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TO: Veena Prabhu, Chair
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SUBJECT: **Proposed Policy Deletion: Educational Equity Advisory to the Vice President for Student Life**

At its meeting of February 3, 2020, the Student Policy Committee (SPC) reviewed and discussed a recommendation to delete the Educational Equity Advisory Committee to the Vice President for Student Life, administrative committee from the faculty handbook. It was agreed unanimously to delete the administrative committee from the faculty handbook. Given that Cal State LA has significantly increased its commitment to diversity and equity, as evidenced by the new position, Vice President for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. In turn, Vice President Octavio Villalpando has created an Advisory Council which will expand the scope of the Ed Equity Committee.

The Student Educational Equity Advisory Committee to the Vice President for Student Affairs

Charge. The Advisory Committee to the Vice President for Student Affairs on Student Educational Equity studies, recommends, and acts as the principal advisory body on all matters pertaining to student educational equity. The committee will address the underrepresentation of certain groups as characterized by socioeconomic and demographic factors. It is the purpose of the committee to promote efforts by the University to provide meaningful educational access to heretofore underrepresented populations and maximize supportive services to improve student retention and graduation rates. To meet these objectives, the Advisory Committee on Student Educational Equity will:

1. Develop and recommend policy on matters relating to educational equity.
2. Advise the Vice President for Student Affairs on outreach program matters relating to educational equity.
3. Recommend strategies that will foster the recruitment and retention of underrepresented groups that otherwise might not consider post- secondary education, with appropriate attention devoted to student achievement and successful matriculation.
4. Recommend strategies for the collection and dissemination of educational equity information to academic departments/divisions/schools, administrative offices, and supportive service groups that will enhance University endeavors.
5. Encourage the development of cooperative educational equity efforts among educational institutions and public and private agencies.
6. Carry out other tasks related to educational equity as requested by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Membership. The Advisory Committee to the Vice President for Student Affairs on Student Educational Equity is composed of the following:

1. Two representatives from educational equity programs which encompass outreach, special admissions and retention.
2. The Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee.*
3. The University Director of Equity and Diversity or designee.*
4. The University Public Affairs Director or designee.*
5. A senior associate of the Vice President for Student Affairs who serves ex officio as executive secretary.
6. Six faculty members selected by the Academic Senate for staggered three-year terms, with one representative from each college.
7. One undergraduate and one graduate student member appointed annually by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, Inc.

A chair is selected annually from among the membership.

*It is understood that the designee will be appointed only under extraordinary circumstances.