
Docket Item:

Funding Formula Panel Discussion

Summary:

In an effort to prepare for the process of reviewing the HECC's funding distribution formula for community colleges, a panel of experts has been invited to provide context. Some of the key discussion points include those listed below.

Docket Material:

HECC staff has established a formula advisory workgroup to review the Community College Funding Model. Workgroup meetings are scheduled to occur through January 2023, with the Commission to consider potential staff recommendations in February 2023. To better prepare for, and support the workgroup's deliberations, a panel of experts has been invited to present contextual information.

With that in mind, helpful insight to the process can include more information relative to the following questions:

- How do most states construct their community college funding models? What are the best practices for a robust, well-designed funding model for the two-year sector?
- What are the key considerations to keep in mind during the review process?
- How should we think about the design of the model with equity in mind?
- What has the California experience been (as they have recently completed a review and made some changes based on statewide, higher education goals)?

Panelists

Martha Snyder

Senior Director, HCM Strategists

Martha is an education policy specialist with high-level experience supporting federal and state policymakers. At HCM Strategists, she provides policy expertise and strategic counsel on a wide range of areas from finance to accountability to college readiness and affordability.

Kasey Meehan

Associate Director of Postsecondary Policy, Research for Action

Kasey directs a range of multi-site, multi-method research projects focused on how statewide policies and programs are addressing equity, incentivizing change, and affecting student outcomes. Currently, she is directing research on efforts to close racial equity gaps in higher education attainment and a continuation study examining how outcomes-based funding policies are addressing equity in six states.

Daisy Gonzales

Deputy Chancellor, California Community Colleges

Deputy Chancellor Daisy Gonzales, PhD, a former foster youth who was among the first in her family to attend college, is a role model for the next generation of California's higher education professionals, and Latina leaders in particular. As deputy chancellor, she is responsible for coordinating the divisions of Educational Services and Support, Student, Workforce and Economic Development, the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) and Digital Innovation and Infrastructure (DII).

Staff Recommendation:

For discussion and informational purposes only.