The Student Success Act of 2012 SB 1456

The Student Success Act of 2012 (Senate Bill 1456, Lowenthal), signed by Governor Brown on September 27, 2012, provides a foundation to implement several recommendations from the Student Success Task Force (SSTF). The Task Force recommendations addressed in SB 1456 are recommendations:

2.2 on mandating core matriculation services,
2.5 on requiring students to declare a course of study early,
3.2 on establishing academic conditions for the Board of Governors Fee Waiver program (to be addressed in a separate title 5 regulatory amendment) and
8.2, the repurposing of the Matriculation program by targeting funds for provision of orientation, assessment, counseling, advising and other student education planning services.

SB 1456 also renames the former Matriculation program as the Student Success and Support Program.

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Proposed Implementation Timeline:
- **Title 5 Revision**: BOG May 6, 2012, July 2nd reading and vote
- **MIS Revision**: Final revision May 2013 (18 month implementation)
- **Allocation Formula**: Finalized July 2013

Planning and Implementation:
- Fiscal Year 2012-2013: System-level Planning Year
- Fiscal Year 2013-2014: District/College-level Planning Year
- Fiscal Year 2014-2015: District/College-Level Implementation Year 1
- Fiscal Year 2015-2016: Implementation Year 2: Mandated Requirements for first time students
- Fiscal Year 2016-2017: Implementation Year 3: Allocations

Highlights

The proposals for Consultation Council review consist of three components that are essential for the implementation of the new Student Success and Support Program and the SSTF recommendations addressed in the bill. These include:

55520 Required Services
- Targets funds to required core services in SB 1456: Orientation, Assessment, Counseling, Advising, or other Student Education Planning, and Follow-Up services.
- Adds key terms “other student education planning services, career goal, and course of study.
- “Follow-up” services targeted to students at risk of academic and progress probation and dismissal, basic skills students, and undeclared students.
- Processing of applications for admissions deleted consistent with intent of SB 1456.
CREDIT FUNDING FORMULA

A new funding formula proposal for the allocation of Student Success and Support Program funds based on requirements of the bill; and, Corresponding changes to the existing data elements colleges report for matriculation services.

Proposed SB 1456 Student Success & Support Program Credit Funding Formula:

The new funding formula would be phased in. The new funding formula would be run to generate allocations for 2015-16 (based on 2014-15 data). The work group recommends a phased-in approach when the allocation is applied: For the first year, 2015-16, 80% of prior funding; and, for second year, 2016-17, 50% of prior year funding.
WLAC STUDENT SUCCESS AND SUPPORT PROGRAM RESPONSE:

The Student Success and Support Program task force launched the West ExpressWay in April 2013.

With the Support of the Vice-President and the Dean of Student Services and the Assessment, Admissions, Financial Aid and Counseling Departments one-hundred and eleven students (111) moved through the Express Way process allowing them to complete the College Orientation, Assessment, and an abbreviated Student Educational Plan. Students were asked to evaluate the Expressway online and In-person components.

Students completed a survey online and another survey directly after completing the Express Way In-Person Session before meeting with a Counselor.

ExpressWay Summary Report

West ExpressWay In-Person Sessions Survey Summary: 111 Student Respondents

1. Was the West EXPRESS Way helpful to you?
   YES: 99%
   NO: 1%

2. Did you learn information from the West ExpressWay?
   • VERY MUCH = 84 %
   • SOMEWHAT = 15%
   • NOT AT ALL = 01 %

Express Way Online Component:

1. Did you find the West ExpressWay College Preparation Presentation Career Exploration O’Net section helpful?
   YES: 95%
   NO: 5%

2. Did you find the West ExpressWay Study Guidelines and Test Preparation helpful and will assist you in taking your Assessment test?
   YES: 97%
   NO: 3%

3. If you are planning to apply for Financial Aid, did you find the Express Way /FAFSA section of help to you?
   YES: 90%
   NO: 10%

4. Did you find the West Express Way College Online Orientation provided helpful information to you?
   YES: 96%
   NO: 4%