



CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
DATA, RESEARCH, AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2021

1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Marlene L. Garcia (Executive Director)

COMMISSIONER

PRESENT:

Debra Maxie (Chair)
Juanita Doplemore (Vice Chair)
Steve Ngo
Caroline Siegel-Singh

COMMISSIONER

ABSENT:

Charles Nies

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chair Debra Maxie called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda (Information)

There was no public comment.

3. Committee Chair's Oral Report (Information)

Committee Chair Debra Maxie welcomed everyone and the new Commissioners.

4. **Approval of the Data, Research, and Strategic Planning Committee (formerly Strategic Policy and Planning Committee) minutes of December 2, 2020 (Action)**

Commissioner Ngo **moved to approve** the minutes. **Seconded by** Commissioner Doplemore.

In Favor (4): Doplemore, Maxie, Ngo, and Siegel-Singh

Absent (1): Nies

Carried (4 to 0)

The Committee **APPROVED** the SPP Committee minutes of December 2, 2020 virtual meeting.

5. **Update on Student Loan Workgroup (Information)**

Committee Chair Maxie invited Patrick Perry, Deputy Director of the Data, Analysis and Research Team, Martha Snyder, Senior Director for HCM Strategists, Juana Sanchez, Senior Associate for HCM Strategists, and Elizabeth Salinas, Senior Research Associate for HCM Strategists, to present on item 5.

Mr. Perry provided a brief background on the student loan workgroup. He invited Ms. Snyder, Ms. Sanchez, and Ms. Salinas to present an update on the workgroup and its findings.

Highlights included the workgroup purpose, membership participants, meeting frequency and information that has been discussed thus far such as outreach strategies and student borrower protections. Future topics under consideration include, but are not limited to, loan repayment, debt forgiveness and private sector/employer repayment. Public review and input are scheduled for August. Report recommendations are due to the State Legislature and Department of Finance in September 2021.

6. **Update on FAFSA and CADAA submissions (Information)**

Committee Chair Maxie invited Patrick Perry, Deputy Director of the Data, Analysis and Research Team, and Ryan Fuller, Research Specialist, to present on item 6.

Mr. Fuller presented an update on FAFSA and CADAA submissions as of March 2, 2021. Mr. Perry presented a demonstration of the upcoming dashboard to help with FAFSA/CADAA submission tracking.

Commissioners and staff engaged in a discussion.

This dashboard will have multiple cross tabs to disaggregate data in various ways. It promises to be 'user friendly' and available on the CSAC website in the near future.

7. WestEd Report on Cal-SOAP data (Information)

Committee Chair Maxie invited Patrick Perry, Deputy Director of the Data, Analysis and Research Team, Randy Tillery, Director of Postsecondary Pathways and Career Mobility for WestEd, and Rachel Antrobus, Ed.D., Senior Program Associate for WestEd, to present on item 7.

Mr. Perry provided a background and need for Cal-SOAP data. Ms. Antrobus presented on the findings and data partnerships for the Cal-SOAP team and Commission.

The standardized collection and dissemination of data to Cal SOAP programs will bring uniformity to the efforts to better serve students and produce similar outcomes across all programs. This is in direct response to a request from Cal SOAP Directors asking for more guidance and leadership from CSAC.

8. New business to be considered at future meetings (Information/Action)

There was no new business to consider.

9. Adjournment

Committee Chair Maxie adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

DEBRA MAXIE
COMMITTEE CHAIR