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**TO:** Chief Executive Officers  
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Chief Instructional Officers  
Academic Senate Presidents  
Chief Business Officers  
Student Equity Directors/Coordinators

**FROM:** Pamela D. Walker, Ed.D.  
Vice Chancellor, Educational Services

**SUBJECT:** Student Equity Allocations for 2016-17

**2016-17 Student Equity Funding:** The 2016-17 State Budget allocates \$140 million to community college districts to implement Student Equity plans. Funding is calculated by district, not college, since some of the criteria (e.g., participation rate,) are only available or are specifically required (i.e., education attainment of the community, socioeconomic status) to be by district. The 2016-17 allocations were calculated using the existing Student Equity funding formula which includes factors for Annual FTES, High Need Students, Educational Attainment of Residential Zip Code, Participation Rate, Poverty Rate, Unemployment Rate and unduplicated Foster Youth headcount. There is no match requirement for Student Equity funds.

**Allowable Use of Student Equity Funds:** As in previous years, Student Equity funds must be used to address the Student Equity populations and indicators as defined in statute (Ed. Code §§ 78220-1) and California Code of Regulations, tit. 5, sections 51026 and 54220 and be based on the disproportionate impact (DI) study, goals and activities outlined in your college Student Equity Plan. For specific guidance on the allowable use of funds, please refer to the Student Equity Expenditure Guidelines.

Over the past year, there has been some question as to whether or not Student Equity funds can be used for noncredit programs. I want to clarify that Noncredit FTES *is* included in the calculations for the Student Equity funding formula. As a result, as long as noncredit students targeted for services are from DI groups at the campus, colleges *can* and *should* expend Student Equity funds on them. However, in order to do so, noncredit students must be

included in the college disproportionate impact study. The Student Equity success indicators that potentially apply to noncredit are access, basic skills and ESL improvement and degrees and certificates. Many colleges that have noncredit programs may not have included noncredit students in their DI research in their equity plans submitted earlier this year. As you know, colleges are not required to submit revised plans for the 2016-17 year. If your college would like to include noncredit students in their equity plans, you have the option of updating your DI research in the plan. The college does not need to submit the updated research to the Chancellor's Office, but does need to keep a copy of the updates on campus for audit purposes. Also, it is strongly recommend that you submit all updates to your local board for approval.

**Carryover of Funds:** The Chancellor's Office has authorized the carryover of 2016-17 funds through December 31, 2017.

**Reporting:** Please note, mid-year and year-end expenditure reporting requirements remain in effect. The Mid-year Expenditure Report for 2016-17 allocations will be due March, 2017 and the Year-end Expenditure Report will be due February, 2018. Exact dates will be forthcoming.

**Contact:** Please contact David Lawrence, Student Success and Equity Specialist at [dlawrence@cccoco.edu](mailto:dlawrence@cccoco.edu) or (916) 327-0749 with questions related to this memo.

Attachment: 2016-17 Student Equity Allocations