



CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 10, 2022

9:00 am

Virtual Meeting

Marlene L. Garcia (Executive Director)

COMMISSIONER

PRESENT:

Catalina Cifuentes (Chair)
Charles Nies (Vice Chair)
Debra Maxie Secretary
Caroline Alvarez (joined at 9:59 am)
Patrick Day
Juanita Doplemore
Shannon Gary
Hal Geiogoue
Guillermo Mayer
Steve Ngo
Angel Rodriguez
Leonardo Rodriguez (present until 11:28 am)
David Valladolid

COMMISSIONER

ABSENT:

David O'Brien

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Catalina Cifuentes called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of the Commission minutes of December 1, 2021 and January 21, 2022 (Action)

Commissioner Valladolid **moved to approve** the minutes. **Seconded by** Commissioner Maxie.

There was no public comment.

Roll call vote:

In Favor (11): Cifuentes, Day, Doplemore, Geiogoue, Maxie, Mayer, Nies, Ngo, A. Rodriguez, L. Rodriguez, and Valladolid

Abstain (1): Gary

Absent (2): Alvarez and O'Brien

Carried (11 to 0)

The Commission **APPROVED** the minutes of December 2, 2021, and January 21, 2022.

4. Chair's oral report on Commission related issues (Information)

Chair Catalina Cifuentes welcomed and thanked everyone for their commitment to students.

5. Executive Director's report (Information)

Executive Director Marlene Garcia welcomed everyone and introduced the Commission's new Chief Information Officer, Russell (Russ) Watts. Mr. Watts provided a few remarks.

Commissioner Alvarez joined the meeting at 9:59 am.

6. Consideration of institutional appeals for 2022-23 Cal Grant Participation (Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Tae Kang, Deputy Director of the Program and Administrative Services Division, Alessandra Morrison, Assistant Deputy Director of the Program Support Services Branch, and Julia Blair, General Counsel, to present item 6.

Mr. Kang presented for consideration the institutional appeals of three institutions for 2022-23 Cal Grant participation. He summarized the requirements for an institution to participate in the Cal Grant program. Mr. Kang invited the institutions representative to present their appeals.

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

Michael Tocydlowski presented the institution's appeal.

California Jazz Conservatory

Karen Shepherd presented the institution's appeal.

Visible Music College

Ben Rawley presented the institution's appeal.

Commissioner Mayer **moved to approve** staff recommendation to approve the appeals. **Seconded by** Commissioner Doplemore.

There was no public comment.

Roll call vote:

In Favor (12): Cifuentes, Day, Doplemore, Gary, Geiogoue, Maxie, Mayer, Nies, Ngo, A. Rodriguez, L. Rodriguez, and Valladolid

Abstain (1): Alvarez

Absent (1): O'Brien

Carried (12 to 0)

The Commission **APPROVED** staff recommendation to approve 2022-23 Cal Grant Participation appeals for the following institutions:

- Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science's appeal pursuant to CEC Section 69432.7(l)(3)(l)(iv)(II) because the cohort is less than 20 students, and the graduation rate is not representative of the institution's overall graduation performance.
- California Jazz Conservatory's appeal pursuant to CEC Section 69432.7(l)(3)(l)(iv)(II) because the cohort is less than 20 students, and the graduation rate is not representative of the institution's overall graduation performance.
- Visible Music College's appeal pursuant to CEC Section 69432.7(l)(3)(l)(iv)(II) because the cohort is less than 20 students, and the graduation rate is not representative of the institution's overall graduation performance.

7. Presentation on National FAFSA Completion Rates for high school graduates ("Pell Money Left on the Table" Report) (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Bill DeBaun, Director of Data and Evaluation at the National College Attainment Network, and Patrick Perry, Deputy Director of the Data, Analysis, and Research Team, to present item 7.

Mr. Perry provided a brief introduction on Mr. DeBaun and invited him to present on the National FAFSA completion rates for high school graduates.

There was no public comment.

8. Preparation for FAFSA and CADAA new completion requirements (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Terry Artica, Assistant Deputy Director of the Program Administration and Services Division, Michael Lemus, Program Outreach and Marketing Manager, and Tae Kang, Deputy Director of the Program Administration and Services Division, to present item 8.

Mr. Artica presented a brief background on the FAFSA and CADAA completion requirements and the Commission's preparation to meet this requirement. Mr. Lemus presented key outreach efforts related to messaging and social media campaigns.

There was no public comment.

RECESSED FOR LUNCH at 11:43 p.m.

Chair Cifuentes reconvened the meeting at 12:46 p.m. Commissioner Leonardo Rodriguez was absent remaining of the meeting.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

9. Update on Learning Aligned Employment Program (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Tae Kang, Deputy Director of the Program Administration and Services Division, Libby Rafferty, Lead Analyst of the Program Administration and Services Division, and Jake Brymner, Director of Government and External Relations, to present item 9.

Mr. Kang provided a brief background on the Learning Aligned Employment program. He introduced Ms. Rafferty, Lead Analyst over this program, to present an update on the program.

Mr. Brymner presented an update on outreach and engagement efforts.

Public comment provided by the following:

Alex Graves, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities.

10. Update on newly released CalFresh Report (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Executive Director Marlene Garcia to present item 10.

Executive Director Garcia presented an update on the CalFresh Report. Mr. Brymner presented reactions from other stakeholders and plans to collaborate with state and federal partners.

There was no public comment.

11. Report on and consideration of the March 9, 2022, Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee meeting

Committee Chair Charles Nies reported out on the Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee meeting on March 9, 2022.

Public comment provided by the following:

Alex Graves, Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities.

12. Report on and consideration of the March 9, 2022, Student Impact, Outreach and Communications Committee meeting

Committee Chair Angel Rodriguez reported out on the Student Impact, Outreach and Communication Committee meeting on March 9, 2022.

There was no public comment.

13. Report on and consideration of the March 9, 2022, Data, Research, and Strategic Planning Committee meeting

Committee Chair Debra Maxie reported out on the Data, Research and Strategic Planning Committee meeting on March 9, 2022.

There was no public comment.

14. Report on and consideration of the March 9, 2022, Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee meeting

Committee Chair Guillermo Mayer reported that there was nothing to report out on the Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee meeting on March 9, 2022.

There was no public comment.

15. Commission Closed Session (Information/Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Julia Blair, General Counsel, to announce Closed Session.

Ms. Blair announced that the full Commission would meet in Closed Session to discuss and if needed take action on personnel matters pursuant to California Government Code, Section 11126(a).

The Commission went into Closed Session at 2:50 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Chair Cifuentes reconvened Open Session at 3:34 p.m. and announced that there is nothing to report out from the closed session.

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

There was no new business to consider.

17. Adjournment

Commissioner Gary **moved to adjourn** the meeting. **Seconded by** Commissioner Maxie.

Chair Cifuentes adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

CATALINA CIFUENTES
CHAIR