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TO: Campus Presidents

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Executive Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs

SUBJECT: SUG Summer Policy to Enhance the Graduation Initiative 2025

Current CSU policy requires that qualifying students be enrolled at least half-time in order to be eligible for a State University Grant (SUG) award. In support of Graduation Initiative 2025 and ongoing efforts to enhance timely degree completion, the following change to SUG award eligibility will be effective, on a pilot basis, beginning with the summer 2017 term:

For state-supported summer session enrollment, an otherwise eligible student may enroll less than half-time and receive a SUG award; students may enroll in any number of state-supported summer units or summer sessions to qualify. Half-time enrollment remains a minimum requirement for SUG eligibility during the regular academic year. Students must meet all other eligibility requirements for the SUG program. A student who enrolls solely in self-supported summer sessions would not qualify for a SUG award.

Campuses are encouraged to review their enrollment management plans and SUG fund management, particularly in light of the Graduation Initiative, to determine whether state-support summer instruction may be offered. Campuses may operate all, or a portion of summer offerings in a state-supported mode. No additional systemwide SUG allocations will be available for summer 2017; campuses will need to have SUG funding remaining in order for these awards to be offered. Campuses are also encouraged to maximize the use of one-time Graduation Initiative funding, already allocated, to support increased summer enrollment.

Should you have any questions about this memo or general SUG eligibility requirements, please contact Mr. Dean Kulju, Director, Financial Aid, at (562) 951-4737 or dkulju@calstate.edu.

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