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Action Item

Student Impact Committee

Consent calendar

Recommended Action: Approve the consent calendar, including:

- a. Approval of minutes of June 1, 2012, and August 22, 2012

Responsible Person(s): Keith Yamanaka
Chief Deputy Director

**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
STUDENT IMPACT COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES**

June 1, 2012

A teleconference meeting of the California Student Aid Commission's Student Impact Committee was held on Friday, June 1, 2012 at Commission Headquarters, Executive Conference Room, located at 10834 International Drive in Rancho Cordova, California and the various locations listed on the corrected meeting notice dated May 23, 2012.

Committee Chair Johnny Garcia Vasquez called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m.

The following Committee Members were present:

Johnny Garcia Vasquez, Chair
Michele Siqueiros
Fred Wood

The following Committee Member was absent:

Brian Conley

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair Garcia Vasquez called for public comment and, hearing none, proceeded to the next item.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY STUDENT IMPACT COMMITTEE (Information/Action)

Ms. Lori Nezhura, Legislative Director, presented an overview of the two major issues recommended by Committee Chair Garcia Vasquez for the Committee's consideration: 1) tuition and fee increases; and 2) proposed cuts to state student financial aid. *[Additional information may be found in the June 1, 2012 agenda materials.]*

There was some public comment. Mr. Jonathan Stein, Student Regent for the University of California, commented on the importance of the Cal Grant program to financially needy students and expressed concern over the Governor's proposal to decouple the Cal Grant award from student tuition and fees. Mr. Rich Copenhagen, Student Senate for California Community Colleges, reported on the community college segment's concern about the Governor's proposals to increase the Cal Grant Program's Grade Point Average requirement, to decouple the Cal Grant from student fees, and to align the Cal Grant with the Pell Grant.

Further discussion ensued about the potential impact of the Governor's Cal Grant proposals on students, such as increased debt burden, inability to transfer to a four-year university or continue their education, poor living situations, and poor academic performance due to economic hardship. The Committee discussed possible next steps.

On **MOTION** by Commissioner Siqueiros, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Commission **APPROVED**, by Roll Call Vote, to direct Commission staff to provide historical context around financial aid policy in California, including innovative practices happening in other states so that the Commission can have a more detailed conversation about potential policy directions on which the Student Impact Committee would want to advise the fuller Commission.

IN FAVOR: Commissioners Siqueiros, Wood and Garcia Vasquez

ABSENT: Commissioner Conley

AGENDA ITEM 2 – CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE GOALS, PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULING (Information/Action)

The Committee discussed scheduling one or two meetings to be held prior to the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting in September so that members can consider the staff's report on financial aid.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – NEW BUSINESS (Information)

The Committee had no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the Student Impact Committee was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

JOHNNY GARCIA VASQUEZ
CHAIR

**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
STUDENT IMPACT COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE
PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING MINUTES**

August 22, 2012

A teleconference public hearing and meeting of the California Student Aid Commission's Student Impact Committee was held on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Boulevard, Room LRC (Learning Resource Center) 105, 1st Floor, Sacramento, California.

PUBLIC HEARING

Committee Chair Johnny Garcia Vasquez called the public hearing to order at 1:03 p.m.

The following Committee Members were present:

Johnny Garcia Vasquez, Chair
Brian Conley
Michele Siqueiros

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair Garcia Vasquez called for public comment on items not on the agenda and, hearing none, proceeded to the next item.

CHAIR'S STATEMENT

Committee Chair Garcia Vasquez discussed the importance of Senate Bill (SB) 70, emphasizing that it addresses the information gap experienced by students struggling to make decisions about college by requiring institutions that participate in the Cal Grant program to provide the Commission with data on enrollment, persistence, graduation rates, job placement and starting salaries.

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – PUBLIC HEARING ON RUELEMAKING FILE Z2012-0626-04
(Information)**

Ms. Catalina Mistler, Chief of the Program Administration & Services Division, provided an overview of the Commission's process of seeking input from stakeholders and developing draft regulations.

Ms. Keri Tippins, General Counsel and Chief of the Legal & Audit Services Division, summarized the State's regulatory process and provided a high-level overview of the regulations. Ms. Tippins noted that Commission staff's goal in creating the regulations was to provide further definition of the terms contained in the statutory language and to provide context on who is being reported in any given year. Discussion ensued regarding the collection of job placement data and part-time student data.

The following members of the public provided comments about the proposed SB 70 regulations:

- Ms. Linda Williams, Financial Aid Director, Sierra College;
- Ms. Rhonda Mohr, Specialist, Student Financial Assistance Programs, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO);
- Mr. Craig Yamamoto, Vice President of State Issues, California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA);
- Ms. Rhonda Johnson, Executive Director of Financial Aid, California State University, East Bay;
- Ms. Margie Carrington, President-Elect, California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA);
- Ms. Mary Gill, a higher education consultant;
- Mr. Dean Kulju, Financial Aid Director, California State University Chancellor's Office;
- Mr. David Alcocer, Interim Director, Student Financial Support, University of California Office of the President; and
- Mr. Tim Bonnel, Student Financial Assistance Programs Coordinator, CCCCCO.

Some concerns raised include:

- Transparency within the consultation process;
- Proposed regulatory changes vs. the scope of the statutory requirements;
- Consequences of noncompliance;
- Estimated costs and duplication of data reporting;
- Challenges in reporting full- and part-time students, satisfactory academic progress (SAP), salary and job placement, and Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes; and
- Other resources of college information, such as College Navigator.

Mr. Ron Harden, President of Epic Bible College, commented on the cohort default rate Cal Grant eligibility requirement.

Some additional discussion ensued regarding persistence data and privacy issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further public comment, Committee Chair Garcia Vasquez adjourned the public hearing of the Student Impact Committee at 3:37 p.m.

MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Johnny Garcia Vasquez called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

The following Committee Members were present:

Johnny Garcia Vasquez, Chair
Brian Conley
Michele Siqueiros

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – DISCUSSION OF THE HISTORY OF FINANCIAL AID IN CALIFORNIA
(Information)**

Ms. Janet McDuffie, Chief of the Administration & External Affairs Division, provided a high-level overview of the history of financial aid in California.

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – DISCUSSION OF STATE-FUNDED FINANCIAL AID IN OTHER STATES
(Information)**

Ms. Lori Nezhura, Legislative Director, provided a summary of major state-funded student financial aid programs in the nation. Some discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – NEW BUSINESS (Information)

The Committee may consider the following topics at future meetings:

- Accountability and transparency at the institutions;
- Tuition and fee setting policy; and
- Student loan debt in California.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the Student Impact Committee was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

JOHNNY GARCIA VASQUEZ
CHAIR