, with Commissioner Anton assigned to finalize it. Chair Geiogue announced that he would ask Commissioner Anton to provide an update at the September meeting.

### Ad hoc committee on Commission meeting locations

Commissioner Le Grande reported that he and Commissioner Sawyer continue to work with staff on this issue.

## UPDATE ON THE COMMISSION'S INSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (IPA) PROCESS

Ms. Catalina Mistler reported that Commission staff continues to consult with stakeholders to identify proposed changes and she anticipates bringing recommendations to the Commission at its September meeting. She noted that separate meetings will be held with the community colleges to discuss the enrollment files, the batch upload process, and the requirement to confirm the student's educational level. Some discussion followed.

## DISCUSSION OF COMPETITIVE CAL GRANT SCORING PROCESS

Ms. Mistler provided an update on the consultation process, which included work group discussions about whether the current scoring criteria was selecting the most disadvantaged students. The work groups discussed the modeling options presented by The Institute for College Access and Success (TICAS) at the April Commission meeting.

Mr. Tae Kang reported that at the last work group meeting, most participants favored TICAS' Proposal D, which gives more points to students with additional disadvantage factors.

Mr. Matt La Rocque, TICAS Research Analyst, commented that TICAS' Proposals D and E are very similar and the distinctions between them will likely be discussed at subsequent work group meetings, leading to the identification of a mutually agreed upon proposal by the next Commission

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meeting in September. He added that while merit represents more points in other proposals, the highest performing applicants were still represented among likely recipients.

Mr. Chris Carter, Director of Student Financial Support at the University of California Office of the President (UCOP), expressed appreciation for using real data and examining outcomes in terms of proposing changes. He also expressed support for incorporating the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) in the calculation formulas outlined in Proposals D and E.

Mr. Bryan Dickason encouraged the Commission to continue using actual statistics and to make its decisions based on real world situations.

### **NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Commission had no new business to consider.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting of the California Student Aid Commission was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

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BRIAN CONLEY  
SECRETARY