

Minutes

Action Item

Approval of minutes of November 5, 2015

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CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION STRATEGIC POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2015

A meeting of the California Student Aid Commission's Strategic Policy and Planning Committee was held on Thursday, November 5, 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 4:16 p.m.

The following Committee Members were present:

Nancy Anton, Chair
Devon Graves
Harry Le Grande
Debra Maxie
Jack Scott
Hal Geiogoue, Ex Officio

The following Committee Members were absent:

Jose Solorio, Vice Chair
Jacqueline Doud

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

MOVED (Le Grande), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** unanimously, the Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of September 17, 2015, as presented.

***In Favor:** Committee Members Graves, Le Grande, Maxie, Scott and Anton*

***Absent:** Committee Members Doud and Solorio*

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UPDATE ON THE COMMISSION'S INSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (IPA) AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC ISSUES

Committee Chair Anton suggested that, in light of the Grant Delivery System (GDS) Modernization Project, the federal changes related to the use of Prior-Prior Year information, and the transition in leadership, the Committee should recommend to the Full Commission to have the current Institutional Participation Agreement (IPA), with required technical changes, continue for one year, and direct staff to continue meeting with the segments to discuss and resolve issues, with the understanding that the regular IPA would not be completed until June 2017.

Ms. Catalina Mistler, Chief of the Program Administration & Services Division, reported that staff would bring the proposed IPA with the technical changes to the February meeting for approval so that staff could send it out as the interim. She clarified that staff will identify all of the technical changes with the stakeholders before presenting them to the Commission.

DISCUSSION AND COMPARISON OF PELL GRANTS AND CAL GRANTS

Mr. Tae Kang, Senior Programs Manager, presented the report on the comparison between the Federal Pell Grant Program and the State Cal Grant Program. Some discussion followed regarding the difference in award amounts between the programs for community college students and University of California students.

Discussion also ensued about the impact of the new federal financial aid application changes on the award notification process. Mr. Keith Yamanaka, Acting Executive Director, explained that staff is examining how the Commission can conform the California Aid Report (CAR) to the federal change that no longer allows institutions to view the complete list of students' school choices.

Ms. Mistler discussed how the Cal Grant award process would be aligned with the Federal process in which the student is placed on the roster of the institution that actually processes the award payment, eliminating those issues leading to non-payment of awards.

Mr. Chris Carter, Director of Student Financial Support at the University of California Office of the President (UCOP), commented that UC campuses still make Cal Grant award estimates because they do not have the final word on whether a student is Cal Grant eligible. In addition, he indicated that institutions have online award estimate calculators for students to utilize. Lastly, Mr. Carter shared some data from one campus showing that 75 percent of its students received an award notice for an institution other than the institute they ultimately attended, which causes some confusion for them.

Ms. Mistler indicated that staff could meet with the segments and stakeholders about these issues and provide an update at the February or April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee will discuss the following item at a future meeting:

- Update on the Cohort Default Rate Ineligible Institutions and the Impact on Students.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the Strategic Policy and Planning Committee was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

NANCY ANTON
COMMITTEE CHAIR