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MEMORANDUM

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To: CSU Vice Presidents for Student Affairs

From: Eric G. Forbes
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Subject: Minimum Qualifications for Student Office Holders

It is the policy of the California State University to delineate minimum qualifications for student office holders within major student government offices and those serving as minor representative officers or systemwide committee appointees. Student Office holders have an obligation to demonstrate academic involvement, achievement, and progress given their representative, fiduciary, legal, and other long-range policy-making responsibilities and influence.

This coded memorandum should be distributed to employees responsible for advisement, coordination and oversight for student office holders within major student government offices, minor representative officers and systemwide committee appointees. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Ray Murillo, Associate Director, Student Programs, Academic Affairs, Student Academic Support, at (562) 951-4707 or rmurillo@calstate.edu or Dr. Sabrina Sanders, Assistant Director, Student Programs, Academic Affairs, Student Academic Support, at (562) 951-4693 or ssanders@calstate.edu.

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Attachment

- c: Dr. Ephraim P. Smith, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer
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- Mr. Ray Murillo, Associate Director, Student Programs
- Mr. Miles Nevin, Executive Director, California Student Senate Association
- Dr. Sabrina Sanders, Assistant Director, Student Programs
- CSU Directors of Student Activities
- CSU Provosts / Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR STUDENT OFFICE HOLDERS

Given the representative, fiduciary, legal, and other long-range policy-making responsibilities and influence of student office holders, it is the policy of the California State University (CSU) that student office holders and systemwide committee appointments have an obligation to demonstrate academic involvement, achievement, and progress.

All student representatives, candidates, and incumbents for major and minor office positions must be matriculated at a CSU campus maintaining a minimum on-campus 2.0 term grade point average (GPA), are in good standing, and must not be on academic, disciplinary or administrative probation. This requirement applies to the major student government offices defined below, minor student representative offices as defined by the campus, and student representatives to systemwide committees.

These requirements are minimum qualifications. The campus president or designee is authorized to increase the minimum qualifications and establish additional requirements as determined by the campus.

MAJOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Major student offices include students who are executive officers or board members on student government; students who serve on campus auxiliary organizations (student union, recreation centers, foundations and commercial enterprises); and students who are officers or board members of California State Student Association (CSSA).

Candidate Requirements

A. Candidate Unit Load

Undergraduate candidates must maintain 6 semester (9 quarter) units per term while running for office. Graduate and credential student candidates must maintain 3 semester (4 quarter) units per term while running for office.

B. Candidate Residency

Undergraduate candidates for office must have been enrolled on the campus and have completed at least one semester or two quarters prior to the election, earning a minimum of 6 semester (9 quarter) units during that year. Graduate and credential candidates must be currently enrolled on the campus in a minimum of 3 semester (4 quarter) units per term to be eligible.

Year-round quarter campuses may establish a lower number of quarter units that new graduate and credential students must earn to fulfill candidate residency requirements for major student government offices.

Incumbent Requirements

A. Incumbent Unit Load

Undergraduate students must earn 6 semester (9 quarter) units of credit per term while holding office. Graduate and credential students must earn 3 semester (4 quarter) units of credit per term while holding office.

Students enrolled at quarter campuses must attend a minimum of two quarters during the academic year to maintain eligibility. However, year-round quarter campuses may require student office holders to be enrolled a minimum of three quarters during the calendar year to maintain eligibility.

B. Incumbent Maximum Allowable Units

Undergraduate students are allowed to earn a maximum of 150 semester (225 quarter) units or 125 percent of the units required for a specific baccalaureate degree objective, whichever is greater. Graduate and credential students are allowed to earn a maximum of 50 semester (75 quarter) units or 167 percent of the units required for the graduate or credential objective, whichever is greater. Students holding more than this number of units will no longer be eligible for major student government office.

MINOR REPRESENTATIVE OFFICERS

CSU student presidents and treasurers of campus-approved student clubs and organizations shall be defined as minor representative student officers. The campus president or designee retains the authority to define additional minor representative officers as appropriate.

Candidate Requirements

Requirements regarding unit candidate unit load and candidate residency are determined by the campus president or designee.

Incumbent Requirements

A. Incumbent Unit Load

Undergraduate incumbents must earn 6 semester (9 quarter) units per term while holding office. Graduate and credential incumbents must earn 3 semester (4 quarter) units per term while holding office.

Students enrolled at quarter campuses must attend a minimum of two quarters during the academic year to maintain eligibility.

B. Incumbent Maximum Allowable Units

Undergraduate students are allowed to earn a maximum of 150 semester (225 quarter) units or



125 percent of the units required for a specific baccalaureate degree objective, whichever is greater. Graduate and credential students are allowed to earn a maximum of 50 semester (75 quarter) units or 167 percent of the units required for the graduate or credential objective, whichever is greater. Students holding more than this number of units will no longer be eligible for minor student government office.

SYSTEMWIDE COMMITTEE APPOINTEES

All students who are appointed by the CSU to serve on regular or ad hoc systemwide committees must meet the following criteria.

Candidate Requirements

A. Candidate Unit Load

Requirements regarding candidate unit load are determined by the campus president or their designee.

B. Candidate Residency

Undergraduate nominees for systemwide committee appointment must have been enrolled in the CSU system and have completed one semester (two quarters) prior to the appointment, earning a minimum of 6 semester (9 quarter) units during that year. Graduate and credential candidates must be currently enrolled on the campus in a minimum of 3 semester (4 quarter) units per term to be eligible.

A. Incumbent Unit Load

Undergraduate students must earn a minimum of 6 semester (9 quarter) units per term while serving on a committee. Graduate and credential students must earn a minimum of 3 semester (4 quarter) units per term while serving.

Students at quarter campuses must attend a minimum of two quarters during the academic year to maintain eligibility.

B. Incumbent Maximum Allowable Units

Undergraduate students are allowed to earn a maximum of 150 semester (225 quarter) units or 125 percent of the units required for a specific baccalaureate degree objective, whichever is greater. Graduate and credential students are allowed to earn a maximum of 50 semester (75 quarter) units or 167 percent of the units required for the graduate or credential objective, whichever is greater. Students holding over that number of units will no longer be eligible to participate on systemwide committees.

EXCEPTIONS

Under extraordinary circumstances the campus president or designee may make an exception to the requirements for unit load, maximum allowable units, residency, and GPA.