
**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**
Teleconference

MINUTES
February 2, 2009

A teleconference meeting of the Grant Advisory Committee was held on Monday, February 2, 2009.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Susan Gutierrez, Chair, CSU
Mary Lindsey, Vice Chair, PI
Kate Jeffery, UC
Chris Shultz, UC (Alternate)
Dean Kulju, CSU
Tim Bonnel, CCC
Karen Micalizio, CCC (Alternate)
Lisa Douglass, AICCU
Catherine Graham, AICCU
Frederick Holland, PI
Judi Sveen, PI
Sally Pace, K-12
Sharon Bowles, HS

STAFF:

Catalina Mistler, Chief, PASD
Steve Caldwell, Manager, PASD
Gloria Falcon, Manager, PPD
Debi Jackson, Manager, Information Technology
Thea Pot-Van Atta, Manager, Student Support
Services
Charles Wood, Program Compliance
Tae Kang, PPD
Lori Nezhura, Governmental Relations
Kathy Spencer, PPD
Kristen Trimarche, PPD

Enrique Murillo, Commission Liaison

AICCU	Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities
CASFAA	California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
CCC	California Community College
CPEC	California Postsecondary Education Commission
CSU	California State University
HS	High School
K-12	Kindergarten – 12 th grade
PASD	Program Administration and Services Division
PI	Proprietary Institution
PPD	Program Policy and Development Branch
UC	University of California

1 Roll Call was taken, a quorum was recognized, and Chair Gutierrez called the meeting
2 to order.

3 **TAB – 1 VETERAN’S EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS WORKGROUP UPDATE AND**
4 **RECOMMENDATION**

5 Workgroup Leader Jeffery began the meeting by outlining the recommendation agreed
6 to by the Veteran’s Educational Benefits workgroup.

7 Members engaged in discussion regarding the VA benefits counseling component. It
8 was suggested that they be broad and not too prescriptive. Workgroup Leader Jeffery inquired
9 which entity would be the best to develop the materials. She suggested the Commission or
10 CASFAA.

11 Chief Mistler questioned if GAC would be asking individual campuses to provide
12 counseling to students and Workgroup Leader Jeffery responded that campuses and anyone
13 who talks to students about the use of Cal Grant, needs to be knowledgeable; however, she
14 went on to question whether including this component was appropriate for the recommendation.

15 Member Graham suggested moving forward with the original recommendation, and
16 when GAC receives feedback back from the Commissioners, then move forward on developing
17 materials to counsel students.

18 The GAC recommended that veteran’s education benefits, for all veteran programs, be
19 ignored in determining Cal Grant Eligibility, both initial and final, starting in 2009-10.

20 In addition, that consideration is given to the following options for changes to the Cal
21 Grant Program that would advantage veterans, taken within the context of the overall State
22 budget:

- 23 • A statutory change: Ensure the fee portion of the Chapter 33 benefits would not
24 reduce a Cal Grant Award;
- 25 • A statutory change: Eligibility for the Entitlement Cal Grant Program be expanded
26 by changing the current eligibility criteria to -

