

Minutes

Action Item

Approval of minutes of February 5, 2016

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CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION STRATEGIC POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2016

A meeting of the California Student Aid Commission's Strategic Policy and Planning Committee was held on Thursday, February 5, 2016 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 10:25 a.m.

The following Committee Members were present:

Nancy Anton, Chair
Jose Solorio, Vice Chair
Jacqueline Doud
Debra Maxie
Jack Scott
Hal Geiogoue, Ex Officio

The following Committee Members were absent:

Devon Graves
Harry Le Grande

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 NOVEMBER 5, 2015 (ACTION)

MOVED (Solorio), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** unanimously, the Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of November 5, 2015, as presented.

***In Favor:** Committee Members Doud, Maxie, Scott, Solorio and Anton*

***Absent:** Committee Members Graves and Le Grande*

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CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERIM INSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR 2016-17 (ACTION)

Committee Chair Anton presented this item, reminding the Committee of its prior discussion and action to continue the existing Institutional Participation Agreement (IPA) for one year, with agreed upon technical changes, direct staff to continue to work with the segments to resolve issues, with the understanding that a new IPA would be ready by June 2017. She reported that an interim IPA is provided with the agreed upon technical changes.

MOVED (Doud), **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** unanimously, the Committee **APPROVED** the interim Institutional Participation Agreement for the period beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

In Favor: Committee Members Doud, Maxie, Scott, Solorio and Anton

Absent: Committee Members Graves and Le Grande

DISCUSSION OF THE HISTORY OF INSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAL GRANT PROGRAM BASED ON COHORT DEFAULT RATE AND GRADUATION RATE (INFORMATION)

Committee Chair Anton provided background information on the implementation of California's minimum requirements for an institution's cohort default rate (CDR) and graduation rate (GR). She also raised questions for the Committee's consideration about the impact on students and their Cal Grant eligibility, school choice and program completion. Some discussion followed about the list of institutions and their history of eligibility status.

Mr. Tae Kang, Senior Programs Manager of the Program Support Services Branch, commented on the number of renewal students impacted by the requirements in the first year of implementation.

Ms. Catalina Mistler, Chief of the Program Administration & Services Division, discussed the process of applying for Cal Grant Program institutional eligibility, and how the earlier deadline for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) would impact the CDR and GR certification process.

Ms. Keri Tippins, General Counsel and Chief of the Legal & Audit Services Division, remarked that the certification deadline changed from October 1 to November 1, but may need to return to October 1 to address the federal changes. Ms. Tippins also discussed how the change in law to decrease the time of ineligibility from two years to one year has led to institutions being eligible one year, ineligible the next, eligible the next year, and so on, which has a major effect on students.

Further discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- Discussion of the alignment of the Cal Grant Program with the four principles recommended in the Education of the States (ECS) report, "Redesigning State Financial Aid: Principles to Guide State Aid Policymaking"

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the Strategic Policy and Planning Committee was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

NANCY ANTON
COMMITTEE CHAIR