

Minutes

Action Item

Approval of minutes of April 16, 2015

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CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION STRATEGIC POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2015

A meeting of the California Student Aid Commission's Strategic Policy and Planning Committee was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the Commission's Board Room located at 11040 White Rock Road in Rancho Cordova, California.

Committee Chair Nancy Anton called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

The following Committee Members were present:

Nancy Anton, Chair
Jose Solorio, Vice Chair
Devon Graves
Harry Le Grande
Michael Marion, Jr.
Jack Scott
Hal Geiogue, Ex Officio

The following Committee Member was absent:

Jacqueline Doud

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2015

MOVED (Graves), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Committee **APPROVED**, by Unanimous Consent, the minutes of February 19, 2015, as presented.

***In Favor:** Committee Members Graves, Marion, Scott and Anton*

***Absent:** Committee Members Doud, Le Grande and Solorio*

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CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO COMMITTEE CHARTER

The Committee **ADOPTED**, by Unanimous Consent, the proposed changes to the Committee Charter.

In Favor: Committee Members Graves, Marion, Scott and Anton

Absent: Committee Members Doud, Le Grande and Solorio

CONSIDERATION OF UPDATING THE 2013 STRATEGIC POLICY FRAMEWORK AND 2014 POLICY PRIORITIES

The Committee **ADOPTED**, by Unanimous Consent, the strategic policy framework and policy priorities as presented without changes.

In Favor: Committee Members Graves, Marion, Scott and Anton

Absent: Committee Members Doud, Le Grande and Solorio

UPDATE ON COMPETITIVE CAL GRANT PROGRAM

Ms. Catalina Mistler, Chief of the Program Administration & Services Division, presented an update on the Commission's efforts to attain a 100 percent utilization rate for the Competitive Cal Grant awards. She reported that the Commission is now recycling awards. There was some discussion about the treatment of leaves of absence, the process of deferring Cal Grant awards and an appeal process.

MOVED (Scott), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Committee **ADOPTED** by Unanimous Consent the staff recommendation to authorize staff as follows:

Starting with the 2015-16 academic year,

- (1) Allow only student-initiated deferrals of Competitive Cal Grant awards;
- (2) Implement an appeal process to allow students to revive their withdrawn awards in the current year, if possible, or the next academic year, upon sufficient showing that, among other reasons, their inability to use their awards in the award year was due to circumstances beyond their control; and
- (3) Implement an administrative process that would count deferred awards in the year in which the awards are paid, rather than the year originally awarded.

In Favor: Committee Members Graves, Marion, Scott and Anton

Absent: Committee Members Doud, Le Grande and Solorio

Mr. Matthew La Rocque, Research Analyst, and Ms. Debbie Cochrane, Research Director, at The Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS), presented their recommendations for modeling changes to the Competitive Cal Grant scoring matrix. There was some discussion about point scores for grade point average (GPA), parents' education level, and family income. Ms. Cochrane and Mr. La Rocque also discussed some proposed new scoring measures, and highlighted their breakdowns of disadvantaged students by income, GPA, segment, etc. Concerns were raised about issues related to merit versus financial need, and it was suggested that the Commission look into persistence data.

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Committee Chair Anton indicated that that there would be no Committee action at this time, but the Committee would continue this item on future Committee agendas.

UPDATE ON CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER CAL GRANT ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Tae Kang, Senior Programs Manager, presented a Power Point entitled, "The Transfer Entitlement Program," which provides a description of the Transfer Entitlement requirements and processes. There was some discussion about the Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant Certification Form (G-6) and the issue of California residency. Additional discussion ensued about the need for better coordination between the Commission and the accepting institutions, and improved communication to students taking into account their admissions deadlines.

Mr. Chris Carter, Director of Student Financial Aid Support at the University of California (UC) Office of the President, commented that the UC system has student data and to the extent they are able to share it, they are willing to work with the Commission to increase the number of eligible transfer students.

Committee Chair Anton moved this item to the September meeting agenda, including consideration of whether to suggest to the Commission to pursue any statutory changes.

UPDATE ON THE COMMISSION'S INSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (IPA) PROCESS

Due to time constraints, the Committee agreed by Unanimous Consent to defer this agenda item to the Full Commission meeting.

PRESENTATION ON LOAN ASSUMPTION PROGRAMS

Due to time constraints, the Committee agreed by Unanimous Consent to defer this agenda item to a future Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee had no new business. Committee Chair Anton noted that she would not be able to participate in the June meeting and asked Vice Chair Solorio to facilitate the meeting in her stead.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the Strategic Policy and Planning Committee was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

NANCY ANTON
COMMITTEE CHAIR