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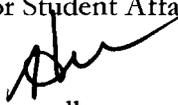
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Memorandum

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To: Vice President for Student Affairs
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Subject: Student Eligibility in Intercollegiate Athletics

AB 2165 (Jay LaSuer, 2006) was signed by Governor Schwarzenegger on September 5, 2006, which added Section 67362 to the California Education Code. It addresses intercollegiate athletic eligibility.

Summary

The new law prohibits any student athlete enrolled at any campus of the California State University from participating as a member of any intercollegiate athletic team if after enrollment as a university student, he or she is prosecuted as an adult and is convicted of any of several specified crimes.

The bill provides that a student convicted of any of the specified crimes is eligible to participate as a member of an intercollegiate athletic team after he or she successfully completes the entire term of probation or successfully completes the assigned prison term and parole period, if any.

In addition, the bill provides that a campus may rely upon the declaration of a student athlete to determine his or her eligibility for participation in intercollegiate athletics with respect to the requirements of the bill. The bill adds that any student who knowingly provides false information in the declaration will be subject to disciplinary action.

Policy

In accordance with Education Code Section 67362, each California State University campus shall ensure that no student athlete may participate as a member of any intercollegiate athletic team, or as

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a participant in any intercollegiate athletic event, except in a manner available to the general public, if he or she, at any time after his or her enrollment as a university student, is prosecuted as an adult and is convicted of any violations outlined in Education Code 67362 (a).

A student convicted of a violation of any of the Penal Code sections listed in Education Code Section 67362 (a) is eligible to participate as a member of an intercollegiate athletic team after he or she successfully completes the entire term of his or her probation or successfully completes his or her assigned prison term and parole period, if any.

Campuses may rely upon the declaration of a student athlete to determine his or her eligibility for participation in intercollegiate athletics with respect to the requirements of Education Code Section 67362. Any declaration obtained from a student athlete shall contain a notice advising the student that he or she may be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension, dismissal, or expulsion, if the student knowingly provides false information in the declaration. A campus may, at the discretion of its appropriate administrators, seek independent confirmation of the truth of any and all of the statements of a student athlete included in his or her declaration.

A student who knowingly provides a false declaration may be subject to disciplinary action under Section 66017 of the Education Code.

Questions about the requirements for student eligibility in intercollegiate athletics may be directed to Mr. Ray Murillo, Associate Director, Student Programs, Student Academic Support, at (562) 951-4707 or rmurillo@calstate.edu

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