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(Information Item)

Statewide student leadership presentation

SUMMARY:

Student leaders from the three statewide student associations representing public higher education students, as well as a representative of the Independent California Colleges Advocate Program (ICCAP) representing students attending private, non-profit institutions, will introduce themselves to the Commission and discuss their organization's priorities for the year.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item; no action is required.

BACKGROUND:

Students at each of California's public segments of higher education are represented by an officially chartered statewide student association. A panel of leaders from the three statewide associations representing students at each of the public higher education will present on their organization's priorities for the upcoming year:

- **Esme Quintero-Cubillan**, President, UC Students Association (UCSA)
- **Krishan Malhotra**, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Cal State Student Association (CSSA)
- **Gerardo Chavez**, President, Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC)

Additionally, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) hosts the Independent California Colleges Advocate Program (ICCAP), a competitive, six-month program attended by a cohort of diverse students from the AICCU member institutions. The ICCAP represents over 380,000 undergraduate and graduate students. **Diana Guardado**, a current Menlo College student, will be representing students at the private, non-profit segment.

The Commission has invited these student leaders so that they can be recognized for their commitment and leadership that was key to the advancement of the Cal Grant Equity Framework throughout 2020-2021. Each student leader will also introduce themselves and discuss their organization's priorities for the year.

RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S):

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