

Minutes

Action Item

Approval of minutes of April 16, 2015

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CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION LEGISLATIVE, AUDIT & BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2015

A meeting of the California Student Aid Commission's Legislative, Audit & Budget (LAB) Committee was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the Commission's Board Room located at 11040 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova, California.

Committee Chair Jamillah Moore called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m.

The following Committee Members were present:

Jamillah Moore, Chair
Jack Scott, Vice Chair
Lande Ajose
Brian Conley
Jessica Foresti
John McDowell, Jr.
Hal Geiogue, Ex Officio

The following Committee Members were absent:

Jacqueline Doud

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair Moore asked for public comment and, hearing none, proceeded to the next agenda item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2015

MOVED (Conley), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** unanimously, the Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of February 19, 2015 as presented.

***In Favor:** Committee Members Ajose, Conley, Foresti, McDowell, Scott and Moore*

***Absent:** Committee Member Doud*

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UPDATE ON STATE BUDGET

Mr. Brandon Biegert, Senior Policy Analyst in the Strategic Policy, Media & Communications Division, reported that the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance met on March 18, 2015 and took actions consistent with the Commission's support positions.

UPDATE ON STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION AFFECTING COMMISSION PROGRAMS

Dr. Angelo Williams, Legislative Director, provided an overview of the state legislative bills that affect the Commission programs. Some discussion ensued.

Mr. Greg Gollihur with the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) commented on Assembly Bill (AB) 831 (Bonilla): Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program. He expressed concerns that the bill would reduce the maximum grant for students attending Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accredited for-profit schools to the level in the Governor's Budget.

MOVED (McDowell), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** unanimously, the Committee **APPROVED** the slate of state legislative bill positions as agreed upon at the April 9, 2015 meeting and presented in the "Updated Exhibit 20.1," excluding Senate Bill (SB) 15 (Block): Postsecondary Education: Aid: Incentive Grants.

In Favor: Committee Members Ajose, Conley, Foresti, McDowell, Scott and Moore

Absent: Committee Member Doud

MOVED (Conley), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Committee **APPROVED**, by Roll Call Vote, a WATCH position on SB 15 (Block) - Postsecondary Education: Aid: Incentive Grants.

In Favor: Committee Members Conley, McDowell and Moore

Opposed: Committee Member Foresti

Abstained: Committee Member Ajose and Scott

Absent: Committee Member Doud

There was some discussion about supporting only the portion of SB 15 (Block) that is consistent with the Commission's priorities.

MOVED (Scott), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** unanimously, the Committee **APPROVED**, by Roll Call Vote, to bifurcate its position on SB 15 (Block) Postsecondary Education: Aid: Incentive Grants as follows:

- A. SUPPORT IN CONCEPT the portion of the bill that 1) increases the total number of Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards granted annually from 22,500 to 30,000; and 2) increases the maximum tuition award amount for Cal Grant A and B for students at private non-profit postsecondary educational institutions to \$9,084 for the 2015-16 award year; and
- B. WATCH the remainder of the bill.

In Favor: Committee Members Ajose, Conley, Foresti, McDowell, Scott and Moore

Absent: Committee Member Doud

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UPDATE ON THE GRANT DELIVERY SYSTEM MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Ms. Janet McDuffie, Chief of the Administration & External Affairs Division, presented the 2015-16 Project Schedule which provides an overview of the progress made and key deliverables of the Grant Delivery System (GDS) Modernization Project. Ms. McDuffie also reported that staff is preparing to consult with external stakeholders in the near future, but additional information and analysis is needed first. Lastly, she introduced Ms. Tracy Howard, the new Chief Information Officer, who provided some background information on her past experience.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee may discuss the following topic at the June meeting:

- Role in Federal Student Aid Legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the Legislative, Audit & Budget Committee was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

JAMILLAH MOORE
COMMITTEE CHAIR