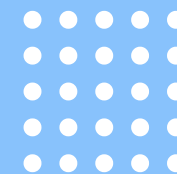


2023-24 SACFAE HIGHLIGHTS

April 23, 2024

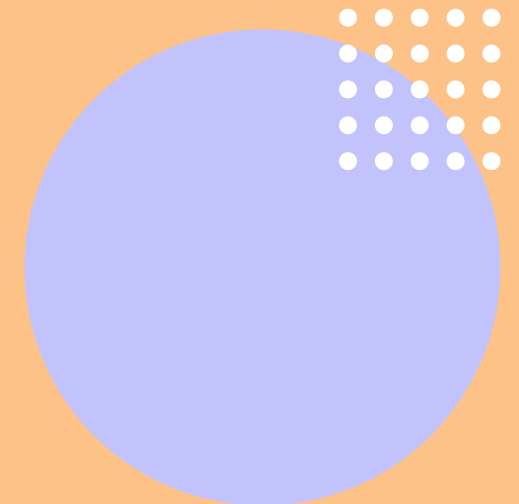


STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FINANCIAL AID AND EDUCATION

Committee to expand access and affordability for students at UC Berkeley, in partnership with the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office and the Center for Financial Wellness.

Emily Yu, Chair

Kailen Grottel-Brown, Vice-Chair



PRESENTATIONS

- Scheduled based on relevance to group and expressed interest of group members
- Students able to ask questions and provide feedback
- Encouraged to share information with peers

SEPT

- FAFSA Simplification
- Center for Financial Wellness
- Cal Student Central

OCT

- FAFSA Simplification & Cost of Attendance Adjustment
- Basic Needs Center

NOV

- Government & Community Relations
- Pulse Survey

JAN

- FAFSA Simplification

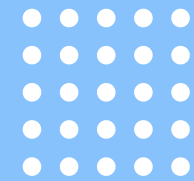
FEB

- Supportal
- FAFSA & CADAA Updates
- Housing Resources

MAR

- Committee on Student Fees

FEEDBACK



Member feedback from presentations and discussion prompts

- Housing affordability and access poses great challenges for students
- Food accessibility needs to increase (expand Cal Fresh options and availability, grocery store locations)
- Support and access to basic hygiene products should be more available
- Challenging to find campus resources
- How are student tuition and fees used?
- Need more transparency with university funding decisions
- What happens to unused aid funds?
- Access to scholarship opportunities
- Long appeal review process, left without funding
- Supportal - Add AI chatbot, simplify site, add link to syllabi, and CalCentral
- Cal Student Central - What is the grievance process, on-time trainings to help with consistency of answers and familiarity with policies and procedures



TAKING ACTION

Increase accessibility through outreach events

- Oct 2023: FASO / ASUC / CFW tabling
- Mar 2024: FASO / ASUC / CFW tabling
- Planning: October 2024 Financial Aid Resource Fair
- Planning: Financial Aid Webinar Series

Apr 2024: Center for Financial Wellness Conference

FAFSA Completion Workshops

- Mar 15
- Mar 22
- Apr 5
- Apr 26: 250 Sproul, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Planning: Counselors Corner

- FASO / student meeting to review & discuss processes