

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (AFAC)

Agenda
Friday, September 23, 2022
9:00am – 10:15am

Zoom Information:

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I. Introductions – Name, Affiliation and Pronouns – All - 9:00am – 9:05am**II. Chair’s Report – Chair Eaton – 9:05am – 9:15am**

- A. Recording committee meetings
- B. September 6 and 20 Divisional Council Meetings
- C. September 12 meeting with UGC Chair Moyes, Director Noji, and member Doshi to discuss AP African American Studies course

III. Consent Calendar – Chair Eaton - 9:15am – 9:20am

- A. The Agenda
- B. [August 31 meeting minutes](#)

IV. Conducting Review of Campus and Systemwide Review Items – Chair Eaton – 9:20am – 9:35am

Throughout the academic year, AFAC members will be invited to review several campus and systemwide review items, many of which AFAC will be a lead committee reviewer for. One member of AFAC will be asked to lead the review of each item and share their comments with the committee for further discussion. Members are to review these items through the lens of admissions and financial aid and note anything concerning or of importance.

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A. [Systemwide Review Item – Proposed New Senate Regulation 479 \(Cal-GETC\)](#)

Senate Regulation 479 was prepared by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS) in response to California State Assembly Bill 928. The state legislature deemed the requirements for transfer from a California Community College (CCC) to a California State University (CSU) or UC campus to be “unnecessarily complex, confusing and difficult for community college students to navigate”. AB 928 tasks the three segments (CCC, CSU, UC) with establishing a single set of transfer requirements between CSU and UC campuses, without increasing the 34-unit ceiling.

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The Cal-GETC proposal aims to meet this mandate by making several changes to the existing Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC). The changes and rationale are outlined in the June 15, 2022 ICAS memo provided to AFAC.

Lead Reviewer: Mike Cleary

Lead Reviewer's comments are available [here](#).

Requested Action: AFAC to discuss lead reviewer's comments. If members do not have any additional comments, voting members vote to endorse the memo.

V. Discussion of AFAC Priorities – Chair Eaton – 9:35am – 9:55am

Chair Eaton discussed AFAC's AY 22-23 priorities during AFAC's August 31, 2022 meeting. Today, Chair Eaton would like to solicit input from committee members on the importance of each of the following items, ranking them in order of highest to lesser importance. This will provide Chair Eaton guidance for the structure of future AFAC meetings.

1. Cancel institutional student debts owed to UCM by students and not covered by Biden executive action.
2. Help UCM employees and students use expanded public service loan forgiveness and executive action.
3. Secure ongoing funds from UC system and the state to continue debt-free enrollment growth.
4. Assure UC Merced implementation and UC-wide Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) implementation of a new ethnic studies A-H admissions requirement for high school and transfer students.
5. Partner with the Degree Completion Program on financial aid solutions for re-enrolling stop-out students, including those previously barred from enrollment by institutional debts.

Requested Action: Members complete the poll to rank the five items listed above in order of highest to lesser importance for AFAC to address this academic year.

VI. Institutional Student Debts – Chair Eaton – 9:55am – 10:10am

On April 15, 2022, AFAC transmitted a [memo](#) to the Senate Chair with a request that Divisional Council endorse recommendations to UC Merced leadership for reducing adverse student impacts and administrative burdens associated with the new Academic Activity Policy. Today, Chair Eaton will further discuss the policy and institutional student debts.

VII. Any Other Business – 10:10am – 10:15am

VIII. Informational Items will be regularly uploaded on the "Informational Items" AFAC Box Folder [here](#).