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EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

CSUS has a strong commitment to assisting all students from low-income and diverse backgrounds in achieving their goals of academic and career success. A variety of programs and services are offered with these goals in mind. Many are briefly described below. You'll find out about other programs from your advisor and professors.

ADMISSION AND GENERAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)

The College Assistance Migrant Program helps students from migrant and seasonal farm worker backgrounds during the first year at CSUS. The program helps students make the transition to college life and develop the skills needed to stay in and successfully graduate from CSUS.

The program offers:

- special admission and pre-admission services
- assistance with financial aid, housing and University services
- academic advising
- career exploration
- personal counseling
- referrals to career-related and other job opportunities
- tutors in basic skills and subject area courses
- financial assistance with books and supplies, health insurance, transportation, relocation and monthly living allotment awarded on the basis of financial need.

To be eligible for CAMP, you must be a migrant or seasonal farm worker or a dependent; qualify for enrollment as a full-time student at CSUS; and be in need of academic and support services and financial assistance. For more information, call (916) 278-7241.

Cooper Woodson College Enhancement Program (CWC)

The Cooper Woodson College Enhancement Program is an association of faculty, staff, students and community members who are committed to recognizing and upholding the tradition represented

in African American culture which is best expressed in the relationships between traditional African American colleges and students. It involves adults in the community assuming responsibility for shaping and guiding a learning environment supportive of, responsive to, and nurturing of students. A key objective of CWC is the development of leaders. For more information, call (916) 278-5363.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

The Educational Opportunity Program, established in 1969, is designed to improve access and retention of low-income and educationally disadvantaged students. An EOP student has the potential to perform satisfactorily at CSUS, but has not been able to realize this potential because of his/her economic or educational background. The program provides admission, academic, financial assistance and retention services to eligible undergraduate students who are California residents.

The following services are offered through EOP:

- admissions assistance
- a special orientation to the university
- advising, personal counseling, and tutoring
- financial aid advising and information
- an EOP grant awarded to eligible EOP students
- course placement and planning
- learning and study strategies
- instructional services through an EOP Learning Community
- recommendations/referrals to other programs and services.

Once a student begins the university admission process, she or he can also apply to enroll in a free six-week intensive academic program called Summer Bridge. Summer Bridge is designed to help incoming freshmen make a smooth transition from high school to college by offering courses to help strengthen their math, reading, and other academic skills.

For more information, call (916) 278-6183. Applicants are also invited to visit our office in Lassen Hall 2205.

Financial Aid Programs

CSUS offers financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants, loans and work-study employment. Awarding of these programs is based on financial need and/or eligibility requirements, in addition to availability of funds. Eligible students should apply by March 2 for the following academic year. For more information see the financial aid section in this catalog. Call the CSUS Financial Aid Office at (916) 278-6554, or visit the web site at www.csus.edu/faid.

Graduate Diversity Program

The Graduate Diversity program provides individual and group advising for students who plan to enter master's, doctoral and professional programs. Services are open to all students, with a particular focus on providing services to students from economically and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds and groups with low rates of enrollment in graduate school.

Events include an annual Graduate Information Day, a bi-annual Forum for Graduate Diversity, and workshops on various topics including:

- applying to M.A., M.S. and Ph.D. programs;
- financial aid for graduate school;
- writing the statement of purpose;
- graduate entrance exam preparation;
- thesis writing; and
- teaching at community colleges.

The Graduate Diversity Program is responsible for the coordination of three graduate diversity components:

- The CSUS Graduate Equity Fellowship, a \$1,500 grant for students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages. Students must meet financial and academic requirements, and be classified in a graduate program.
- The CSU Pre-Doctoral Program, designed to increase the pool of potential faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of CSU students who have experienced economic and educational

disadvantages. Up to \$3,000 is provided for juniors, seniors and graduate students and their mentors at CSUS to visit Ph.D. granting institutions, attend conferences, conduct research and prepare themselves for applying to Ph.D. programs (apply during February and March); and

- The Forgivable Loan Program, which provides financial assistance to graduate students and is designed to increase the diversity of persons qualified to fill instructional faculty positions in the CSU. The program provides loans of up to \$10,000 per year, up to a total of \$30,000 and loan forgiveness of 20 percent per year for full-time teaching in the CSU system (apply in January and February).

For more information on advising services, workshops or diversity grants, call the Office of Educational Equity and Student Retention, (916) 278-6859.

CSUS McNair Scholars Program

The CSUS McNair Scholars Program is a two-year program designed to prepare selected (low income, first in family to attend college, underrepresented in major of study) CSU Sacramento students in junior and senior standing, for admission and study in the master's and doctoral level.

Each year, 24 McNair scholars participate in both academic year and summer activities. During the student's junior year the academic component includes attending a one-unit research and methodology techniques course; meeting with the McNair Faculty Coordinator and the McNair Associate Coordinator to assess personal needs and monitor academic progress; and meeting with faculty mentors to prepare for the summer research project.

For seniors, the academic component includes attending a Senior Seminar course through which the scholar will be provided assistance with selecting, applying and financing graduate studies; taking the GRE and other graduate admission exams; career opportunities; writing the statement of purpose

and other topics related to graduate education. In addition, the scholars will be encouraged to participate in statewide and national conferences to present their research findings.

The summer component includes supervised research activities with a faculty mentor and travel to research conferences and doctoral institutions. McNair scholars will receive \$2,400 for their participation in the summer research project. For more information, call (916) 278-5118.

CENTERS FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, LEARNING SKILLS IMPROVEMENT

The Academic Achievement Center/EOP

The Academic Achievement Center/EOP serves special student populations through a variety of support services for students. Its major component is the Educational Opportunity Program. The majority of student advising, counseling, and tutorial services are provided by EOP counselors, advisors and support staff.

EOP, enacted by law in 1969, is a state-mandated program that provides access to a four-year college education for first-generation college students. Specifically, EOP targets applicants who come from low-income, educationally disadvantaged communities who may not have had the opportunity to prepare adequately for admission to a four-year college.

The center also houses the Summer Bridge Program, a free, six-week intensive academic preparation and college orientation program designed to help on coming CSUS freshmen make a smooth transition to college. (See page 42.)

For more information about these programs, please call (916) 278-6183 for more information.

Learning Skills Center

The Learning Skills Center offers preparatory courses for students on the basis of performance on the English Placement Test (EPT) and the Entry Level Math test (ELM). It offers courses and tutorials for

second language students who would benefit from ESL instruction. The Learning Skills Center also provides supplemental (adjunct) instruction in support of selected General Education courses as well as a range of course and tutorial offerings in the areas of reading for native speakers and ESL and oral skills, grammar, and writing for ESL students. Test preparation tutorials and classes are available to help ESL students prepare for the Writing Proficiency Exam and all students prepare for selected professional tests.

The Learning Skills Center, located in Lassen Hall, provides opportunities for students to maximize their success in the university. For information, call (916) 278-6725.

FACULTY/STUDENT PARTNERSHIPS

Faculty/Student Mentor Program

This program enhances the retention and graduation rates of students who have scored in the lower quartile of the English Placement Test (EPT) and are required to enroll in LS 15 or LS 86. The students are assigned to both a faculty member and a peer mentor who is at least a junior or graduate student, and has been enrolled at CSUS for at least one year. The mentors offer students academic and personal advice about a wide range of topics, and the entire program acts as an academic, social and cultural support system.

Students will work on developing test-taking strategies and problem-solving techniques, complete financial aid forms, explore possible majors and careers, learn how to write term papers, in both group and individual meetings. The program also offers social and cultural events that enrich the student's understanding of different peoples and cultures as well as to enrich their overall college experience.

Students in the Mentor Program will enroll in the Ethnic Studies 98 for a grade of Credit/No Credit, or an approved first year freshman experience course.

For more information about the

Faculty/Student Mentor Program, visit Lassen Hall 3014 or call (916) 278-7332 or (916) 278-6859.

DISCIPLINE-BASED SUPPORT PROGRAMS

MESA Engineering & Computer Science Program (MEP)

Participation in the MESA Engineering and Computer Science Program (MEP) doubles the probability that students will be successful in their engineering or computer science college studies. The program focuses on the recruitment, retention, and graduation of highly motivated students from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. MEP emphasizes participation by groups with low eligibility for four-year colleges and low rates of enrollment in engineering or computer science majors.

The MEP program provides an on-campus “home” for its members with a large 24 hours-a-day study center/computer lab. MEP provides workshops, tutoring and study groups and assists in the coordination of retention services for all students in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

MEP offers professional development, a freshman orientation course, academic advising and co-op placements (financial support and professional development).

MEP also offers project success, a paid internship program to competitively selected students. These Project Success Industry Fellows are offered full-time, paid positions during summers and college breaks from their freshman through senior years. The income students earn, coupled with the financial aid they receive, allows them to attend school full-time and eliminates the need to work when classes are in session. For more details, call (916) 278-6699.

Business Educational Equity Program (BEEP)

The Business Educational Equity Program encourages and supports all students who major in business. The BEEP Professional Development and Career Management

course (OBE 9) matches each student’s skills and values with career options. The development of good study and learning habits, skills in time management, job-finding strategies, interview techniques, and resume writing are also explored. Faculty advisors offer academic, career advising, and guidance. Study groups and free tutoring are available to all business students at the Business Study Center. Assistance in finding summer jobs and internships are additional services.

OBE 9/Professional Development and Career Management is a three unit CR/NC course. Students explore and develop executive skills necessary for upward mobility within the business arena. Major topics are professional self-assessment, career objectives, planning and implementing strategies, and mastering executive arts and skills-theory and practice. Call (916) 278-7038 for details.

Science Educational Equity (SEE)

The Science Educational Equity (SEE) program is a comprehensive academic support program designed for students who face social, economic or educational barriers that limit access to careers in the sciences and health professions. Students are encouraged to form study groups for both lower and upper division coursework. Science faculty provide academic and pre-professional advising for each student and are available for career guidance and assistance with course material. Students attend professional conferences, participate in academic workshops and seminars, and are encouraged to attend summer enrichment programs at other universities and laboratories. The program provides assistance with the application process to graduate programs, health professional schools and summer enrichment programs. SEE also provides students the opportunity to meet and interact with faculty, community members, and other students.

All students interested in becoming a part of the SEE program are

expected to demonstrate a commitment to the community through service to the SEE program, the university, and/or the Sacramento community. Upon entry to the program, each student is required to meet with an academic/major advisor to develop a comprehensive academic plan; it is the student’s responsibility to schedule an advising appointment each semester thereafter to update the academic plan. For details call (916) 278-6519.

PROGRAMS FOR PRE-COLLEGE STUDENTS

MESA Pre-College Programs

Students find out about engineering and computer science careers by participating in MESA activities during their pre-college years. Pre-college MESA programs are available to students in 27 area high schools, 20 middle/junior high schools, and 60 elementary schools. National Science Foundation grants provide an extensive summer enrichment program and Saturday Academics. Call (916) 278-4575 for details.

Summer Bridge Program

Summer Bridge is a free six-week intensive academic preparation and college orientation program designed to help incoming students make the smoothest transition from high school to college. Economically disadvantaged students who have been admitted to the University and who demonstrate a need to strengthen reading, writing and mathematics skills are eligible. Upon successful course completion, students may earn three or four college credits.

Summer Bridge also uses campus resources to ensure that students are equipped to meet the challenges of college life.

There is a residential program at the residence halls for students who reside outside of the Sacramento area, and a commuter program for students who can drive to the campus.

All eligible students are encouraged to find out more about the Summer Bridge Program. Call (916) 278-6183 for more information.