SCFF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

December 2019



The Student Centered Funding Formula Oversight Committee's Recommendations on Priority Area One

Recommendations on the Possible Inclusion of First-Generation Students, Definin, Low-Income Students Relative to Cost of Living, and Incoming Students' Level of Academic Proficiency in the California Community Colleges' Student Centered Funding Formula

Prepared for the California State Legislature and the Department of Finance

Current Priority One Recommendations and the Work Ahead

PRIORITY AREA ONE

REVIEW AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO
THE LEGISLATURE AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE ON OR BEFORE
JANUARY I, 2020, ON THE
FOLLOWING ELEMENTS
AND THEIR INCLUSION
IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL
ALLOCATION OF THE
FUNDING FORMULA
INCLUDING A PROPOSED
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

(i) First-generation college students, including a timeline for data collection and incorporation into the funding formula by no later than the 2022–23 fiscal year.

- (ii) The definition of a low-income student and whether to adjust the point system to better reflect low-income students in regions of the state with a high cost of living.
- (iii) Incoming students' level of academic proficiency, which may include, but is not limited to, measures such as performance on a nationally recognized high school assessment, high school coursework, high school grades or GPA, or achievement of a high school diploma.

FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

Recommendations on the Inclusion of First-Generation Students

- The SCFF Oversight Committee recommended including first-generation students in the funding formula.
- The SCFF Oversight Committee recommended defining firstgeneration students as students for whom neither parent has a bachelor's degree.

Implementation Plan

- Unduplicated count
- Implementation in 2021-22
- 1 point
- Inclusion in the Success Allocation as unduplicated

WHETHER TO ADJUST THE POINT SYSTEM FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS BASED ON COST OF LIVING

Recommendation on Adjustments to the Point System for Low-Income Based on Cost of Living

- The Oversight Committee recommended further study of the Supplemental Allocation before any additional changes are made.
- The Oversight Committee recommended that the Hold Harmless provision be extended to 2023.

Implementation Plan

- Recommended the Supplemental Allocation study commence during the 2020–2021 fiscal year, before the expiration of the recommended Hold Harmless extension in 2022–2023.
- The purpose of the study is, at a minimum, to assess the impacts of the SCFF and the Supplemental Allocation on colleges, low-income students, student success, and racial equity gaps.

STUDENTS' INCOMING ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY

Oversight Committee Recommendations

- While the Oversight Committee considers students' incoming academic proficiency an important issue, the Oversight Committee recommends that it not be included in the Supplemental Allocation of the SCFF at this time.
- The Oversight Committee further recommends that the issue of students' incoming academic proficiency be reconsidered when there are consistent and reliable data to model the impact of including this factor in the SCFF, and when there is additional funding to support colleges' services for students with low academic proficiency.

PRIORITY AREA TWO

REVIEW AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO
THE LEGISLATURE AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE ON OR BEFORE
JUNE 30, 2021, ON THE
FOLLOWING ELEMENTS
AND THEIR INCLUSION
IN THE APPLICABLE
ALLOCATION OF THE
FUNDING FORMULA,
INCLUDING AN
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

(i) Noncredit instruction and instructional service agreements, and whether these should be incorporated as part of the base and supplemental allocations of the funding formula.

(ii) How **district allocations** could be adjusted if a **recession** were to occur.

PROPOSED TIMELINE

TBC BY THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Date	Task
March 16, 2020	Oversight Committee meeting
June 15, 2020	Oversight Committee meeting
September 14, 2020	Oversight Committee meeting
November 2020	Preliminary recommendation overviews sent to committee for review
December 14, 2020	Oversight Committee meeting
February 2021	First draft of recommendation report shared with committee
March 15, 2021	Oversight Committee meeting (finalize recommendations; discuss edits to the report)
April 2021	Full copy-edit of the report
May 2021	Revised draft of recommendation report shared with committee
June 1,2021	Final Edits to the report due from committee members
June 7, 2021	Oversight Committee meeting (final vote to approve edits rec'd before meeting)
June 8, 2021	Fatal-flaw proofing
June 30, 2021	Priority Area Two recommendation report due to leg and DOF