## Student Equity and Achievement Program Update

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Per our discussion in Academic Senate, here is the email from the State Chancellor's Office Re: Student Equity & Achievement Programs...as it relates to the merger of existing Committees (Guided Pathways, SSSP/Matriculation, Basic Skills) and Sub-Committees (Student Equity Planning), to align with the 2018 integration of those at the state level.

As was indicated, that integration IS what is now known as "Student Equity & Achievement Programs".

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James

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024 10:06 AM **To:** SEA-PROGRAM@LISTSERV.CCCNEXT.NET

Subject: Student Equity and Achievement Program Update

Dear Colleagues,

As our 2024-2025 academic year begins, I'm writing regarding our Student Equity and Achievement Program and our continued efforts to foster equitable student outcomes across our campuses and throughout our system. Vision 2030 prioritizes our system commitment to put DEIA (diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility) and anti-racism at the heart of our work, especially as we break down barriers to racial justice and promote equitable success for the millions of students in our colleges. Together, we are implementing the necessary changes across the California Community Colleges to become a system that recognizes the needs of our minoritized populations and truly works for all of our students.

Now is the time to showcase and fully engage the action strategies outlined in our 2022-2025 Student Equity Plans. As a system, we have made significant progress in ensuring student equity plans are race conscious, and our colleges have engaged more long-term and customized support systems for disproportionately impacted student groups. We recognize all of your efforts in making this progress towards equity and in thoughtfully moving campus initiatives forward. With the last year of our current plans in front of us, let us continue to center, implement, and engage our equity programs and strategies, as well as to continue advancing a culture of equity across our system.

Below are several SEA Program reminders and updates regarding allocations and budget information for 2024-25, student educational planning, the next student equity plan planning cycle (2025-28), upcoming SEA Program reports, and the SEA Program VAR webinar (on August 21, 2024).

#### Student Equity Plan: 2025-2028

Our collective efforts continue to be focused on supporting the three-year student equity planning cycle process of continuous improvement in equitable outcomes. We are in the process of planning the 2025-2028 Student Equity Plan template and timeline. Thank you to the 50 colleges who completed the Student Equity Plan Feedback Survey! The Chancellor's Office, along with the Student Equity Plan Task Force (with representation from key associations and system partners), received valuable feedback and recommendations, which will be instrumental in the development of SEP 3.0 (2025-28) Template. More information on the template and timeline will be provided soon.

#### **Student Education Planning**

The Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Program was established in <u>Education Code 78222</u> with the intent of supporting Guided Pathways and the system-wide goal to eliminate achievement gaps. As a condition of the receipt of SEA Program funds, districts shall "provide all students with an education plan that identifies courses, a sequence of courses, key progress milestones, and other requirements the student must complete to earn an associate degree, career technical education certificate, other community college certificate, or meet transfer requirements. Notwithstanding any other law, students who are exempted from having an education plan under Section 78215 are not subject to the requirement of this paragraph."

In alignment with Education Code 78222, metrics and processes regarding student educational planning will be included in the 2025-2028 Student Equity Plan template. All districts should ensure students receive a comprehensive education plan—especially for those who are transfer-intending students—as early as possible. These plans provide students clarity in their selected program of study, help to reduce unit accumulation, and are central to student equity and success. (Per Title 5 § 55524, student education plans developed for students shall be accessible, timely and recorded in electronic form.)

#### **SEA Program Funding Allocations**

In the <u>Enacted 2024-25 Budget</u>, the SEA Program received same funding as previous fiscal year. Please see the <u>California Community Colleges Compendium of Allocations and Resources</u> for district-by-district allocation amounts. All district and college allocations for 2024-25 are now in NOVA. College specific allocations were mirrored from the previous fiscal year. Please review your college allocations and notify <u>seaprograminfo@cccco.edu</u> for any needed corrections. Colleges and districts have two full years to expend their allocations. Thus, colleges will have until June 30, 2026, to spend funds allocated for the 2024-25 academic year. (SEA Program funds may be used to support noncredit services and programs. Additionally, per <u>Education Code 78222</u> (c)(5)(B), districts may use SEA Program funds for faculty and staff development to assist in the implementation of equitable placement. Please click here for more information on <u>SEA Program Expenditure Guidelines</u>).

# SEA Program Reports and Vision-Aligned Reporting (VAR) Webinar Reminder (Wednesday, August 21)

The SEA Program will continue to use NOVA as the platform for the 2024-25 academic year and for most reports during Fall 2025 (see table below for specific reporting deadlines). A schedule of office hours for support will be sent in advance to the SEA Program Listserv for all the reports/plans listed in the table below.

Reporting Deadline	Reporting Type	Activity Period
October 1, 2024	SEA Term-End Expenditure Report	Year Two for 2022-23 SEA Funding (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)
December 31, 2024	SEA Annual Report	Year One for 2023-24 SEA Funding (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)
October 1, 2025	SEA Term-End Expenditure Report	Year Two for 2023-24 SEA Funding (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)
TBD	Student Equity Plan 3.0 (2025-28)	2025 – 2028 (dates to be determined)

SEA Annual Reports are due every year by January 1, 2025 per <u>Education Code 78222</u>; however, because January 1st is a holiday, the deadline from Chancellor's Office will be the last business day in December (12/31/2024).

The **2024 Vision-Aligned Reporting (VAR) Program-Specific Webinar for SEA** is scheduled for this <u>Wednesday, August, 21, 2024 (3pm-5pm</u>). Information on the SEA program is supported through VAR will be shared during this webinar. The webinar is a free event: <u>register here</u> if you or your teams are interested in attending and have not registered yet.

Thank you for your continued leadership and support of our Student Equity and Achievement Program. Please reach out to the Chancellor's Office SEA Program Team (<u>SEAPrograminfo@cccco.edu</u>) if you have any questions or need additional guidance on any of the items shared in this email.

Warm regards, James

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