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## Information Item

### Executive Director's report

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## Executive Director's Report February 2016

Dear Commissioners,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to represent the California Student Aid Commission and to lead the agency. These first few weeks have been filled with meetings and getting to know CSAC staff, Legislative members and staff, as well as with the Department of Finance and the Governor's staff. I am also connecting with our higher education and K-12 stakeholders and community partners, including the Intersegmental Coordinating Committee and the Consul General of Mexico in Sacramento. I'm increasingly committed to the Commission's mission.

Our Chair and CSAC staff have coordinated an Education Commission of the States presentation on their State Financial Aid Redesign Report to the Governor's administration and capitol staff on February 3, 2016.

We appreciate that the Governor's January budget fully funds the Cal Grant program and maintains our operations and outreach programs. We look forward to continuing discussions with the Administration and Legislature on expanding our investment in all our financial aid programs, strengthening our IT infrastructure, and continuing support for the Grant Delivery System Modernization Project.

As we begin FAFSA and Dream Act application season, CSAC staff and I participated in Univision 19's, phone bank event to encourage FAFSA and Dream Act application completion by March 2. We are also a sponsor of the Consul General of Mexico, Steps to College event in Sacramento, on February 6, 2016. We continue to participate in hundreds of local and statewide events, primarily participating in K-12 and higher education workshops and webinar trainings.

Some of the highlights from the Commission Program Updates include:

- Registered over 900 Cash for College events;
- Made good progress on the Grant Delivery System Modernization Project; and

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- Responded to over 3,600 calls and emails from K-12 and higher education institutions, as well as students and families to accommodate the start of the FAFSA and Dream Act season.

My goal is to lead collaboratively within CSAC and with our external stakeholders and partners, and to advocate for what is in the best interest of students and families.

I look forward to seeing you in February.

Sincerely,

*Lupita Cortez Alcalá*

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Executive Director  
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## COMMISSION PROGRAM UPDATES

### PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION & SERVICES DIVISION

#### ❖ 2015-16 Processing Updates

- Opened the Senate Bill 70 Institutional Data Reporting application in WebGrants on December 21, 2015, to accept 2014-2015 file uploads.
- Aligned with the 2016-17 Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) guidelines that placed new restrictions on the accessibility of the Federal School Codes. While there are currently no changes for state agencies, CSAC made modifications to WebGrants to limit institutional visibility on the list of school choices provided by FAFSA and Dream Act students.
- Migrated 2016-17 California Dream Act Application (CADA) into production on January 1, 2016. Enhancements to the 2016-17 CADA include the following:
  - Adjustments to the landing page layout
  - Improvements in the resources pages
  - Revised help text and skip logic questions
- Processed the Winter Quarter Advance to 88 institutions.
- Completed the 2014-15 year-end reconciliation for Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) programs. Some technical issues were identified and resolved during the first year-end phase of the MCS program. The MCS workgroup will continue to work closely on establishing more precise processing guidelines in preparation for next year.

#### ❖ Staff in the Customer Assistance and Processing Unit (CAPU) worked on the following items:

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- Conducted interviews to fill 2 vacant customer service positions and welcomed Santiago Morales as the new Supervising Program Technician II in the customer service center.
- Managed workload increase due to the opening of FAFSA, Dream Act and Chafee applications on January 1, 2016.
- Continued GPA forms processing
- Started keying of California Cash for College paper surveys.
- Currently researching and developing strategies to reduce the amount of calls abandoned due to excessive wait times and improve response time to written requests within approved staff resources; with the goal of serving students and families more efficiently. The abandoned call rate fluctuates between three (3) and twenty-four (24) percent due to production cycles released and reconciled throughout the academic year. Sufficient staffing availability and ratio to the number of calls received also contribute to the amount of calls abandoned or routed to an overflow messaging system.
- In addition to pursuing and implementing efficient customer service solutions, PASD staff will continue to seek additional staff resources as appropriate.

### ❖ Training Events

- On November 13, 2015, staff provided WebGrants training at City College of San Francisco.
- Provided Dream Act Training to high school counselors on November 20, 2015 at CSU Fresno.
- Division chief, Catalina Mistler and Senior Manager, Tae Kang provided a Commission update at the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) financial aid directors' meeting which took place at Occidental College on December 11, 2015.
- Provided WebGrants training to Cal-SOAP volunteers at West Valley College on December 11, 2015.
- Completed 21 High School Counselor Workshop trainings across the state.
- Hosted 20 live webinars for institutions between December 1, 2015 to February 3, 2016
- Provided training to Pacific Union College via webinar on November 5, 2015.

### ❖ Outreach Events

- Participated in Cal Grant Day at CSU Maritime on November 20, 2015.

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- Bilingual staff participated in the FAFSA phone bank hosted by Univision on January 20, 2016.

## ❖ **AB 2160 (Ting Bill) Communication**

- Institutional Support Staff began calling schools and districts on December 2, 2015, to inform them of new legislation, per Assembly Bill (AB) 2160 (Ting Bill), that mandates public schools in California to submit electronic GPAs for graduating seniors to the Commission.
- Institutional Support Staff informed schools and districts on how to obtain access to the WebGrants system.

## ❖ **Cal Grant Handbook Updates**

- Institutional Support staff are updating language in the Cal Grant Handbook to clarify Cal Grant adjustments, payments, and refunds.

## ❖ **Specialized Programs**

- Staff continue to process 2015-16 APLE payments and work with remaining APLE participants to pay the remaining funds to qualified teachers. About \$13 million from the total budget of \$18 million for the 2015-16 academic year have been spent to date.
- The Department of Education's contract for Child Development received approval from the Department of General Services and staff have worked on processing 194 fall payment checks. 33 records are pending final verification for winter payments.
- With the elimination of the Financial Needs Analysis Report (NAR) approved by the Chafee Grant Workgroup, beginning with 2016-17 applications for Chafee awards, schools will now request payment based on the roster.
- Staff continues to reach out qualified Chafee students (enrolled at least half-time and maintaining satisfactory academic performance) who have not received their payments.
- As of December 31, 2015, \$26,250 Chafee funds for 2014-15 remained available, which is an improvement from the \$52,082 balance on November 10, 2015. There are 22 students with 2014-15 escheats.
- The 2013-14 Chafee remaining balance is \$23,750. There are 13 students with 2013-14 escheats.
- SNAPLE projections for 2016-17 totaled \$541,000. 2015-16 payment run yielded \$226,959 in payments to qualified participants. Staff continue working on confirming service requirements and making payments to SNAPLE program participants. Payments have been processed once the verification of employment is received.
- Increased communication with the University of California Office of the President and GEAR-UP staff. Commission staff consolidated a new team dedicated to processing GEAR-UP awards and improving internal processes.

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- Processed 14 spring semester LEPD payments and one winter quarter payment. We also processed 19 fall semester payments. This is the highest number of students since 1998.

### ❖ California Cash for College

- More than 900 Cash for College Workshops were registered throughout California (conducted between January 5 and March 2, 2016). Cash for College workshops will assist a projected 70,000 low-income and first generation students to complete the FAFSA, CA Dream Act, and Chafee Applications.
- Cash for College RCOs hosted a variety of outreach events in their regions to promote Workshops that started in January 2016.
- Commission staff continue working with Cash for College RCOs, and internal staff to build system requirements for a new Cash for College portal.
- The Cash for College Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly to discuss this year's interim workshop registration process, to share best practices, and to collaborate on system needs for the new program portal
- For the fifth year, Cash for College will also participate in the Feria Steps to College event scheduled for February 6, 2016, in partnership with the General Consulate of Mexico in Sacramento. This event reaches hundreds of low-income senior year students.

### **STRATEGIC POLICY, MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION (SPMCD)**

#### ❖ Strategic Policy Update

- With the commencement of the second year of the 2015-16 legislative session on January 4, 2016, CSAC legislative staff continues to meet with members of the Legislature (Assembly and Senate) and their staff. Additionally, staff continues to provide preliminary data related to policy and fiscal committee requests. Interest in the Cal Grant program is strong especially as it relates to competitive Cal Grants, reform of Cal Grant C, and the Transfer Entitlement program. Last year the competitive Cal Grant was increased by 3,250 awards-the first increase in over a decade. To date, there are at least four draft legislative proposals seeking to increase the competitive Cal Grant award amount. As we move closer to the bill deadline we will continue to provide updates on those proposals.
- As it relates to legislation, several two-year bills have been heard, and one passed out of its first policy committee:
  - SB 1449 (Lopez) – Would allow students who have not earned a high school diploma or GED and were California residents at the time of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to be eligible for the Transfer Entitlement Grant. Passed out of the Assembly Higher Education and headed to the Appropriations Committee.

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- Strong indications suggest that Assembly Higher Education Chair, Jose Medina will reintroduce legislation to assist students affected by the closure of the Heald Colleges. Last year the Commission took a support position on AB 573 (Medina), legislation that would, in part, renew the Cal Grant eligibility of selected students that attended Heald.
- Legislative staff also accompanied Chair Geiogue and Executive Director Lupita Alcala on individual meetings with Senate Education Chair, Carol Liu, Assembly Higher Education Chair, Jose Medina, and Governor Brown's Higher Education staffers Lark Park and Amy Costa. Additional meetings with Senate and Assembly leadership have been scheduled including meetings with the Budget Sub-Committee Chairs in the Senate and Assembly.
- Finally CSAC legislative staff continue to prepare its annual report on legislation for Commission support in the second year of the 2015-16 legislative session. The statutory deadline for bills to be introduced is February 19, 2016.

### ❖ **Media and Communications Update**

#### Executive Office

- The "Text FAFSA" campaign between the Get Schooled Foundation, AT&T and the Commission for the 2016-17 financial aid application season is underway. More than 30 financial aid administrators, high school counselors and Cal SOAP staff have been trained in using the technology. The training has also been offered to CSAC staff.
- Preparing for 2016 "Cal Grants Day" with KCRA-TV Channel 3.
- Prepared updated CSAC website framework, awaiting update from IT.

#### Community Relations

- Presented to District Office legislative staff in Los Angeles County.
- Presented to members of the community in Riverside County on behalf of Assembly member Jose Medina, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee.
- Presented to the Harmony Project students and parents in English and Spanish during the family night in Hollywood.
- Presented to the Los Angeles City Housing Authority regarding providing FAFSA completion and Cal Grant information training to their Community Education Partners (CEP) comprised of Big Brothers, Big Sisters, the Los Angeles Police Department Employee's Association, Promise Kids, and others. The group has secured the e-Bus to reach the residents of public housing to increase financial awards for higher education.

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## Campus Collaborations

- The First in the World Grant partnership with the University of Southern California (USC) is proceeding with positive results. USC accepted the commission's recommendation for inclusion of UC Merced as a data collection and research partner. According to reports, California is the only state with a gaming-based research design and the U.S. Department of Education sees the success of our project as setting the tone for a national dialogue about using role-playing games to engage low-income and first-generation students in the college access and financial aid access. Project high schools have been selected: Sacramento, San Diego, and Long Beach Cal-SOAPs have received funding as a result of this grant.
- Travis Federal Credit Union "Cal Grant Day" college fair with California State University, Maritime.

## Legislative Collaborations

- The Commission is participating in the Joint Rules Committee's statewide presentations to promote Cash for College Workshops.

## Federal Agency Collaborations

- The Commission is working with the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans and the University of California at Davis to prepare a Summit at the UC Davis campus in the spring of 2016.
- The Selective Service System partnership has resulted in the successful California Dream Act registration matching project and as of January 1, 2016, young men receiving a driver's license may "opt-in" to automatically register at the DMV.

## State Agency Collaborations

- Working with the State Treasurer's staff regarding the California College Access Tax Credit Fund (CATCF). The two are working together to develop communications and marketing strategies for 2015 – 2018. We have successfully developed a College Access Tax Credit Fund mobile app. We conducted informational briefings to numerous media outlets.

## Nonprofit Organization Collaborations

- Attending the KtoCollege advisory board meeting.
- Meeting with WestEd, a non-profit organization that is engaging in the Green360 campaign to introduce more students to careers in green industries. Through a grant from the Public Utilities Commission and Pacific Gas and Electric, Green360 has developed a website called "Career Catalyst" that allows students to explore apprenticeships, internships, vocational, career and technical education pathways.

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## Continuing:

- The Get Schooled Foundation
- The Get Schooled Foundation, Univision, AT&T Initiative
- KtoCollege
- National College Resources Foundation
- California Association of African American Educators
- United Black Student Unions of California
- Mexican Consulate of Sacramento

## Media Interviews

- *Los Angeles Times* - FAFSA Completion
- *KPCC Radio* - Cash for College Workshops

## Social Media

- Posted the #ReachHigher campaign Better Make Room video on the YouTube and Vimeo Channels
- The Brookings Institute is now following the Commission on Twitter.
- The majority of followers are between ages 25-34.

## Twitter: 1,643 followers

- *Highest Impressions:* “#HarmonyProject #CalGrants @HarmonyProject @castudentaid working for students” (1,340)
- *Most Engagement:* “Look who’s here in LA @GarciaVasquezJ” (37)

## Facebook: 1,548 likes

- *Best Reach:* “Great News for Students: University of California pushes back deadline for transfer students”
- *Best Engagement:* “Find your nearest @FAFSA assistance location...”
- *Most Likes/Comments/Shares:* “Find your nearest @FAFSA assistance location...”

## **LEGAL & AUDIT SERVICES DIVISION (LASD)**

### ❖ **Program Compliance**

#### Cohort Default Rate Audits

The program compliance auditors have been performing fiscal audits of all institutions that were determined to be ineligible to participate in the Cal Grant Program as a result of failing to meet the cohort default rate and/or graduation rate thresholds found in Education Code section 9432.7(l). For the 2014-15 fiscal year, there were 44 audits completed, which resulted in \$181,768.35 being returned to the Commission and an additional \$9,842.00 in institutional liability that resulted from two institutions that failed to appropriately reconcile

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Cal Grant funds. For the 2015-16 fiscal year, there are 33 audits in process. Of these, 14 audits have closed resulting with \$3.39 in financial liability arising from the audit findings.

### Full Field Audits

The program compliance auditors are also performing full field audits of Cal Grant participating institutions. For the 2014-15 fiscal year, there were 10 closed audits which resulted in \$12,606.23 being returned to the Commission and an additional \$3,029.00 in institutional liability that resulted from three institutions that failed to appropriately reconcile Cal Grant funds. For the 2015-16 fiscal year, there are 24 audits in process. Nine of these audits have closed, resulting in \$39,181.00 being returned to the Commission.

### Ad Hoc Audits

In addition to the normal audit schedule, the auditors were involved with several ad hoc issues that have arisen. The first unscheduled item involved the reconciliation of the Heald College 2015 Spring term payments necessitated by the Commission's action to terminate Heald College's participation in the Cal Grant program. This item was completed, and students received their disbursements in late June 2015.

The second ad hoc item involved an audit of the Los Angeles Cal-SOAP project. This audit is currently in process. The draft report for the 2013-14 contract year was issued on January 8, 2016. The response of the Los Angeles Cal-SOAP project is due February 26, 2016.

### ❖ **Internal Audits**

The Financial Integrity and State Manager's Accountability Act of 1983 (FISMA) was recently modified and updated through legislative action and is now known as the State Leadership Accountability Act (SLAA). The Commission's Internal Auditor attended focus group meetings and facilitated the Commission's transition to the new SLAA reporting system.

As part of the SLAA process, the Commission's staff was invited to participate in a confidential risk assessment survey. Approximately 40 staff submitted the survey, which asked staff to identify and rank risks. The results of the survey were shared with Commission managers and discussed. The top five risks were thereafter shared with Senior Management. The top three risks were included in the Commission's SLAA report which, along with the required first SLAA Corrective Action Plan, were timely submitted to the Department of Finance in December 31, 2015. The Department of Finance will review the SLAA submission and inform us of whether the reports are acceptable as-is or whether additional information is being requested.

## **ADMINISTRATION & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION (AEAD)**

### ❖ **Administration**

- CSAC Administrative staff continue to interface and attend training with the on the Financial Information System for California (Fi\$Cal) transformation. Staff attend in-

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person trainings and webinars and conduct in-house trainings to prepare for CSAC's assigned Wave 4 implementation of Fi\$Cal which will occur in July 2017. The Budget Hyperion system will go live in July 2016.

- Training in January is related to Purchasing, Contracts, Grants Management, Project Costing, Asset Management, Cash Management, Labor Distribution, General Ledger and Commitments Control.
- Staff has provided the Fi\$Cal IT requirements and specifications needed for CSAC's departmental change-over to implement Fi\$Cal. Staff has begun discussions with the IT Division to assess CSAC IT needs mandated to ensure the Hyperion and Wave 4 transition can occur. Planning and timelines will be established for configuration and interfacing the project.

### ❖ Budgets

- Upon publication of the 2016-17 Governor's Proposed Budget, Supplementary Schedules spending plan are required for Operating Expense, Federal Funds/Reimbursements, and Equipment conforming to the final Governor's budget. Staff has submitted this information to the Department of Finance (DOF). DOF will provide these documents to the Legislative Analyst's Office and the legislative fiscal committees.
- Staff are currently reconciling the following CSAC budget documents to the 2016-17 Governor's Proposed Budget.
  - Local Assistance and State Operations
  - Budget Act Appropriation
  - Baseline Budget
  - Galley
- The annual Local Assistance cash flow drill was submitted to DOF in December 2015.
- CSAC Fi\$Cal Super Users and Liaisons were reported to DOF. DOF will work with CSAC budget staff related to changes in budgeting mechanics and use of the Hyperion interface.

### ❖ Accounting

- Accounting has submitted the Accounts Receivable (AR) Workbook to the State Controller's Office for reporting Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15. The Accounts Receivable report includes dollar amounts of all ARs established and collected for employee payroll, overpayment, and unused Cal-Grants funds from private institutions.
- Accounting staff continue to develop a travel resource, including reimbursement rules and travel tips, to be maintained on the CSAC intranet.
- Staff are attending all required Fi\$Cal training in preparation for the Wave 4.

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## ❖ Research

- Staff continues to provide data and fiscal information to DOF, the Legislative Analyst Office, the Commission and the Legislature on bill cost and population estimates.
- Staff continues to provide research and forecasting support for other data requests.
- Staff prepared the 2016-17 Cal Grant School list posted on the CSAC website on January 4, 2016.

Date Released	Number of Schools		
	Eligible*	Ineligible	Total
1/4/2016	339	6	345

\*Eligible includes 28 schools pending receipt and approval of updated documents.

## ❖ Facilities & Business Services

- Business Services staff are fulfilling Cash for College (CFC) and non-CFC orders for materials for Financial Aid Workshops. Fund Your Future Magazines (FYF), CFC Folders, workshop T-Shirts, and Cal Grant Post Cards are being shipped out through the CSAC on-site mail center.
- Staff, in co-operation with Information Technology staff, are engaged in an audit of CSAC IT Inventory for the change-over to Fi\$Cal. All CSAC property will be downloaded into a centralized purchasing system for the “procurement” portion of the Fi\$Cal transformation project.
- We are currently waiting on quotes to upgrade the CSAC Fire Suppression system, in order to complete the DGS authorization request.
- Staff has begun work on updating the 2016 CSAC Purchasing and Procedure manual.

## ❖ Personnel

- The California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) released the CalCareer Account and implementation of Phase 3A for the Examination and Certification Online System (ECOS) Project on January 4, 2016. The implementation will require a transition period beginning on December 31, 2015 and is divided into 3 stages which may impact the posting of positions for recruitment purposes and access to exam lists until full implementation January 15, 2016. CSAC Personnel will ensure all lists or position postings are accommodated by planning ahead and working with CalHR if an emergency arises. Personnel staff will also attend the workshop provided by CalHR to thoroughly learn and implement the new system.
- CSAC is in compliance with CalHR and Government Code 19995.4 and 12950.1 requirements to provide all managers with 80 hours of supervisor training, and Sexual Harassment Prevention training every 24 months. New supervisors that have not attended either training are scheduled during the on-boarding process.

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- As of November 1, 2015 to the present, we've processed employees as either new hires or separations (transferring to another state agency, retiring or leaving state service).

Division	New Hires	Separations
Information Technology Services	1	2
Program Administration & Services	1	1
Administration & External Affairs	2	0
Legal & Audit Services	0	0
Strategic Policy, Media & Communications	0	1
Executive	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

- The revised internal hiring process has been implemented agency-wide. Personnel has provided classroom training to all supervisors and managers on the new procedures and is available to confer and provide consultative services as needed.
- As of December 31, 2015, CSAC is in compliance with CalHR Rule 599.798, which mandates the annual evaluation of employees following the end of the employees' probation period. All annual evaluations have been received and are now on file in the Personnel office.

### COMMISSION ACTIONS UPDATE

Below is an update of the actions taken by the Commission at its November 4-6, 2015 meeting.

	ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION	STATUS UPDATE
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Selection of Executive Director</b></p> <p>At the November 4, 2015 Closed Session, the Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Lupita Cortez Alcalá as the new Executive Director, effective January 1, 2016.</p> <p><i>In Favor: Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Beltran, Doud, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Maxie, McDowell, Moore, Sawyer, Scott, Solorio and Geiogque</i></p>	<p>At the Commission's January 14, 2016 teleconference meeting, General Counsel Keri Tippins announced for the record that the Commission took action during its November 4<sup>th</sup> Closed Session to appoint Ms. Cortez Alcalá to the office of Executive Director.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Commission Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p>At its November 5, 2015 meeting, the Commission approved the minutes of the September 17-18, 2015 as presented.</p> <p><i>In Favor: Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Beltran, Doud, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Maxie, McDowell, Moore, Sawyer, Scott, Solorio and Geiogque</i></p>	<p>The Commission Secretary has signed the minutes.</p>

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	ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION	STATUS UPDATE
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Election of Commission Officers</b></p> <p>On November 5, 2015, the Commission conducted its annual election of officers and unanimously approved the following nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hal Geiogoue, Chair  <i>In Favor: Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Beltran, Doud, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Maxie, McDowell, Moore, Sawyer, Scott, Solorio and Geiogoue</i></li> <li>• Lande Ajose, Vice Chair  <i>In Favor: Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Beltran, Doud, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Maxie, McDowell, Moore, Sawyer, Scott, Solorio and Geiogoue</i></li> <li>• Jacqueline Doud, Secretary  <i>In Favor: Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Beltran, Doud, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Maxie, McDowell, Moore, Sawyer, Scott, Solorio and Geiogoue</i></li> </ul>	<p>No further action needed.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Contracts over \$100,000</b></p> <p>On November 5<sup>th</sup>, the Commission authorized staff to enter into a contract for up to \$213,800 with an appropriate vendor to perform a security risk assessment.</p> <p><i>In Favor: Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Beltran, Doud, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Maxie, McDowell, Moore, Sawyer, Scott, Solorio and Geiogoue</i></p>	<p>Anvaya Solutions was selected, and is on track to complete the final milestone by March 18<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>2016-17 Budget Change Proposal (BCP)</b></p> <p>At its November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commission considered an additional BCP for fiscal year 2016-17. It approved the Customer Assistance and Processing Unit and Institutional Support Unit BCP for submittal to the Department of Finance.</p> <p><i>In Favor: Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Foresti, Solorio and Geiogoue; Opposed: Commissioner Graves; Abstained: Commissioners Le Grande, Maxie, Moore and Sawyer; Absent: Commissioners Beltran, Doud, McDowell and Scott</i></p>	<p>The BCP was submitted to the Department of Finance. However, as reported at the January 14<sup>th</sup> Commission teleconference meeting, Governor Brown did not include the Commission's BCPs in his 2016-17 Budget. Discussions between CSAC staff and the Department of Finance continue.</p>

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<b>6</b>	<p><b>Draft Report on the Commission’s Public Hearing in November 2014: A Symposium on Student Debt in California</b></p> <p>On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Commission approved the draft report on the Commission’s Public Hearing in November 2014: A Symposium on Student Debt in California.</p> <p><i><b>In Favor:</b> Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Maxie, Moore, Sawyer, Solorio and Geiogue</i>  <i><b>Absent:</b> Commissioners Beltran, Doud, McDowell and Scott</i></p>	<p>A special webpage has been dedicated to the Symposium on Student Debt in California and includes the Commission report along with the speakers’ testimony and presentation materials at <a href="http://www.csac.ca.gov/student-debt-symposium.asp">http://www.csac.ca.gov/student-debt-symposium.asp</a>.</p> <p>The Commission report can be accessed at: <a href="http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/student_debt_report.pdf">http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/student_debt_report.pdf</a>.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>2016 Commission Meeting Calendar</b></p> <p>On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the Commission adopted the proposed 2016 calendar of meetings, with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change January 15, 2016 to January 14, 2016; and</li> <li>• Change September 8-9, 2016 to September 15-16, 2016.</li> </ul> <p><i><b>In Favor:</b> Commissioners Ajose, Anton, Foresti, Graves, Le Grande, Maxie, Moore, Sawyer, Solorio and Geiogue</i>  <i><b>Absent:</b> Commissioners Beltran, Doud, McDowell and Scott</i></p>	<p>The approved 2016 Commission Meeting Calendar has been posted to the Commission website.</p>