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TO: Chief Executive Officers
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SUBJECT: Enrollment Fee Increase and Dual Admission Fee Waiver,
Pursuant to SB 1108
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Today Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 1108, the education trailer bill to the 2004-05 state budget, setting the community college enrollment fee at \$26 per unit, effective for the Fall 2004 term. Districts are now authorized to charge the increased enrollment fee, which applies to students who have previously registered for the fall term as well as to those who register after this date.

SB 1108 also establishes dual admissions programs for eligible freshman applicants to the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU). The legislation requires that enrollment fees be waived for two years for those who enroll as dual admission students in 2004-05.

Approximately 1,600 UC-eligible students have taken advantage of the Guaranteed Transfer Option (GTO) dual admissions program established by UC earlier this year. Because the budget agreement provides additional funds to UC and CSU to admit students who were previously redirected to community colleges, some of the students who enrolled in GTO may yet accept a place at a UC campus for the Fall or later terms. Those GTO students who choose to remain at a community college are entitled to an automatic waiver of enrollment fees for 2004-05 and 2005-06, irrespective of financial need. Because CSU has not yet implemented a dual admissions program for 2004-05, we believe that the 1,600 UC GTO students constitute the entire universe of potential candidates for this automatic enrollment fee waiver, at least for the Fall 2004 term.

Since the number of students affected is so small and because the fee waiver is temporary, the system office does not intend to develop special forms or guidelines for its implementation. These students have already been identified in communications between the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) and individuals designated by the Chief Student Services Officers as the GTO Coordinator at each

college. Local processes that include documentation of participation in GTO should be utilized in granting the fee waiver. This is *not* a Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver and does not require dual-enrolled students to demonstrate financial need.

The bill directs CSU and requests UC to establish programs that will encourage UC- and CSU-eligible freshman applicants to attend community colleges for two years before transferring to a UC or CSU campus. Any freshmen who enroll through such programs in 2005-06 and future years will be eligible for an enrollment fee waiver on the same basis of financial need as other students. Therefore, they should be encouraged to apply for a BOG Enrollment Fee Waiver and served in the same manner as all other community college students.

The SB 1108 language regarding these dual admissions programs and the fee waiver is attached. Also attached for your reference is the May 13, 2004, memo from Chancellor Drummond regarding *Charging Enrollment Fees for Fall 2004*.

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