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Subject: **EPC Memo 23-17: Proposed New Policy “Extended Deadline Consideration for Graduate Applicants in NCAA Athletics Programs” – Chapter V of the Faculty Handbook**

On April 19, 2024, the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) received a memo from the Graduate Studies Subcommittee (GSS) regarding a proposed policy to extend graduate admission deadlines for athletes. The proposed policy is intended to address issues of access to graduate education for athletes that miss graduate admissions deadlines due to National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules.

GSS became aware that during the pandemic, there was a higher than usual number of student athletes who had remaining eligibility to play sports past the completion of their undergraduate degree. However, the NCAA timelines and procedures that recruiters and athletic departments must follow before communicating with potential graduate student athletes are not necessarily aligned with existing graduate program application deadlines and the graduate admissions processes at Cal State LA.

The graduate admissions barriers related to NCAA regulations have led to an increase in requests for extended application and admissions deadlines to graduate programs. In recent years, this issue has been handled on a case-by-case basis, which may not be the most efficient approach. Therefore, in consultation with representatives from the Athletics Department, GSS recommends a new policy statement that specifies that at their discretion, departments may decide to extend their deadlines for graduate admissions for student athlete applicants, but they are not required to do so. The policy further states that all other admissions criteria will remain the same for all graduate applicants regardless of their involvement in athletics.

It is recommended that the proposed policy be added to Chapter V: Instructional Policies inserted after the section on “Special Action Graduate Admission Policy.”

On April 23, 2024, EPC discussed and approved the Graduate Student Subcommittee’s proposed policy.

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