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To: CSSOs
From: CSSO Executive Board
Re: EOPS Guideline Revisions

As you may now be aware, the California Community College Chancellor's Office is working on a revision of the Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS) Regulations and Guidelines. While these revisions have been met with concern and mixed reviews amongst EOPS stakeholders, the CSSO Executive Board wanted to inform you of the impending changes and offer its perspective.

The overarching goal of the changes, as communicated to us by Vice Chancellor Rhonda Mohr, is to provide more flexibility for colleges and local EOPS programs without needing to consult the Chancellor's Office for approval. Two areas of most concern for the field is the blanket waiver regarding minimum qualifications for EOPS Directors and Counselors, as well as the flexibility of three visits for EOPS students.

The Board recognizes that each college is different depending on its size, location, campus culture and political climates. Our intent is to ensure you that you have support from your peers across the state as these conversations reach your campuses and that we hope you will ensure you are part of any local conversations that occur on your campus.

Representatives from the CSSO Executive Board will continue to have conversations with the Chancellor's Office and EOPS stakeholders on determining a path forward. Our goal is to provide a unified voice for all CSSOs in the system. In order to do so, we seek your input about the proposed changes to the EOPS program.

The CSSO Executive Board is adamant about maintaining an Equity lens as we advocate for program alignment with the Guided Pathways framework and Vision for Success. Furthermore, it is important that we keep in mind the intent and goal of the EOPS program, which is to serve the most vulnerable of students. Regardless of the changes that are implemented, we remain the leaders in representing students to ensure resources are used as they are designed and intended.

If you have any questions, need assistance, or would like to provide feedback about the proposed changes to EOPS, please feel free to contact your regional representative or cssoassociation@gmail.com

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