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**Subject:** EOPS Update- May 16, 2019

Hello Drs. Scroggins and Baca,

Below is the latest update from the CCCEOPSA President with some encouraging news from dialogue that he and the EOPSA leadership have had with the Chancellor's Office staff. They are certainly striking a more collaborative tone and ensuring EOPS leadership that they discuss any changes with them before moving on any of the proposals. While I credit the EOPS leadership for their ongoing dialogue with members of the Chancellor's Office, I want to particularly thank you for both your leadership on this matter. I do not think it was a coincidence that Chancellor Oakley and Executive Vice Chancellor Alvarado (attached letter dated May 10) conveyed a different tone and began providing much more substantive responses, after President Scroggins' sent out our Board of Trustees' resolution. While the resolution opposes the proposed changes by the CO, it also encourages the CO to work with EOPS leadership, which they now seem to be doing. Thank you for your leadership.

As I highlighted below, Omar asks EOPS representatives that are attending upcoming BOG and Consultation Council meetings to refocus our message on the value of our program. EOPS counselor, Natalie Paredes and I, along with six of our students, will be attending to the BOG meeting on Monday. We plan to speak about the value of EOPS to our CCC system, and to encourage working collaboratively with the CO.

We will remind our colleagues to remain vigilant, but this is certainly a good sign of progress.

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**Subject:** EOPS Update- May 16, 2019

Dear EOPS Community, I'm glad to share with you a few updates regarding our dialogue with the Chancellor's Office. During the week of May 6th, EOPS leadership -which includes Dr. Fabio Gonzalez, Danita Scott, Matt Fox and myself, had a couple of meetings with Executive Vice Chancellor Marty Alvarado, and Vice Chancellor Rhonda Mohr. There was also CSSO representation from Ulises Velasco and Mandy Davies. During both conversations we felt a different tone coming from the Chancellor's Office. Matt Fox was able to compile a brief summary:

1. The Chancellor's Office is committed to a more inclusive decision making process with the EOPS Leadership.
2. There are NO proposals moving forward at this time- neither in Consultation Council nor to the Board of Governors. Marty assured us that any proposal will first be discussed with us.
3. At this time, the only topic we are discussing in regards to EOPS guidelines is including clarification for the ability to serve AB540 students- to ensure is clear in our guidelines that we are able to serve them.
4. The topic of the three EOPS required appointments (note: they specifically always state touch points vs counseling sessions) was "not on the table" HOWEVER, that doesn't mean it won't be. The CO wants to engage in holistic conversations about the EOPS program in general and the 3 touch points/counseling sessions are included in that conversation.
5. The CO is committed to an appropriate timeline to make decisions and request feedback - and while that timeline might not ever be slow enough - they are consciously attempting to improve in that area.
6. The EOPS growth funding formula: Matt Fox will be contacting the members of the EOPS budget task

force soon to engage in conversations/scenarios to best ensure a successful roll-out.

I have also had one-on-one conversations with Marty Alvarado. I must share that it is refreshing to have conversations from a collaborative standpoint. We look forward to continued dialogue.

Should we still attend Consultation Council and BOG? If you are already planning to attend, we encourage you to do so. However, please note that at this time our message should be about the great work that EOPS has done so in supporting our students. We should not be combative as there are no proposals coming forward from the Chancellor's Office. I understand that this might cause confusion based on our latest communications. From our experience, information changes rapidly. I want to assure you that everyone in CCCEOPSA is paying close attention and will always advocate for the integrity of EOPS. If you have any questions, concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or at the number listed below.

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From: Oakley, Eloy  
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Subject: EOPS Clarification

You all recently received a resolution from President Scroggins regarding EOPS. I appreciate the concerns raised by this resolution but I must take some time to clarify that I do not believe that the conversations we are having about EOPS rise to the level articulated in the resolution. Allow me to make some clarifying comments.

\* I personally, and the Chancellor's Office as a whole, very much value the contributions of EOPS. The populations served by EOPS are central to the equity concerns that my office consistently articulates. There are no plans to dismantle or undermine EOPS. Furthermore, I am always available by cell or email to address any concerns you might have about a formal or informal proposal. I will always give you a direct answer and I would have expected such a communication in this case, but that did not occur.

\* The Chancellor's Office has continuously received input from the field about changes to guidance, guidelines and regulations that would improve a college's ability to implement the Vision for Success, including possible changes and clarifications to all categorical programs. In this case, my office has been exploring changes to guidance and guidelines to the EOPS program that would allow colleges more flexibility in how they align EOPS with the Guided Pathways Framework. These discussions have not resulted in a formal proposal or position.

\* The Consultation Council is a critical step in our participatory governance. Any EOPS Implementation Guideline changes would undergo statewide consultation and I would expect to have clear and honest input from you and the CEO representative on the Council.

\* The Chancellor's Office has not proposed any changes to the Board of Governors related to the Implementing Guidelines for EOPS.

\* The Chancellor's Office is actively reviewing all guidance, guidelines and regulations to align all programs. As our work continues, I welcome your thoughts and advice on changes or additional flexibility that CEO's need to implement the Vision for Success.

\* Executive Vice Chancellor Alvarado is in direct contact with the EOPS leadership to clarify any misconceptions and ensure that they are fully informed and engaged. I am sharing the most recent communication with the EOPS leadership from my office.

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