

EOPS Regional Coordinators Meeting April 12 2019

April 15, 2019

I attended an EOPS/CARE Director's Regional Meeting in Sacramento this past Friday. The major item discussed was the proposed changes to the EOPS Implementing Guidelines. We relayed our concerns and as a result Mia Keeley and is giving us the opportunity to provide the Chancellor's Office with feedback on the language. However, she stated that there are some areas that they are definitely going to change.

Some of the major changes that they are looking to make include:

1. Blanket waiver for colleges to make the following purchasing decisions at the local level: (d) costs of furniture (chairs, desks, coat hangers, etc.) (e) costs of construction, remodeling, renovation, or vehicles. (f) travel costs other than travel costs of EOPS staff and students for EOPS activities or functions.
2. Changes to the 3 required contacts: The Chancellor's Office wants us to count tutoring, workshops, and similar services as a contact.
3. Waiving the counselor and director min quals.
4. Waiving requirement for EOPS/CARE programs to have a FT director.

While I am very concerned about the proposed changes, I was more concerned by some of the comments Rhonda Moore made at the meeting. She essentially revealed that the purpose of all these changes is to gut our guidelines so that colleges can have "flexibility." I have requested a meeting with you and Koji to discuss my concerns and get your feedback on next steps.

Best,

Julie Marquez
Director, EOPS

Attached:
EOPS - New Guidance DRAFT