

Office of the President

TO MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BASIC NEEDS:

DISCUSSION ITEM

For Meeting of May 19, 2020

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BASIC NEEDS REPORT DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item presents the draft recommendations of the Special Committee on Basic Needs report (Attachment 1). The recommendations aim to address students' primary struggles with basic needs insecurity, as featured in the report's findings, which was discussed at the March 17, 2020 Special Committee meeting. The Special Committee will discuss the report's recommendations with the intent to provide direction on the final recommendations that will provide policymakers with vetted potential solutions to basic needs insecurity at the University and beyond.

CONTEXT AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

When the Special Committee on Basic Needs was established in November 2018, its charter included the issuance of a report to guide UC's long-term strategic vision to address basic needs. A subgroup of the Special Committee, including Regents Weddle, Cohen, Park, and Leib, has been meeting to discuss the draft report.

The report is intended to inform State legislators, the Office of the Governor, higher education administrators, and other California policymakers about the state of basic needs insecurity among UC students and its impact on academic outcomes. It will delineate the policy landscape for addressing student basic needs, as well as present principal findings and recommendations for how best to address this issue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

These recommendations are designed to inform the Regents, California legislators, the Governor, other relevant state policymakers, and leadership of higher education institutions about how to most effectively address basic needs insecurity at the University and beyond.

Attachment 1 serves as the discussion section of the report and includes the findings and subsequent recommendations, grouped by category.

In addition to previous presentation material, the draft recommendations take into account observations and suggestions made by Regents during previous Special Committee deliberations,

as well as input from campus basic needs leadership. Various basic needs experts have been consulted in the preparation of these recommendations to ensure that they represent the most vetted potential solutions to the challenges of the basic needs-insecure students who were identified in the report's findings.

Attachment

1. [Special Committee on Basic Needs Report Draft Recommendations](#)