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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.

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AFFORDABILITY AND FINANCIAL AID

CPEC reviews student fee and financial aid policy and maintains data on costs. Publications include policy recommendations on financial aid, tax incentives, textbook prices, and housing.

Affordability of Higher Education: California and Other States

March 2011. 3 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2011reports/11-01.pdf

Costs at Public Universities: How does California Compare with other States?

June 2010. 4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-12.pdf

Fees at California's Public Colleges and Universities

March 2010. 4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-01.pdf

Community Colleges: Still an Affordable Route to a Degree?

September 2008. 6 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2008reports/08-14.pdf

Who Can Afford It? How Rising Costs are Making College Unaffordable for Working Families

June 2008. 8 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2008reports/08-10.pdf

Keeping College Affordable in California: Recommended Policy Options and a Panel Report

December 2006. 32 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2006reports/06-22.pdf

UNIVERSITY ELIGIBILITY AND COLLEGE-GOING

CPEC conducts studies to estimate the percentage of public high school graduates who meet CSU and UC admission requirements. These studies indicate how eligibility varies between schools and between different ethnic groups. CPEC's research also examines how college-going, transfer, and student success are affected by race/ethnicity, gender, and other factors.

College-Going Rates

March 2007. 8 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2007reports/07-04.pdf

College-Going and University Eligibility: Differences between Racial/Ethnic Groups

March 2009. 2 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-11.pdf

University Eligibility Study for the Class of 2007

December 2008. 12 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2008reports/08-20.pdf

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT AND CAPACITY PROJECTIONS

These reports describe projections on undergraduate enrollment demand, physical capacity, and costs at the community colleges, CSU, and UC. CPEC also examined the projected increase in enrollment demand at independent universities. This analysis supports long-range planning and assists the Governor and the Legislature in budget and policy deliberations.

Projected Enrollment Demand at California's Independent Colleges and Universities

September 2010. 2 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-16.pdf

Ready for Learning: The Contribution of California's Independent Sector in Meeting Undergraduate Demand

September 2010. 20 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-17.pdf

Ready or Not, Here They Come: Undergraduate Enrollment Demand and Capacity Projections

June 2010. 64 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-08.pdf

Ready or Not, Here They Come: Executive Summary

4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/D10-01.pdf

HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCING

These publications include policy recommendations on the state budget for higher education and analysis on the broader subject of higher education funding.

Fiscal Profiles 2010

December 2010. 188 pages. 101 statistical displays in 16 categories.

www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/fiscalprofiles2010.asp

Legislative Analyst's Office Report on Coordinating Higher Education in California

March 2010. 3 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-06.pdf

Higher Education Budget Cuts: How are they Affecting Students?

December 2009. 4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-27.pdf

PROGRAM AND FACILITIES PLANNING AND REVIEW

CPEC reviews proposals for campuses, off-campus centers, and programs to ensure that educational needs are being met and that resources are used effectively. Program review criteria include student demand, societal need, appropriateness to the institutional and system mission, number of programs in the field, costs, program quality, and advancement of knowledge.

Update on Program Review Activities

June 2010. 2 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/10-11.pdf

Program Planning and Review to Promote Responsiveness to Public Needs, 2008–09

December 2009. 28 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-31.pdf

Proposed Revisions to the Commission’s Guidelines for Approval of Community College Educational Centers

March 2009. 3 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-08.pdf

Using Educational Centers to Enhance Student Access and Success

March 2008. 9 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2008reports/08-09.pdf

Meeting the K–14 Challenge: Examining the Case for Doctoral Programs in Educational Leadership

December 2007. 20 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2007reports/07-25.pdf

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Using the question “How does California’s postsecondary education system contribute to the needs of the state’s economy?” as a starting point, CPEC has studied ways to strengthen the nexus between higher education and workforce development. Research and recommendations seek to improve the alignment of college and university programs with workforce needs.

The Nexus between Postsecondary Education and Workforce Development — Conclusions and Policy Options

December 2007. 12 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2007reports/07-22.pdf

The Degree Gap: Are University Graduates Making Full Use of Their Degrees?

September 2009. 4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-23.pdf

Contributions to Economic, Civic, and Social Development

December 2007. 8 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2007reports/07-27.pdf

Degrees Awarded in Selected Areas of Projected Workforce Demand

September 2007. 12 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2007reports/07-17.pdf

Ecopy of this report with links to all publications listed

www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2010reports/D10-02.pdf

Complete list of CPEC Publications — www.cpec.ca.gov/secondpages/reports.asp

ACCESS AND EQUITY

One of CPEC's priorities is to ensure that all students have equal opportunities in higher education. Recent studies focused on students with disabilities and LGBT students. Recommendations included improving campus climates with professional development for faculty and staff, offering alternative instructional materials, enhancing data collection, and improving student services.

Meeting the Needs of Students with Disabilities

June 2009. 4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-15.pdf

Meeting the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Students

June 2009. 4 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2009reports/09-14.pdf

The Gender Gap in California Higher Education

June 2006. 12 pages. www.cpec.ca.gov/completereports/2006reports/06-08.pdf

OTHER COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

CPEC conducts research on higher education issues at the request of the Legislature and the Governor. The Commission's legislative representatives and research staff are available to assist policymakers in developing legislation that will result in improvements in the accessibility, affordability, and effectiveness of California's higher education system.

DATA SYSTEMS

CPEC's website has extensive data and can generate reports on trends in college-going, costs, enrollments, transfers, financing, and degrees awarded. These can be broken down by high school, college campus, county, legislative district, and gender and ethnicity of students.

Workforce and Fiscal Data — School to Employment Pathways System (STEPS)

Offers students, counselors, employers, and policymakers a variety of workforce facts cross-referenced with degree and certificate programs. — www.cpec.ca.gov/fiscaldata/steps.asp

Quick Data — Student Snapshots

A sampling of enrollments, degrees awarded, program offerings, and information on how students progress through higher education.

www.cpec.ca.gov/studentdata/studentssnapshotmenu.asp

Detailed Data — Generate custom reports on trends using CPEC's data.

www.cpec.ca.gov/secondpages/detaileddata.asp

Guide to Colleges and Universities

A listing of public colleges and universities that can be searched by name, location, programs offered, accreditation, and other criteria. — www.cacollegeguide.com

Mobile website — m.cpec.ca.gov