**Memorandum**

**Date: May 3, 2013**

**To: CASFAA Executive Council**

**From: Bryan Dickason - CSAC CASFAA Executive Council Liaison**

**Re: CSAC Update**

**CSAC Processing Numbers as of April 26**

Cal Grant GPAs:

* Total # of 2013-14 GPAs received by CSAC – 4,122,324

Federal ISIRs (FAFSA)

1. Total # of 2013-14 Federal ISIRs received by CSAC – 1,703,589
2. Total # of 2013-14 applications considered for Cal Grant using Federal ISIRs – 207,863
3. Total # of 2013-14 Cal Grant award offers using Federal ISIRs – 118,047

Cal ISIRs (Dream Application)

1. Total # of 2013-14 Cal ISIRs – 22,459
2. Total # of 2013-14 Cal ISIRs processed for Cal Grants – 6,037

Total # of 2014-14 Cal Grant offers using Cal ISIRs – 5,221

**Cal Grant September 2 deadline 2013-14**

State law requires that any state deadline that falls on a non-business day be extended to the next business day. Hence, the Fall 2013 Cal Grant deadline for the FAFSA and GPA will be extended from September 2 to September 3.

**2013-14 Dream Act Application (as of 4/24/2013)**

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| **Complete, On time Dream Applications**  | **20,322** |
| Processed for E1¹ Awards | *6,037* |
| Expected for E2² Processing | *1,800* |
| Expected for Cal Grant C Processing | *500* |
| Incomplete: Missing Dream Application Information | *2,000* |
| Missing Grade Point Average from Student³ | *6,000* |
| Filed Dream Application, but FAFSA eligible | *2,500* |
| Other application issues | *1,496* |
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| *¹ High School Entitlement* |  |
| *² Transfer Entitlement**³ Notifications sent to students. Late GPA appeal processing until May 16, 2013.* |  |

**2013-14 Cal Grant Award Offers for Dream Applicants by Segment**

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|  | **Award Offers** | **Percentage** |
| Community College | 2,251  | 43% |
| UC | 798  | 15% |
| CSU | 1,875  | 36% |
| Private 2-year | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Profit | 279  | 5% |
| For-Profit | 19  | 1% |
| TOTAL | 5,222 | 100% |

The numbers above are based on the first school listed on the Dream Act Application so they do not necessarily represent where student will actually attend. Also, as of this date, only High School Entitlement awards (E1) have been offered. The Community College Transfer Entitlement awards (E2) will be offered in May with Cal Grant C to be offered in June.

**Recent Commission Meeting**

The April 25 – 26 Student Aid Commission meeting was held at the Commission’s new facilities in Rancho Cordova. Discussions were held on the several topics, including pending legislation that would affect the Cal Grant program and a report on the effects of the possible loss of the federal College Access Challenge Grant on the Commission’s outreach programs including funding for the Cal-Soap consortia.

The Institute for College Access and Success (TICAS) issued a report recently on suggestions to improve the Cal Grant program and, in particular, how to better target low income students. One suggestion was to explore ways to increase the “take rate” of the Competitive Cal Grant which has been actually been paid out at a rate of about 70% for several years.

The Student Aid Commission has been conservative in its award offered in this program because of the consequences of over spending. However, the Commissioners asked staff to provide more award offers so that when the with the take rate is applied for the higher number of offers the actual paid awards get closer to the statutorily authorized paid awards.

The Commission agenda and issues analysis are available on the Commission’s website at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?ID=1448>