

Memorandum

Date: July 30, 2010
To: CASFAA Executive Council
From: Bryan Dickason - CSAC CASFAA Executive Council Liaison
Re: CSAC Update

AB 187

The Student Aid Commission released a Special Alert announcing the Cal Grant Alternative Delivery System (ADS) Pilot Program public comment period for the proposed AB 187 emergency regulations.

As part of the process required by law for adopting emergency regulations, the Commission is providing a five-day public comment period, beginning Wednesday, July 28, 2010, to allow all interested parties to comment on the proposed emergency regulations. Written comments need to be directed to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and the Commission within five **calendar** days. The public comment period deadline for submitting comments is August 2, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking has information regarding the regulatory process, instructions on how to submit comments, and whom to contact at the Commission and OAL.

Grant Special Alert GSA 2010-25, regarding the proposed regulations, can be found at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/secured/specialalerts/2010.asp>

UPDATE: SB 1382

SB 1382 has been signed into law by the Governor. This bill eliminates the requirement in law that the Commission calculate new Cal Grant need according to the methodology in place during the 2001-02 academic year. This will conform Cal Grant practice to Title IV financial aid practice where veterans' education benefits are concerned. This bill makes no other substantive changes. If enacted, this bill will take effect January 1, 2011. Information regarding the implementation of this bill will be provided in the future.

CSU Fee Increase

The CSU Board of Trustees adopted a 5 percent undergraduate fee increase. The Commission adjusted the CSU Cal Grant award amounts to conform to the fee increase.

Additional Funds Authorized for 2009-10 Cal Grant Disbursements

2009-10 Cal Grant disbursements had been on hold since April 12, 2010 due to insufficient funding authority. Additional 2009-10 Cal Grant funding was authorized to allow the Commission to process payment requests submitted from April 12 - June 17, 2010. Payment requests submitted after June 17 will be processed as additional funds become available. Schools should have received these funds approximately July 6th.

Detailed information on 2009-10 Cal Grant payment processing can be located in Special Alert [GSA 2010-23](#) dated July 2, 2010. If you have further any questions regarding 2009-10 Cal Grant disbursements, please contact School Support Services at 888.294.0153 or schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov.

We will keep you apprised of updates as they become available.

2011-12 Fund Your Future coming this Fall

The Commission is working in concert with EdFund to develop the *2011-12 Fund Your Future (FYF)* publication series. The series includes a printed FYF workbook and brochure produced in English and Spanish. The *2011-12 Counselors' Guide* will also be available online as a PowerPoint presentation. High school counselors and financial aid administrators may use and modify the guide to suit their efforts to reach out to students and parents about financial aid opportunities.

APLE Postcard Reminders Mailed

Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) postcards were sent to qualifying students as a reminder to submit their 2010-11 APLE application by the September 30, 2010 priority deadline. Detailed information about the APLE application process can be located in Operations Memo [GOM 2010-13](#). We appreciate your continued outreach efforts to help spread the word about the APLE program to California's future teachers.

Television Coverage of EdFund/CSAC

In case you did not see it, here are the EdFund videos on channel 13 in Sacramento.

<http://cbs13.com/search?searchstring=edfund&tabid=0>

Legislative Items

At their June 24th meeting, the Commission took a position of support on each of the following four bills:

AB 1997 (Portantino) Community Colleges: student financial aid: pilot program

Establishes a voluntary pilot program to increase student participation in state and federal financial aid programs.

AB 2086 (Coto) Cal Grant Program: qualifying institutions: publication of license examination passage rates

Requires Cal Grant participating institutions to provide a link on their admissions Web site or in student program materials to the state licensing or regulatory agency where licensing passage rates for their programs is electronically available.

SB 957 (Price) Student financial aid: Cal Grant C awards

Proposes that Cal Grant C applicants pursuing programs that meet two of the three following criteria receive selection priority: high-need, high-growth, high-wage or high-projection fields. This bill supplements the current selection criteria. Students pursuing all eligible vocational programs will still receive Cal Grant C award consideration.

SB 1460 (Cedillo) *Student financial aid: eligibility: California Dream Act of 2010*

Allows students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition at California public institutions (AB 540) to apply for and receive private, institutional, and state financial aid.