

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS IN PAACKET #3

1. California Budget Project: Budget Brief – From State to Student: How State Disinvestment has Shifted Higher Education Costs to Students and Families
2. Public Policy Institute of California: Defunding Higher Education: What Are the Effects on College Enrollment
3. Indicators of Higher Education Equity in the United States 45 Year Trend Report 2015

Questions:

1. What do we know about the funding of higher education in our state after reading these reports?
2. Should California consider public higher education as a top priority for state funding and support?
3. Should California provide adequate state funding to expand access to everyone who can benefit from a college education while keeping fees/tuition low so that costs do not become a barrier to enrollment completion?
4. Should California revisit the access policies established in the 1960s Master Plan for Higher Education (UC top 12.5%; CSU top 33%; CSU – all other students)?
5. Should California adopt a no fee policy for California community colleges and the rest of public higher education?
6. Should California consider other sources of revenue to increase funding level and stability for our colleges?
7. What do we know about equity in higher education in the United States after reading the 45 Year Trend Report 2015?