

Item 6

(Information Item)

Update on recommendations and actions from the CalFresh and Undocumented reports

SUMMARY:

This item provides an update on recommendations and actions from the two recent Student Aid Commission (Commission) workgroup reports: [*Access to Proper Nutrition Equals College Success: Making CalFresh Work for Students \(2022\)*](#) and [*Renewing the Dream: Improving Financial Aid & College Affordability for California's Undocumented Students \(2023\)*](#).

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item; no action required.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission has convened two workgroups in the past several years, resulting in comprehensive reports detailing the findings and recommendations. The workgroups focused on two areas: the obstacles faced by college students in accessing food programs, like CalFresh, and creating an equitable and affordable post-secondary education options for California's undocumented students.

The workgroup reports incorporated recommendations to address specific challenges for institutions of higher education, agencies, and state or federal policy. This informational update will summarize recommendations presented in each workgroup report, actions that have been taken in response to the workgroup reports, the status of changes currently in process, and where other related actions have been made in alignment with findings or other concepts presented in the report. Additionally, staff will note any new context created by other external factors that could lead to modification in how report recommendations are approached.

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