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Information Item

Update on California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Program

This item provides updates on newly implemented outreach efforts, communication and award information on the Transfer Entitlement Cal Grants.

Outreach and Partnerships

The Transfer Entitlement Workgroup partnered with the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to promote the Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement award opportunity.

- The CCCCCO's [Associate Degree for Transfer - A Degree with a Guarantee website](#) has been enhanced with Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement award requirements.
- A link to the Commission's [Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement webpage](#) was added to the CCCCCO's Associate Degree for Transfer - A Degree with a Guarantee Financial Aid page.

Partnership opportunities with UC, CSU, CCC and private institutions continue with discussions on the possible use of admission and/or enrollment files for transfer student selection and verification of eligibility.

Student Notifications

Reminder emails have been sent to:

- ✓ Students that did not complete the 2015-16 Transfer Entitlement Certification (G6).
 - Informs student of preliminary award offer
 - Directs student to WebGrants for Students (WGS) to complete the G6
- ✓ Students with no 2014-15 payment transactions.
 - Informs of award offer, but no payment
 - Directs students to WGS to confirm school of attendance is correct
 - Directs student to their financial aid office for payment

Application and Award Processing Update

The chart below provides an update of the 2014-15 and 2015-16 Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement program.

- The return rate of 2014-15 Transfer Entitlement Certification G6 forms and paid rate have increased since the last update in April 2015.

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- The 2015-16 Transfer Entitlement G6 forms are being completed, student eligibility is being confirmed and students are on campus WebGrants rosters.

CA Community College Transfer Entitlement G6 Forms and Paid Rate

Data as of August 13, 2015

Award Year	Sent	Returned	% Returned	Returned and Eligible	% Eligible (of Returned)	Total Paid	% Paid (of Returned and Eligible)
2014	33,994	22,693	66.8%	17,761	78.3%	15,248	85.9%
2015	28,284	12,236	43.3%	10,100	82.5%	N/A	N/A

Staff Recommendations

As previously discussed at the April Commission meeting and June Cal Grant reform presentation, staff recommends the Commission consider the following actions to expand the Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement Program and to sponsor a bill in the next session to make the required statutory changes identified below:

1. Allow gap-year flexibility

- ✓ In many cases the the gap year is needed for students who need to work, relocate or travel a distance for school.
- ✓ Students returning to school after some layoff will have gaps in attendance.
- ✓ Admission and enrollment caps limit students from transferring the first year.
- ✓ In 2013-14, 2,280 additional E2 award offers were made due to one year gap year provision.
- ✓ Requires statutory change.

2. Modify the age limit

- ✓ Increasing the age-cap from 27 to 30 could result in approximately 12,000 additional awards based on staff projections.
- ✓ Requires statutory change

3. Partner with admitting institutions

- ✓ Work with UC, CSU and private institutions to identify potential transfer students for earlier outreach about the E2 program.
- ✓ Possibly use available admission files in the E2 selection and verification process.

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Staff and the workgroup continue to support the ideas of gap-year flexibility for students who are not able to transfer directly from the community college to a bachelor degree granting institution. Modifying the age limit to accommodate a wider transfer student population also continues to be supported by the workgroup, particularly the CSU members.

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