Date: October 24, 1997
To: Presidents
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Chancellor
Subject: Redirection—Executive Order No. 673

I am transmitting to you five copies of Executive Order 673, Redirection. The Executive Order is issued pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter III of the Standing Orders of the Board of Trustees of The California State University.

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Executive Order No: 673

Title: Redirection

Effective Date: November 1, 1997

Supersedes: No prior executive order

This Executive Order is issued pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter III of the Standing Orders of the Board of Trustees of The California State University. This Executive Order applies to all students who enter the California State University on or after the fall term 1998.

The California State University is committed to ensuring that all qualified applicants seeking access to the CSU are offered accommodation within the system. Since the inception of CSU's redirection policy in 1970, campuses have voluntarily established procedures to redirect applicants to another CSU campus when applicants cannot be accommodated at the first-choice campus or in the alternate major(s). This policy establishes a systemwide definition of redirection and specifies minimum common elements of campus redirection procedures.

Definition of Redirection

CSU defines redirection as follows:

Redirection is a process that ensures that applicants for admission who cannot be accommodated at their first-choice campus in their designated major(s) are redirected promptly to other CSU campuses without asking the redirected applicant (1) to complete another admission application, (2) to supply another complement of transcripts and test scores, or (3) to pay an additional admission application fee. Redirection must occur early enough to provide applicants with viable CSU enrollment options.

The CSU application for admission establishes a basis for redirection by giving applicants the opportunity to designate both an alternate major and an alternate campus. Redirection includes not only the act of forwarding an application to an alternate campus but also encompasses the entire process of advising and counseling applicants who cannot be accommodated at a campus about other enrollment options open to them in the CSU and other postsecondary institutions.

Redirection options may be limited by the amount of time remaining prior to the start of a term and by the applicant's interest in enrolling in another CSU campus or other postsecondary institution.

Student Notification of Redirection Opportunities

Applicants are to be contacted as soon as it is determined that accommodation at the first-choice campus or in the alternate major(s) is not possible. Campuses should inform unaccommodated students as early as
possible and make every effort to notify them about opportunities for redirection to a second choice CSU campus or major by March 1 for fall terms. Sufficient information concerning available enrollment options within the CSU is to be provided to applicants in order to try to accommodate them within the CSU. If accommodation within the CSU is not possible, applicants should be counseled about other educational institutions with suitable educational programs.

Processing the Application for Admission Fee

1. For applications received during the initial filing period and for as long as enrollment categories remain open, the application for admission fee is retained by the first-choice campus.

2. For applicants who voluntarily request applications forwarded to other campuses, the application fee is retained by the first-choice campus.

3. After the closing of an enrollment category at the first choice campus, applications and fees are forwarded to the alternate campus.

4. If the first-choice campus is no longer accepting applications for admission and no other major or CSU campus has been identified and efforts have been made to contact the applicant to determine if the applicant wishes to redirect the application to another CSU campus, the application and fee are returned to an applicant who filed the admission application after the initial filing period or close of the enrollment category.

The attachment describes the redirection procedures for students who file a paper admission application and a CSUMentor™ electronic admission application.

Date: October 24, 1997

Barry Munitz, Chancellor
REDIRECTION

Redirection Procedure (paper and electronic admission applications)

The application fee gives an applicant access to the entire CSU system, not only to the campus or major of first choice. Therefore, any eligible applicants who cannot be accommodated by the first-choice campus or in the designated major(s) are to be redirected as follows:

1. Campuses should inform unaccommodated students as early as possible and make every effort to notify them about opportunities for redirection to a second choice CSU campus or major by March 1 for the fall terms. If accommodation within the CSU is not possible, applicants should be counseled about other educational institutions with suitable educational programs.

2. Prospective applicants inquiring in person, by telephone, electronic mail, or by other non-application methods, shall be advised of other enrollment options at the campus, at other CSU campuses and/or at other educational institutions that can meet the applicant's educational objectives.

3. Applications received after the first-choice campus or major have closed are to be considered in the following order:
   a. Students who cannot be accommodated in their first-choice major at their first-choice campus should be considered for accommodation in the designated alternate major at the first-choice campus.
   b. If the alternate major request cannot be met at the first-choice campus, the application is to be redirected to the alternate campus identified in the application for admission.

If necessary, additional information is to be solicited from the applicant about interest in other majors at the first-choice campus or interest in other CSU campuses.

4. For applications redirected to another CSU campus, the first-choice CSU campus must forward promptly the admission application (paper, disk, electronic applications via CSUMentor™), official transcripts, and test scores directly to the second-choice CSU campus.

5. Admission applications shall not be redirected to campuses that are no longer accepting admission applications.

6. For students who filed their admission application electronically via CSUMentor™, the following process is to be followed:

   CSUMentor™ provides an opportunity to campuses to redirect a student’s CSUMentor™ admission application electronically to the student’s alternate campus or to a “prospect file” maintained on the CSUMentor™ server for students who cannot be accommodated or who do not indicate an alternate campus on the initial admission application. The process for electronic redirection of a student’s CSUMentor™ admission application is outlined below.

   a. For Students who Indicate an alternate campus on the admission application

      (1) The first-choice campus that cannot accommodate the student will review the CSUMentor™ application status report that campuses update no less frequently than weekly to determine if the alternate campus is still accepting applications. If the alternate campus is accepting
applications, the first-choice campus should follow steps 2 through 5 below. If the alternate campus is no longer accepting applications, the first-choice campus should follow the steps outlined below in section b. "For Students who do not indicate an alternate campus on the admission application."

(2) The first-choice campus will provide to CSUMentor™ the student's confirmation number provided by CSUMentor™ at the time of the student’s initial admission application filing.

(3) CSUMentor™ will use the student’s confirmation number and initial admission application filing date to retrieve the student’s initial CSUMentor™ admission application to redirect to the student’s alternate campus.

(4) The student’s first-choice campus will forward via surface mail the student’s academic transcript(s) and test scores to the alternate campus until the time academic transcripts and test scores can be transmitted electronically.

(5) The alternate campus will download the student’s CSUMentor™ admission application.

b. For Students who do not indicate an alternate campus on the admission application

(1) The first-choice campus should contact the student to determine if the student is interested in attending another CSU campus.

(2) The first-choice campus will provide to CSUMentor™ the student’s confirmation number provided by CSUMentor™ at the time of the student’s initial admission application filing and the initial admission application filing date.

(3) CSUMentor™ will use the student’s confirmation number and initial admission application filing date to retrieve the student’s initial CSUMentor™ admission application and will place the student’s CSUMentor™ admission application in a “prospect file” that is available to all CSU campuses.

(4) Campuses that are continuing to accommodate students will review no less frequently than weekly the CSUMentor™ Prospect File. Campus(es) will contact the student to determine the student’s interest in being evaluated for admission to the campus(es).

(5) If the student indicates an interest in an alternate campus, the campus will download a student’s CSUMentor™ admission application.

(6) If the student elects to have the campus evaluate his/her application, the campus will contact the student’s first-choice campus to request the student’s academic transcript(s) and test scores.