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## Information Item

### Update on Middle Class Scholarship

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Staff last reported on the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) program at the September 17-18, 2015 Commission meeting. Along with the number of awards and applicants for both academic years, the staff shared key 2015-16 MCS program changes which included, among other things, the adherence to the March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline; and the implementation of a \$150,000 asset ceiling. Provided below is updated award information and income level comparison.

#### **MCS Applicant and Award Information\***

Fall payments and disbursements for 2015-16 started in September, followed by full roster access to allow the schools to submit corrections for winter and spring terms. Staff is currently providing assistance on 2014-15 reconciliation reports to meet the November 19, 2015 year-end deadline.

Table 1 below shows MCS applicants, awards, percent awarded, and total offered, by academic year as of October 12, 2015.

- Award amounts offered for 2015-16 increased by 28% since the last Commission meeting.

**Table 1**  
**MCS Applicants and Awards Offered**  
 (as of 10/12/2015)

**2015-16 Academic Year**

<b>Segment</b>	<b>All MCS Applicants as of October 12, 2015</b>	<b>MCS Awards</b>	<b>% Awarded of Applicants</b>	<b>Offered Award Amount</b>
UC	112,104	7,537	7%	\$10,329,516
CSU	237,769	41,561	17%	\$36,074,311
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>349,873</b>	<b>49,098</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>\$46,403,827</b>

**2014-15 Academic Year**

<b>Segment</b>	<b>All MCS Applicants</b>	<b>MCS Awards</b>	<b>% Awarded of Applicants</b>	<b>Offered Award Amount</b>
UC	135,250	16,170	12%	\$16,979,080
CSU	303,366	66,984	22%	\$38,237,754
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>438,616</b>	<b>83,154</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>\$55,216,834</b>

*\*An "applicant" is any student that is reported by a UC or CSU Campus via their enrollment file. A student MUST be on an enrollment file to be considered for the MCS award. The enrollment file also contains the other financial aid the student is expected to receive for the year.*

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Table 2 below reflects the income level comparison for MCS awarded students for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 award years. There is no major changes from September's update.

**Table 2  
MCS Awarded Students  
Income Level Comparison**

Household Income	2014-15					2015-16				
	UC		CSU		TOTAL	UC		CSU		TOTAL
\$0 or Less	261	24%	830	76%	1,091	95	19%	404	81%	499
\$1-10,000	252	16%	1,359	84%	1,611	99	14%	590	86%	689
\$10,001-20,000	326	15%	1,866	85%	2,192	136	17%	646	83%	782
\$20,001-30,000	261	5%	4,717	95%	4,978	121	6%	1,987	94%	2,108
\$30,001-40,000	321	8%	3,860	92%	4,181	92	4%	2,026	96%	2,118
\$40,001-50,000	335	10%	3,001	90%	3,336	105	6%	1,524	94%	1,629
\$50,001-60,000	357	9%	3,710	91%	4,067	112	6%	1,820	94%	1,932
\$60,001-70,000	458	9%	4,607	91%	5,065	137	5%	2,496	95%	2,633
\$70,001-80,000	577	9%	5,505	91%	6,082	157	5%	3,307	95%	3,464
\$80,001-90,000	1,177	16%	6,394	84%	7,571	430	9%	4,284	91%	4,714
\$90,001-100,000	1,668	20%	6,654	80%	8,322	816	15%	4,707	85%	5,523
\$100,001-110,000	2,126	25%	6,269	75%	8,395	1,034	18%	4,604	82%	5,638
\$110,001-120,000	2,084	27%	5,632	73%	7,716	1,134	21%	4,210	79%	5,344
\$120,001-130,000	2,118	31%	4,799	69%	6,917	1,110	24%	3,423	76%	4,533
\$130,001-140,000	2,018	33%	4,161	67%	6,179	1,042	26%	3,006	74%	4,048
\$140,001-150,000	1,831	34%	3,620	66%	5,451	917	27%	2,527	73%	3,444
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,170</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>66,984</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>83,154</b>	<b>7,537</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>41,561</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>49,098</b>

\*Data as of 10/12/2015

Table 3 shows the distribution of asset level for the two years. The shaded section in the 2015-16 columns shows the 11,560 students that did not receive an MCS award offer due to the \$150,000 asset level.

- In the 2014-15 year, 10,251 students were over the asset level, but received an MCS award offer since the ceiling cap was not in effect.
- Besides implementing the asset ceiling cap for 2015-16, MCS applicants also had to meet the March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline date. There are 6,833 students who did not meet the deadline date for 2015-16 and 18,393 students who did not meet the asset ceiling.
- The 25,226 disqualified students from the March 2<sup>nd</sup> and asset ceiling implementation are the primary reasons for the decline in MCS award offers from the 2014-15 to the 2015-16 year.

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**Table 3  
MCS Awarded Students  
Asset Level Comparison**

Assets	2014-15					2015-16				
	UC		CSU		TOTAL	UC		CSU		TOTAL
Not Reported	817	8%	9,648	92%	10,465	451	8%	4,896	92%	5,347
\$67,600 or Less	9,164	16%	48,246	84%	57,410	6,009	15%	34,026	85%	40,035
\$67,601-80,000	331	31%	730	69%	1,061	222	28%	578	72%	800
\$80,001-100,000	415	32%	893	68%	1,308	272	28%	697	72%	969
\$100,001-125,000	494	32%	1,038	68%	1,532	314	28%	816	72%	1,130
\$125,001-150,000	398	35%	729	65%	1,127	269	33%	548	67%	817
\$150,001-200,000	653	38%	1,069	62%	1,722	-		-		-
\$200,001-250,000	473	34%	914	66%	1,387	-		-		-
Over \$250,000	3,425	48%	3,717	52%	7,142	-		-		-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,170</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>66,984</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>83,154</b>	<b>7,537</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>41,561</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>49,098</b>

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**Summary:** MCS program changes have been made in accordance with recent changes in the law. Additional MCS award offers will be made throughout the 2015-16 year to account for late admit and junior transfers.

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