

CASFAA CSU Segmental Committee Report

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CSU Segmental Committee Members

Humboldt State University, CSU Northridge, San Francisco State University, Sonoma State University, CSU Fresno, CSU San Jose, CSU San Marcos, CSU Chico, CSU Channel Islands, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CSU San Bernardino, Cal Poly Pomona, and CSU Bakersfield.

- Emails were sent to each of the Financial Aid Directors at the 23 CSUs. I introduced myself and invited each director or a representative from the director's office to be on this committee.
- Although 13 CSUs have responded with requests to join this committee, emails updating the CSUS on current issues were sent to all the CSU Financial Aid offices. Opinions of issues affecting the CSUs have been offered by members as well as by Financial Aid Directors who did not specify they intended to be a member of the committee.
- Emails and phone conversations were conducted with Dean Kulju, the Director of Student Financial Aid Services and Programs at the Chancellor's Office. Conversations with Dean were extremely helpful in understanding the position of the Chancellor's Office on each of the issues brought to the table.

Issues Affecting the CSUs

In order to best represent our CSUs in our stance of the proposed Cal Grant changes, we specifically discussed the following:

- Increase the minimum GPA for a Cal Grant from 2.0 to 2.75
- Reduce the maximum Cal Grant for students in Independent Colleges from \$9,708 to \$5,472.
- Reduce the maximum Cal Grant for students in Proprietary Colleges from \$9,708 to \$4,000
- Prohibit new Cal Grants for students attending institutions where more than 40% of undergraduate students receive student loans and where the default rate exceeds 24.6% (reduced from the rate of 30% currently in statute for 2012-203)