State Issues Report 10/30/23

Review the purpose and priorities of the State Issues Committee:

Consensus that we keep with the same priorities.

Priorities of the Committee:

* Address State Financial Aid Budget Concerns
* Address the Increased Administrative Burden and Scope of Work
* Inventory and promote best practices in the administration of state financial aid amongst all colleges.

Purpose:

Meet and discuss periodically in order to gather information representative of the entire California Community College system in order to :

* + - * + Draft letters of support, advocacy or comment to state entities relative to legislative issues impacting the financial aid program on behalf of CCCSFAAA
        + Report State Issues Committee meeting with CSAC and recommendations requiring Executive Board Approval

**Assembly Bill Tracking:**

Discussed the importance of tracking of assembly bills that may impact financial aid in order to provide feedback (support/oppose) as an association before they become chaptered. Historically Brian from the Chancellors office would help track and provided details. The Chancellors office will no longer be doing so.

State Issues Committee will begin tracking. Email was send to Justin Salenik -Legislative Analyst at the Chancellors office to inquire about best method to track by topic effecting Financial Aid.

Justin is going to look into the possibility of adding a column to identify area. To the tracked legislation site. [Tracked Legislation | California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (cccco.edu)](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cccco.edu%2FAbout-Us%2FChancellors-Office%2FDivisions%2FGovernmental-Relations%2Fpolicy-and-advocacy%2FState-Relations%2FTracked-Legislation&data=05%7C01%7Cmcerda%40mtsac.edu%7Cdac1f368ccf741f30ce208dbd749b832%7Ccc4d4bf20a9e4240aedea7d1d688f935%7C0%7C0%7C638340483888958033%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TBVY1ITDlj5c5TtK5Qw9EHIUpwQ5Q2G7hjX3JXf7DAs%3D&reserved=0)

Can track particular bills on the Legislature site [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fleginfo.legislature.ca.gov%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cmcerda%40mtsac.edu%7Cdac1f368ccf741f30ce208dbd749b832%7Ccc4d4bf20a9e4240aedea7d1d688f935%7C0%7C0%7C638340483888958033%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7vlF%2B4R44MJgslRWFrWjafggz1a1Chih9Z4f8QlbAZI%3D&reserved=0) . They will email you when an update to the bill, but will need to know the particular bill number first.

**Continued Work on advocating for SFAA-BFAP funding increase to address the increase administrative work with all new requirements and programs.**

* Plan on collaborating with CASFAA for Day at the Capital
* Continue to update and submit white paper addressing concerns related to increased responsibility and while decrease in funding.

24-25 Draft System Budget Proposal dated September 2023 proposes a $10 million dollar increase SFAA-BFAP

Proposal on 24-25 budget draft

* A revision to the Student Financial Aid Administration and Board Financial Aid Programs

(SFAA-BFAP) allocation funding formula used by the Department of Finance to include

additional data points such as total headcount and counts of low-income students (Pell

Grant recipients);

• A cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to the Student Financial Aid Administration base and

capacity funding; and

• Ensuring the BFAP 2% allocation is directed to support financial aid administration

**Reference to 24-25 Budget Proposal**

* <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/report/Unapproved_2024-25-System-Budget-Request_For-BOG-Approval.pdf?la=en&hash=78240EA312BB4729C15EA3918AA78AA4FDCD4BE0>

Reference to Financial Aid Categorical Allocation

* <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/Files/Educational-Services-and-Support/FinAid/ss19-06-attachment-2-sfaa-bfap-initial-allocation-methodology-for-2019-20-a11y.pdf?la=en&hash=A197A15647A30E77D54AEF5552DDD3AC942BD938>

SystemWide Best Practices tracking:

Discussions tied into previous discussions lead by Linda Williams on tracking all funds we award as well as guidance, reporting requirements to include MIS reporting requirements

Plans to send out survey systemwide inquiring about funding colleges receive. How much district support above MOE, BFAP 2%, PELL ACA, Campus-based ACA, etc.