

Student Affairs Issues in the State University System (As Identified by Vice Presidents of Student Affairs)

Funding

- Staffing to meet Student Affairs demands resulting from increased growth (including on branch campuses and other sites).
- Adequate funding to adapt and provide support services for an increasing and diversified student population.
- Caps and other restrictions on Activity and Service fees, athletic fees, and health fees.
- Process and timetable for the distribution of Capital Improvement Trust Fund dollars.

Student Health

- Alcohol and substance abuse issues.
- Facilities and resources for the growing number of students with mental health needs.
- Student health insurance issues related to international students and other uninsured students.
- Resources to facilitate student wellness on weekends and evenings.

Facilities

- Facilities/space for student support services.
- Residence hall renovation/refurbishment and expansion.
- Facilities for career needs (career preparation in an increasingly tight economy and labor market).
- Parking facilities.
- Child care resources.

Cost of Education to Students

- Need-based student financial aid.
- Cost of higher education and burden of debt.

Services for Special Populations

- Support programs aimed at student access and retention (e.g., CROP, TRIO, advising, mentoring, tutoring, first year experience, transfer support, and other learning assistance programs).
- Disability support services and resources to meet ADA requirements (including testing to document disabilities).
- Assessment of programs and services outside of the classroom that enhance students' educational experiences.
- Record keeping and federal reporting requirements (e.g., SEVIS).
- Time-to-degree issues.

Technology

- Resources to improve the uses of technology in delivering programs and services; balancing high-tech with high-touch.

Conduct and Safety

- Judicial concerns and intervention programs.
- Infusion of character values.
- Enhanced funding for safety and security issues.
- Freedom of expression or speech challenges.