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Action/Information Item

Fiscal Policy and Long-Range Planning Committee

Approval of the June 28, 2005 Minutes

Recommended Action: The Committee is asked to approve the minutes.

**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
FISCAL POLICY AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
June 28, 2005**

A meeting of the California Student Aid Commission's Fiscal Policy and Long-Range Planning (Fiscal) Committee was convened at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at the EDFUND Boardroom, 3300 Zinfandel Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA.

Fiscal Committee Members Present:

Josefina Baltodano, Chair
Sally Furay
Adele Levine
James Sandoval

Other Commissioners Present:

David Roth, Chair
Maria Elena Serna, Vice Chair
Rory Diamond
Michele Dyke
James Fousekis
Dean Johnston
Charles Moore

The Commission operated as a Committee of the Whole during the Fiscal Committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 2.1 – APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 14, 2005 AND APRIL 28, 2005 MINUTES

On **MOTION** by Commissioner Levine, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Commission approved the minutes of the April 14, 2005 and April 28, 2005 meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 2.2 – APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

On **MOTION** by Commissioner Furay, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the TEALE Data Center for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$660,000.

On **MOTION** by Commissioner Levine, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the California Department of Justice for the period August 30, 2005 through August 29, 2006 in the amount of \$160,000.

On **MOTION** by Commissioner Furay, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to execute contracts with the Cal SOAP consortia for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, for a total amount of \$8,567,000.

AGENDA ITEM 2.3 – 2005-06 BUDGET UPDATE

Janet McDuffie, Chief of Management Services reported on the following items as proposed for the Commission's 2005-06 budget:

State Operations:

1. \$150,000 for the equivalent of 3.5 two-year limited-term temporary help positions to support the Program Administration and Services Division Call Center.
2. \$100,000 for one position to support the implementation and administration of the State Nursing APLE program.
3. \$0 for the Grant Delivery System enhancements. While Commission staff did submit a timely request, the Department of Finance did not give approval until the May Revise. The Legislative Budget Committees took exception to the lateness of the request from the Administration. Although the Senate Budget Committee Chair Scott agreed that the request had merit, he felt there was no urgency requiring immediate approval of the request for the 2005-06 budget, but would consider it for the 2006-07 budget.
4. \$0 for the National Guard APLE Program

Local Assistance:

1. Full funding provided for the Cal Grant Program, except for maintaining the maximum award at non-public institutions at the current rate of \$8,322. Included in the proposed budget was the use of \$51 million from the Student Loan Operating Fund for the Cal Grant Program.
2. The number of APLE awards to be increased by 300 in support of the Governor's initiative to increase science and math teachers.
3. Authorization for the issuance of 100 new State Nursing APLE awards to increase the number of nursing faculty of post-secondary institutions.

The Fiscal Committee adjourned the open session.

Pursuant to the California Government Code §11126(a)(1) and §11126-3(f), the Committee met in closed session to discuss matters of a proprietary nature. The Fiscal Committee then reconvened the open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as part of Agenda Item 2.4 – Update on the Performance Review of EDFUND.

AGENDA ITEM 2.4 –UPDATE ON THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF EDFUND

On **MOTION** by Commissioner Levine, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Commission took the following actions:

1. Adopted the California Student Aid Commission's Performance Review of EDFUND with amendments discussed during the closed session;
2. Declared the 2004 Performance Review Process complete; and,
3. Reaffirmed the Commission's belief that EDFUND is operating substantially in accordance with the Commission's expectations of its auxiliary.

Chair Roth thanked everyone who worked on the report and indicated that the report would be widely disseminated to the Legislature and the financial aid community along with a cover letter signed by him.

The meeting of the Fiscal Policy and Long-Range Planning Committee was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Josefina Baltodano, Chair