MEMORANDUM

July 19, 2018

TO: Academic Senate for California Community Colleges
Chief Executive Officers
Chief Student Services Officers
Chief Business Officers
Chief Instructional Officers

FROM: Rhonda Mohr, Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Special Programs
Alice Perez, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

RE: Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Program Advanced Allocation

The Vision for Success calls for our system to achieve bold goals to improve student outcomes, including increased attainment of degrees and certificates, reducing excess unit accumulation, securing gainful employment, and closing achievement gaps. The Chancellor’s Office is committed to supporting our colleges in achieving these goals. Our work at the system level focuses on creating the fiscal and policy environment that allows our colleges to best support California’s students. The Guided Pathways framework, changes to assessment and placement, streamlining categorical programs, and a new funding formula that aligns to our system goals are all a part of this larger effort.

The Student Equity and Achievement Program, established in Education Code (EC) 78222, consolidates the Basic Skills Initiative (BSI), Student Equity (SE) and the Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) with the intent of supporting Guided Pathways and the system wide goal to eliminate achievement gaps. As a condition of receiving funds, a district shall comply with the following: maintain an equity plan per EC 78220; provide matriculation services per EC 78212; adopt placement policies per EC 78213 (AB 705) and provide all students with an educational plan.

While the Chancellor’s Office will be working on a future funding formula for the SEA Program, the 2018-19 allocations will be equal to the combined amounts of 2017-18 allocations for SSSP, BSI and Equity. Districts will receive an allocation amount equal to their 2017-18 allocations for BSI, SE and SSSP (credit and noncredit) combined. Advance
allocations will go out this month and represent nearly all of the allocation with minor adjustments in P1, if needed. Changes as a result of the consolidation include program allocations being issued to districts, not colleges; and no district match requirement. Funds can still be used to support noncredit services and programs. Additionally, districts may use up to 1% of their allocation for faculty and staff development to assist in the implementation of AB 705. Attached are flexible spending guidelines, similar to the 2017-18 Integrated Planning Expenditure Guidelines.

See the attached Advance Allocation document for district-by-district allocation amounts. The Chancellor’s Office will be providing further program guidance and professional development in the near future.

If you have any questions concerning this memo, please feel free to contact Michael R. Quiaoit, Dean, Student Services, mquiaoit@cccco.edu or 916-327-6222.

Attachments: Student Equity and Achievement Program District Allocations
Student Equity and Achievement Program Expenditure Guidelines