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California Student Aid Commission Appoints Patrick Perry as Division Chief of Policy, Research, and Data

SACRAMENTO, Calif., October 15, 2019 – The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) has appointed Patrick Perry as the Commission’s Chief of the Policy, Research, and Data Division. He has extensive experience with developing usable data systems, research and understanding of technology. He will strengthen the Commission’s research and data analysis.

Previously, Perry was Chief of Information and Technology at the California State University (CSU) – the largest public four-year higher education system in the nation. Prior to his time at the CSU Chancellor’s office, Perry served as Senior Research Associate at WestEd, Vice-Chancellor of Technology at the California Community Colleges, and Dean of Information Systems at the California Community Colleges.

“Patrick Perry brings more than two decades of expertise in data and research to the Commission,” said Commission Chair Catalina Cifuentes. “His knowledge and experience at the California State University and California Community Colleges will help the Commission develop a student-centered data approach to ensure that education beyond high school really is accessible to all California students,” Cifuentes continued.

Executive Director, Marlene Garcia, added, “the Commission is eager to welcome Perry to our executive team. Perry will provide deep analytical expertise that will drive innovation to help the Commission better utilize its data to inform effective policies and improve college affordability for students.”

“I am very honored to be working for the Commission. In this role, I will strive to leverage my two decades of experience in higher education to further advance the equitable access and success of students in California”, said Perry.

Mr. Perry’s official start date is October 14. To read more about Mr. Patrick Perry visit our website: CSAC.CA.GOV.

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The California Student Aid Commission is the state’s policy leader in the administration of financial aid for higher education, making education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians. California Student Aid Commission serves the needs of not only today’s college students but tomorrow’s students, guiding them through the application process. Information and tools are available online for the parents of tomorrow’s college and career technical students, a fully staffed call center answers questions and the California Student Aid Commission provides workshops and funds grants to organizations that provide access opportunities for students who are first in their family to attend institutions of higher education. For more information on how the California Student

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