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TO: Chief Executive Officers
Chief Student Services Officers
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Chief Business Officers
Student Equity Directors/Coordinators

FROM: Denise Noldon, Ph.D.
Interim Vice Chancellor, Student Services and Special Programs

SUBJECT: Student Equity Allocations for 2014-15

2015-16 Student Equity Funding: The 2015-16 State Budget increased funding for Student Equity by \$85 million bringing the total amount of funding for allocation to colleges for Student Equity to \$137.5 million. Funding is calculated by district, since certain components of the funding formula (e.g., participation rate) are only available or are specifically required (i.e., socioeconomic status) to be by district. The 2015-16 allocations were based on the Student Equity funding formula which includes factors for Annual FTES, High Need Students, Educational Attainment of Residential Zip Code, Participation Rate, Poverty Rate, and Unemployment Rate. A seventh factor for Foster Youth was added in 2015-16 per language in the 2015-16 State Budget Act. There is no match requirement for Student Equity funds.

Allowable Use of Student Equity Funds: Be targeted towards the populations, goals and activities prioritized in the college Student Equity Plan as defined in statute and title 5. Targeted populations, goals and activities must be prioritized based on the results of a disproportionate impact study outlined in the Student Equity Plan and must focus on the success indicators of Student Equity as defined in statute and title 5. For specific guidance on the allowable use of funds, please refer to the [Student Equity Expenditure Guidelines](#).

Carryover of Funds: The Chancellor's Office has authorized the carryover of 2015-16 funds through Dec 31, 2016.

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