

Notes regarding September revision to 2015-16 Advance Apportionment

The Chancellor's Office has revised the 2015-16 Advance Apportionment to distribute the new funds that were appropriated in the 2015-16 Budget Act. These appropriations may be found in the revised budget bill, SB 97, which is posted in the Budget News section of our website:

<http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/FinanceFacilities/FiscalServicesUnit/BudgetNews.aspx>

The two largest new programs are the Base Increase, which adds \$266,692,000 to the statewide base apportionment funding, and Full-Time Faculty hiring in the amount of \$62,320,000. The budget language for these two new items is copied below. The Exhibit C displays the distribution of these funds in part V, Other Revenue Adjustments.

Another new program that received initial funding this month is the Full-Time Student Success Grant. Information about this new financial aid program is available on our website at this link:

<http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/StudentServices/FinancialAid/FinancialAidPrograms/ftstudentsuccessgrant.aspx>

In addition, the "I Can Afford College" campaign has sent a letter to CEOs to advise them that brochures about this program are now being mailed to financial aid offices. The text of that letter is copied at the bottom of this memo.

Lastly, this September revision includes initial funding for Adult Education consortia that have a community college fiscal agent.

In October we will distribute the Mandate Block Grant funding of \$28 per FTES. The larger, one-time Mandate funding will begin to be distributed in December.

Base Increase:

Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), \$266,692,000 shall be used to adjust the budget formula pursuant to Section 84750.5 of the Education Code to recognize increases in operating costs and to improve instruction.

Full-Time Faculty hiring:

Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (1), \$62,320,000 is for increasing the number of full-time faculty within the community college system. Notwithstanding, Subchapter 1(commencing with Section 51025) of Chapter 2 of Division 6 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall allocate these funds to all districts on a per FTES basis by modifying each districts budget formula pursuant to Section 84750.5 of the Education Code. Any revisions to the budget formula made for the purposes of this subdivision shall be made and reported consistent with the requirements of subdivision (f) of Section 84750.5 of the Education Code.

(2) Utilizing the data from the full-time faculty obligation report for the 2014–15 fiscal year, the chancellor shall rank, from the lowest to the greatest full-time faculty percentage, each community college district within quintiles so that each quintile has approximately equal numbers of full-time equivalent students. The chancellor shall adjust the faculty obligation number for each district as follows:

(A) An increase of one for every \$73,057 received for districts in the lowest quintile (quintile 1).

(B) An increase of one for every \$80,000 received for districts in the second quintile (quintile 2).

(C) An increase of one for every \$95,000 received for districts in the third quintile (quintile 3).

(D) An increase of one for every \$110,000 received for districts in the fourth quintile (quintile 4).

(E) An increase of one for every \$125,000 received for districts in the fifth quintile (quintile 5).

(2) If the number of full-time faculty increased pursuant to subparagraphs (A) through (E) results in a district exceeding the 75 percent standard, the Chancellor shall increase the number of the full-time obligation to a point that leaves the district as close as possible to, but not in excess of, the 75 percent standard, consistent with paragraph (5) of subdivision (c) of Section 51025 of Subchapter (1) of Chapter 2 of Division 6 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

(3) To the extent that the increased faculty obligation number calculated in paragraph (2) does not result in an obligation to hire additional full-time faculty, it is the intent of the legislature that districts use these funds to enhance student success through the support of part-time and full-time faculty, including, but not limited to, part-time faculty office hours.

Full-Time Student Success Grant – letter to CEOs:

We are pleased to let you know that you will soon be receiving in the mail the California Community Colleges "I Can Afford College" Full-Time Student Success Grant brochure. The purpose of this brochure is to inform students about the new financial aid program available to Cal Grant B recipients attending full-time, which pays an additional \$600 annually and is designed to encourage students to maintain full-time status. The "I Can Afford College" team worked closely with the Chancellor's Office Student Services Division to ensure the clarity and consistency of the information presented.

Next week, we will be mailing an initial quantity of 500 brochures to the Financial Aid Office on each California community college campus. We ask that you share a quantity of the brochures with the financial aid offices on your satellite campuses and centers. Should you need additional copies, beginning October 9 you may order more by visiting the "Campaign Materials" page under the "About Us" tab of the "I Can Afford College" website.

I have attached a printable PDF of the brochure for your use, as well. We will also post printable PDF file on the icanaffordcollege.com website, under the "Campaign Materials" page.

We hope these brochures are useful to you in your outreach efforts. Should you have any questions about the "I Can Afford College" campaign – including the informational materials we have available to you free of charge – please feel free to contact our program manager, Amanda Davis, at amandajdavis10@gmail.com, or me at pdorr@CCCCO.edu. Financial Aid Directors should receive the Full-Time Student Success brochure mailing around October 9. If you do not receive your package, please reach out to our Campaign Manager Amanda Davis (amandajdavis10@gmail.com) and she'll follow up with the fulfillment house.