

**Information Item**

***GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

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## THE PURPOSE AND MISSION OF THE GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Purpose:** The Commission established the Grant Advisory Committee (GAC) in 1986 to review and provide recommendations to the Commission on major proposed or planned program or policy changes, particularly those relating to the administration of the Cal Grant programs. The GAC typically reviews and comments on reports to the Legislature. In recent years, GAC has served the major function of assisting the Commission with Cal Grant policy issues regarding the implementation of the Cal Grant Entitlement and Competitive programs as enacted by SB1644. In addition, the Commission may ask GAC to review issues and recommend policies that currently under consideration.

**Authority:** The Commission established, based on staff recommendations, that it would be effective and efficient to have a single advisory committee to replace what then were individual committees for nearly every Commission program, including the Cal Grant A, B, and C programs. As such, GAC is chartered by the Commission itself and is not a statutory established committee.

**Membership:** The committee consists of 20 members to include:

- 10 School Representatives (2 from each segment);
- 5 Students (1 from each segment);
- 1 representative from the California Postsecondary Education Commission;
- 1 representative from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
- 3 representatives from K-12 education, including 1 high school counselor;

The Commission reviews applications for and appoints representatives based on recommendations and nominations received from each group listed.