RE: 2009-10 Budget Reductions to Outreach Programs Report

The 2009-10 Budget Act requires the California State University (CSU) to limit budget reductions (if any) to student academic preparation and outreach programs to not exceed, proportionally, overall reduction in state General Fund support to the university. The budget act language (Provision 13 of Item 6610-001-0001) requires the CSU to report on any reductions to these programs.

Provision 9 of the same budget act item identifies a base total of $52 million of state and university funds allocated to such programs, prior to the overall state General Fund reductions to the university (which have totaled $625 million in annual funding). These allocations include funds for the Early Assessment Program, Summer Bridge, various campus-based programs, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) grants and staffing/operating costs in support of the EOP. Despite the severity of overall state budget cuts, the CSU is committed to these academic preparation and outreach programs as particularly high priorities. Accordingly, the CSU has not reduced any campus allocations during 2009-10 for these programs. Our review indicates that the only reductions that have taken place involve expenditures for staffing support of the EOP. As part of the overall state General Fund reductions to the university, almost all CSU staff have been
subject to furloughs during 2009-10, resulting in a 9.2 percent reduction in annual salary expenditures. These expenditure reductions include EOP staff. However, no campus has reported expenditure reductions for EOP operations that exceed proportionally the extent of overall reductions occasioned by the loss of state General Fund support.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact Robert Turnage, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget, at (562) 951-4560.

Sincerely,

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