December 9, 2015

Provost Lynn Mahoney

As the Fall Quarter closes, there are many indications that Cal State LA is fast becoming a destination campus and is no longer the "hidden" jewel of the CSU. Chief among these are our record number of applications for Fall 2016. We received 34,308 applications for the freshman class—an 11.5% increase from 2015— and 19,007 applications for new transfers—a 20% increase from last year. Most significantly, our increase in undergraduate applications was among the largest in the CSU. And, as we anticipated, our first degree program at our DTLA campus, Liberal Studies, is fulfilling an educational need in the region and has attracted a significant number of applications for Spring 2016. I have also heard positive feedback about the many searches we are in the midst of for faculty, staff, and three new deans—demonstrating the appeal of Cal State LA to professionals from across the country and the world. It has been a busy quarter and winter promises to be similarly busy. Again, thank you for doing your part in making Cal State LA a great place to work, teach, and learn. I wish you all healthy, happy, and restful holidays.

Call for Lottery and Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Proposals

Ben Figueroa, Director of Resource Planning and Management

In an effort to add stability and predictability to the funding process, a new schedule for Lottery and IRA proposals will start in the winter quarter. Important dates are listed below:

Call for Faculty Lottery Proposals: January 4, 2016
Proposals due to each College Dean: January 22, 2016
Call for Faculty IRA proposals: January 25, 2016
Proposals due to each College Dean: February 12, 2016

Each college will have two weeks to review and recommend which proposals to advance to the Provost for further consideration. Deans will inform faculty members whether their proposals were advanced or not advanced for funding consideration. The Provost will convene an administrative committee to review the proposals forwarded by the Colleges and make recommendations to the President based on available funding. Please make a note of these important due dates and prepare your proposals accordingly.

Michelle Hawley, Ph.D., Dean of Undergraduate Studies

ADVISEMENT
Thank you to all who participated in the Fall 2015 Advisors' Institute on December 3, 2015. Participants learned about the "15 to Finish" campaign that encourages students to take 15 units per semester to graduate in 4 years. Presenters highlighted data on our student population, financial benefits of graduating in four years, and best practices to engage students in meaningful dialogue about taking on a full course load. In addition, the Advisors' Institute presented the "Go Green to Grad" initiative with an aim to clarify the Graduation Application process for students, advisors, and the Graduation Office. ECST and NSS helped to further the discussion by sharing their own Graduation Application process and challenges with the group. The presentations from the Advisor's Institute have been posted for you to review.
Don't miss the Winter 2016 Advisors' Institute on March 10, 2016, 12p-3p and the Spring 2016 Advisors' Institute on June 3, 2016, 9a-12p.

ADVISOR TRAINING SESSION
Winter 2016 Advisor Training Session dates have been released and offer a variety of topics for all advisors. RSVP information will be posted on the UAAC webpage soon!
### Advisor Training Sessions - Winter 2016

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### ARTICULATION

Undergraduate Studies is actively pursuing establishing articulation agreements with our local community colleges as well as colleges and universities outside of our region. Contact Articulation Officer, Cheryl Pugh, if you have any questions about arranging articulation agreements. Department Chairs will soon be contacted about new workflow tools for coordinating agreement approvals.

### SMART START: Early Start, First Year Experience and Testing

Undergraduate Studies is pleased to announce that Suzanne McEvoy has been appointed Director of Smart Start, a new unit that will oversee and coordinate Early Start, First Experience, and Testing. A Cal State LA alum, Dr. McEvoy earned her Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University. She has been serving as Director of University Testing Services and has contributed to the University in numerous ways. She has been actively involved in many initiatives including Student Support Programs, EOP Summer Bridge, and Early Start. She helped develop and implemented large, group math placement exams to streamline the possible math advancement process; and she designs and facilitates the yearly, campus-wide Early Start information workshops.

Thank you to all who continue to share your good news with our office. The Faculty Activity page remains under construction.

Contact the Office of the Provost with your comments and submissions [here](#).