March 5, 2014

Dear Campus Senate Chairs:

We write to provide an update to our February 26th letter pertaining to AS-3158-13/AA, Recommendation to Amend Title 5 to Re-Establish Appropriate Unit Limits for Engineering.

At our request, Trustee Stepanek attended a meeting of CSU deans of engineering at CSU Northridge on Monday, March 3rd. Trustee Stepanek and ASCSU Chair Guerin then met with Chancellor White on March 4th. At that meeting, Chancellor White discussed his plan to convene a diverse group of faculty and administrators to review the exception requests from engineering as a package and make overarching recommendations to him (as opposed to recommendations regarding individual program unit exception requests). He sought Trustee Stepanek’s and Chair Guerin’s input on the composition of the group, and they reported coming to quick agreement.

Yesterday, we also received a memo extending the reporting deadline for programs seeking an exception to the 120/180 unit limit on BA/BS degrees (Coded Memo AA-2014-04). The new deadline is March 31, 2014. The memorandum details the documents necessary to request the exception, which are as before (however, see clarification detailed in next paragraph).

As provided in Title 5, we encourage campus programs to submit requests for exceptions to the 120/180 unit limits if they have not done so already. **Campus senate chairs, the documentation submitted requires your signature.** This form has been corrected to clarify that the Campus Academic Senate Chair, in addition to the President or Provost, signifies that local curricular processes were followed. If you have not signed off on your campus exception requests, please follow up to insure your campus requests are complete.

Please work with your campus faculty and administration to submit any exception requests by March 31st so that this process can be concluded and faculty/programs can be notified of the outcome of their request as expeditiously as possible. Our analysis leads us to expect that 90 to 100 engineering programs have forwarded or may forward requests for unit limit exceptions.

Please share this information with relevant colleagues on your campus.

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Attachments:
- ASCSU Update on AS-3158-13AA, dated February 26, 2014
- AS-3158-13/AA, Recommendation to Amend Title 5 to Re-Establish Appropriate Unit Limits for Engineering
- Chancellor’s Response to January 2014 Resolutions
- Spreadsheet Showing Status of Campus Exception Requests (from CO)
- Analysis of Spreadsheet by Committee Chair Miller
- Coded Memo AA-2014-04 Extended Reporting Deadline: Trustees Title 5 Changes to Baccalaureate Degrees and two attachments