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State chancellors report progress on simplifying college transfer

Higher education panel also discusses future enrollments

SACRAMENTO — June 7, 2010 — The chancellors of California State University and California Community Colleges will outline their joint effort to improve transfer at the quarterly meeting of the California Postsecondary Education Commission, California's statewide higher education coordinating agency.

At the June 8 meeting, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed and community colleges Chancellor Jack Scott will describe how their systems are working together on a simplified process for students to transfer from community college to earning a degree at CSU.

“The work between leaders of postsecondary education is encouraging. Putting student needs at the forefront by developing a streamlined transfer process reaffirms that higher education attainment is a priority for California,” said Commission Chair John P. Perez. “This work will help ensure that students can achieve their goal of transferring to a university and earning a bachelor's degree.”

A related topic for discussion by the Commission is how California universities can accommodate the growth in enrollment expected over the next decade, not only from transfer but from population changes.

Commission members will vote to adopt a report on projections of enrollment demand and capacity at CSU, UC and the community colleges in the coming decade. The report — *Ready or Not, Here They Come* — shows that enrollment demand is expected to grow from 2.36 million students in fall 2008 to 2.75 million in fall 2019, a 16 percent increase. Enrollment demand is an estimate of the number of students who would enroll in a given year if enrollments were not constrained by state funding or cutbacks in operational and capital costs.

CPEC staff will also present projections of enrollment demand at independent colleges and universities. There are about 80 independent institutions in California and nearly all belong to

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AICCU, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities. These institutions provide students with greater options for higher education.

“This fall, as UC begins the process of placing 10,000 students on waiting lists, and as CSU cuts enrollments by an additional 20,000 students, the role of independent campuses becomes increasingly important,” said CPEC lead researcher Stacy Wilson.

Staff will also present a report comparing the cost of education at UC and CSU with public universities in other states. Despite recent fee increases at UC and CSU due to state budget cuts, fees are still generally lower than fees in other states. But with California’s higher living costs, the overall cost of attendance at UC is higher than at major public research universities in other states. Costs for CSU students living on campus are about the same as at other state universities.

Also at the meeting, recipients of a grant under CPEC’s Improving Teacher Quality program will talk about the Mathematics and Early Grades Project in their local K–12 district. CSU professors, K–2 teachers, and a first-grader will share information on their classroom activities and summer learning academies. CPEC awarded CSU Chico a million-dollar grant in 2007 to build on research showing that effective teaching in the early grades helps to close the achievement gap.

Meeting Highlights

A complete meeting agenda and staff reports are available at www.cpec.ca.gov/agendas/agnd1006.asp.

Tuesday, June 8

10:15 a.m.

CPEC staff report. *Costs of Attending Public Universities*
Comparing the cost of attendance at CSU and UC with public universities in other states.

11 a.m. to noon

Presentation. *CSU Chancellor Charles Reed, Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott*
How the systems are working to simplify the community college–CSU transfer process.

3:15 to 4 p.m.

CPEC staff report. *Ready or Not, Here they Come*
2009–2019 projections on enrollment demand and capacity at CSU, UC and the community colleges.

CPEC staff report. *Ready for Learning*
Analysis of the capacity of independent colleges and universities, and their role in accommodating demand for higher education in the coming decade.

4 to 5 p.m.

Presentation. *Center for Studies in Higher Education director, C. Judson King*
Perspectives on priorities for coordinating higher education in California.

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The California Postsecondary Education Commission was established in 1974 as the state’s higher education coordinating agency. CPEC conducts research and advises the Governor, legislators, and other agencies on higher education issues. CPEC maintains the state’s most comprehensive higher education database.