



Purpose of Study Groups for AB 928

Study groups will help the Committee to advance the three Areas of Work called for by the AB 928 legislation for 2023:

- GOALS: “Identifying annual goals for increasing transfer rates in California and closing racial equity gaps in transfer outcomes to be adopted by the state.”
- STEM: “Proposing a new unit threshold for STEM degree pathways that meet the requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California.”
- REENGAGEMENT: “Reengaging ADT earners who do not transfer or apply for transfer into a four-year postsecondary educational institution.”

Roles and Responsibilities of Study Groups

Important Context:

The AB 928 Committee is a working committee, and the Committee Members are responsible for making recommendations to the legislature. The Study Groups are a vehicle for making sure the work is high-quality, and the Committee Members serving on the Study Groups will be responsible for moving the work of the groups forward.

Committee Members are representing constituents in their roles on the Study Group, just as they represent a constituency in their wider role on the Committee. While Committee Members bring their own expertise, experience, and context, the job of Committee Members is to represent a wider constituency in the creation of recommendations.

Each study group will:

- Include a small number of AB 928 Committee members;
- Meet 1-2 times per month from December 2022 through April 2023;
- Have a Lead Facilitator responsible for:
 - Making sure meetings happen (e.g., scheduling and technology);
 - Ensuring action items are completed and recommendations are developed; and
 - Liaising with the Sova facilitator as needed.

- Be able to invite panelists / relevant stakeholders as subject-matter experts (but not as study group members);
- Deliver updates at all AB 928 Committee meetings;
- Launch the study group's work with a few key steps:
 - Examine the legislative language related to the relevant Area of Work;
 - Develop a plan of action and timeline;
 - Consider the questions needed to address the Area of Work ;
 - Review the AB 928 Committee Experts, Stakeholders, and Data Needs survey findings and determine how to use the takeaways in the development of recommendations;
 - Meet with the data partner, Student Ready Strategies, to discuss feasible data needs of the study group; and
 - Develop an agreement on the expected responsibilities of study group members and the contributions to the work of the study group that study group members will be expected to make.
- Through deliberation, develop the following:
 - A data supported consensus around the current status of the Area of Work;
 - Draft recommendations that address the legislation's directive related to the Area of Work; and
 - Supporting context for the draft recommendations.

The Study Group Lead Facilitator will receive the following supports from Sova:

- Support for facilitation and capture of notes and action items;
- Provide connectivity between the three study groups; and
- Liaise with the AB 928 Committee Chair as needed.