Student Support Services – Working Together to Implement the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot

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CalWORKs
Community College CalWORKs Eligibility

• In 2014, the community colleges CalWORKs Program was added to Education Code sections 79200-79209
• Serves current CalWORKs/TANF recipient parents who are attending community college as a part of their welfare-to-work activities
• Eligible students must:
  • Have a dependent child under the age of 18 living in the home
  • Receiving the adult portion of the CalWORKs/TANF grant
• Can serve students who have left TANF cash aid within the past two years and are working (on a limited basis)
Recent Changes to the CalWORKs Program

- **2011**: Eligibility to receive CalWORKs cash aid decreased from a maximum of 60 months to 48 months.
- **2013**: California began to implement the “24 month clock” which enables CalWORKs welfare to work clients to participate in state work activities for 24 months followed by 24 additional months of welfare to work using federal TANF work activities. The “24 month clock” does not limit the hours of CalWORKs welfare to work students that could be used for education.
Scenarios In Which CalWORKs Students Might Participate in Community College Baccalaureate Programs

- If completing a baccalaureate degree is part of a CalWORKs student’s welfare to work plan.
- Within a student’s “24-month clock,” a CalWORKs student who has already completed lower-division courses can use the remaining 24-months to complete the required remaining courses for the degree.
- For the remaining 24 months on aid, under more limited circumstances, students can participate in vocational education and in education directly related to employment.
Looking Ahead

- Chancellor’s Office CalWORKs staff will discuss the implications of available baccalaureate programs on CalWORKs students with the CalWORKs State Advisory Committee and colleges that offer these programs.
- The Chancellor’s Office and individual community college CalWORKs programs will provide information to partners including the Calif. Department of Social Services, county social services departments, and other entities on this pilot program.
DSPS

• All students with disabilities must be provided accommodations
  – Regardless of whether funded by DSPS or not
  – Ensure policies and processes won’t prohibit services to upper division students

• Increased student counts will eventually affect allocations
  – Same pot of money – minimal increase possible
Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS)

• Primary goal is to encourage enrollment of students affected by language, social, and economic disadvantages and to support the successful completion of education objectives
• Students are low-income, educationally disadvantaged and typically first generation college students
Eligibility Criteria

- Must be CA resident or eligible for CA Dream Act
- Qualify for BOGFW-A, B, or C with $0 EFC
- Be enrolled full-time when accepted
- Not have completed more than 70 degree-applicable units
- Be educationally disadvantaged as defined by Title 5, section 56220 and Chancellor’s Office
EOPS Eligibility Limitations

• Students remain eligible until they complete 70 degree-applicable units or six consecutive EOPS semesters, per Title 5, section 56226

• Chancellor’s Office and EOPS constituencies to discuss whether current law and regulations permit expanding Baccalaureate services to some students
Fees

- **Enrollment Fees = $46 per unit**
  - Lower and upper division

- **Upper Division Coursework Fee = $84 per unit**
  - Assessed for upper division coursework, not grade level threshold
  - 24 units = $2,016

- **Non-resident Fee = $200 (example)**
  - Non-residents pay full fees = $46 + $84 + $200 = $330 per unit/ 24 units = $7,920
Financial Aid
• CO formed a workgroup of financial aid directors – conference calls
• Invited U.S. Department of Education – call held
• Invited California Student Aid Commission – TBD
BOG Fee Waiver

• No changes to Fee Waiver eligibility requirements
• $46 Enrollment Fee eligible for fee waiver
• $84 Upper Division Coursework Fee not eligible for Fee Waiver
  – Complete FAFSA or Dream App for additional aid
• Systems and processes need updating to collect fees from students
  – Fees paid by other financial aid or by student
Federal Student Aid

• Courses and programs need state and accreditation approval
• College needs to add programs to their federal government Program Participation Agreement
  – Feds must approve before aid can be paid
• Pell Grant 600% limit
  – Extra counseling regarding this limit
Federal Direct Loans

• Higher annual limits for junior and senior years
  – Same aggregate borrowing limit
• 150% of program limit for subsidized loans
  – 6 years of eligibility for baccalaureate
• Some pilot colleges don’t offer Direct Loans
  – How will students pay fees?
Cal Grants

• Currently, our students only eligible for Cal Grant B access award, Cal Grant C
  Books/Supplies
    – Cal Grant A awards are on hold until transfer

• Once students hit upper division level should be eligible for tuition and fee coverage ($84)
  – Complicated by combo lower and upper division status

• More work needed with CSAC to make this happen
Admissions & Records

• Open Enrollment
  – § 51006 “…unless specifically exempted by statute or regulation, every course, course section, or class, reported for state aid…shall be fully open to enrollment…”

• Priority Enrollment
  – Baccalaureate degree students would not be considered new students per § 55530
  – Unit cap is 100 units earned in the district
  – Per 58108 districts may adopt policies to exempt students enrolled in high unit majors/programs
Admissions & Records

- High unit majors
  - Respiratory Care is 108 units for AA. How many additional for BDP?

- Lower/Upper division thresholds

- Articulating upper division coursework

- Credit course repetition
  - Work experience limits
Student Success and Support Program

- Baccalaureate degree students would not be considered new students under § 55530 (new students excludes those that transfer from another institution of higher education)
  - Colleges could require baccalaureate students to complete services if they have the capacity to do so
- Any new assessments would need to be approved by CCCCCO
- Existing Education plans could be revised
• Student Equity Statute & Regulations require colleges to research disparities in outcomes for degrees
  – The Data Element for Program Awards would have to be changed to allow colleges to report BA degrees.
  – Datamart and Data on Demand would need to be updated to provide data for college research.
Veterans

- All degree programs offered at public institutions are automatically eligible
  - No need to file any approval paperwork with USDVA or CalVet
- No change in procedures for certifying enrollment with USDVA
- Immediate enrollment upon implementation
- No change to benefits for covered individuals
Questions????