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Action/Information Item

Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee

Consideration of Appointments to Advisory Bodies

The Committee is asked to consider the enclosed nominations to fill vacancies on the Advisory Bodies.

Responsible Staff: Keith Yamanaka
Chief Deputy Director

CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

APPOINTMENT FOR
GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES REPRESENTATIVE

Marco De La Garza
Dean, Students Services
Los Angeles Pierce College
9747 Sophia Avenue
North Hills, CA. 91343

Term: **11/29/06-11/29/08**
Replacing: **Craig Yamamoto**

Background: Marco De La Garza has been a visionary leader with over seventeen years of experience in the higher education administration field. He is highly qualified in the areas of student development, financial aid, and outreach and recruitment. Within the arena of student services he has experience in college preparatory programs, recruitment, matriculation, admissions, counseling, disciplined-based student services programs, and financial aid.

As Dean of Students Services at Los Angeles Pierce College, Mr. De La Garza oversees the Financial Aid, Veterans and Scholarship Programs. He coordinates the awarding of all federal financial aid along with other available resources including the Board of Governors fee waiver program, EOPS, GAIN, college work-study, and the state Cal Grant programs. He has been a member of the CASFAA and CCCSFAAA executive boards. Prior to working at Los Angeles Pierce College, Mr. De La Garza was Assistant Director of Counseling in the Financial Aid Office at California State University, Northridge. Mr. De La Garza has a Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership from California State University, Northridge. He earned a Bachelors of Arts in Mexican American Studies from California State University, Northridge

K THROUGH 12 SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVE

Sally Mae Pace
Consultant, Woodlake Union High School District
19524 Ave. 364
Woodlake, CA 93286

Term: **11/29/06-11/29/08**
Replacing: **Michelle Sliwa**

Background: Sally Mae Pace is currently a consultant for the Woodlake Union High School District. During her 37 years as an educator, she has served as Dean of Student Services at Woodlake High School and been a counselor and home economics teacher. As further evidence of her service to her community, Ms. Pace has been very active in her local Kiwanis and has been an AVID coordinator. She was the Woodlake Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Decade for 2005. Ms. Pace has a Master's of Education with an emphasis in education from Fresno Pacific University and received a Bachelors of Arts in Home Economics from San Jose State University.

CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

APPOINTMENT FOR
GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA REPRESENTATIVE

Lora Jo Bossio
Director, Financial Aid
University of California, Davis
1 Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616-8596

Term: **11/29/06-11/29/08**
Seat: **Lora Jo Bossio**

Background: Ms. Bossio has been a respected member of the University of California, Davis financial aid team since July, 1993, beginning as Financial Aid Officer, moving on to Unit Supervisor, Associate Director, and most recently to Director of Financial Aid. Ms. Bossio has extensive experience working with the various types of aid available to undergraduate students and has been a long-time and valued member of the Grant Advisory Committee.

As noted by Joyce B. Justus, Interim Vice Provost, Educational Relations and Student Affairs for the Office of the President, University of California, "Renewing her appointment would provide continuity in the University's contribution to addressing the complex financial aid issues this committee addresses."

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November 14, 2006

Diana Fuentes-Michel, Executive Director
California Student Aid Commission
P.O. Box 419026
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Dear Ms. ~~Fuentes~~-Michel: Diana

I am pleased to appoint Marco De la Garza, Dean of Student Services at Los Angeles Pierce College as the California Community Colleges representative to the California Student Aid Commission's Grant Advisory and Enhancements Workgroup. Mr. De la Garza will fill the seat recently vacated by Craig Yamamoto, former Director of Financial Aid for Sierra College, who has accepted a position with CSU Sacramento. I have asked Mr. De la Garza to begin attending A&E Workgroup meetings on our behalf at the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 16, 2006.

Mr. De la Garza has demonstrated his qualifications through service in student services and financial aid over the last seventeen years. He has been an active and respected member in state, regional and national financial aid associations, including his recent service on both the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA) and California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA) executive boards. He is familiar with the issues and challenges of serving disadvantaged and multicultural student populations and has a deep personal commitment to the value of financial aid in providing opportunity for all Californians to change their lives.

I recognize the Grant A&E workgroup as an important component in the consultation process at the California Student Aid Commission and welcome the opportunity to have Mr. De la Garza work on our behalf collaboratively with the Commission and its staff.

Mr. De la Garza can be reached directly at (818) 710-2955 or by email to DelaGaMJ@piercecollege.edu. Please also feel free to contact me should you need further information. I can be reached at (916) 327-5361 or by email to lmichalo@cccco.edu.

Sincerely,

Linda Michalowski

Linda Michalowski
Vice Chancellor for Student Services and Special Programs

cc: Marco De la Garza
Sarah Tyson
Timothy Bonnel

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November 16, 2006

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Dear Ms. Fuentes-Michel:

I am pleased to nominate Marco De La Garza, Dean of Student Services at Los Angeles Pierce College as the California Community College System Office's representative to the California Student Aid Commission's Grant Advisory Committee.

We are relying on Mr. De La Garza to fill the seat recently vacated by Craig Yamamoto, former Director of Financial Aid for Sierra College, who has accepted a position with CSU Sacramento. I will ask Mr. De La Garza to begin attending Grant Advisory Committee meetings on behalf of the California Community Colleges pending his approval by the California Student Aid Commission.

Mr. De La Garza has demonstrated his qualifications through service in student services and financial aid over the last seventeen years. He has been an active and respected member in state, regional and national financial aid associations, including his recent service on both the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA) and California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA) executive boards. He is familiar with the issues and challenges of serving disadvantaged and multicultural student populations and has a deep personal commitment to the value of financial aid in providing opportunity for all Californians to change their lives.

I recognize the Grant Advisory Committee role as a critical component in the consultation process at the California Student Aid Commission and welcome the opportunity to have Mr. De La Garza work collaboratively with the Commission and its staff on behalf of the California Community Colleges.

Please feel free to contact Linda Michalowski, Vice Chancellor for Student Services and Special Programs, should you need further information. She can be reached at (916) 327-5361 or by email to lmichalo@cccco.edu.

Sincerely,

Mark Drummond
Chancellor

cc: Marco De La Garza, Dean, LA Pierce College
Joy McCaslin, Vice President of Student Services, LA Pierce College
Linda Michalowski, Vice Chancellor, Student Services and Special Programs, System Office

Marco J. De La Garza

Summary

A visionary leader with over seventeen years of experience in the higher education administration field. Highly qualified in the areas of student development, financial aid, and Outreach and Recruitment. Within the arena of student services, experienced in college preparatory programs, recruitment, matriculation, admissions, counseling, disciplined-based student services programs, and financial aid. Skilled in program planning, financial aid fund management, personnel supervision, and staff development. Possesses excellent analytical skills and the ability to initiate, develop, and implement new ideas. Ability to establish a cohesive staff team and elicit campus wide cooperation. Strong commitment to student access, student development, and to services that promote community.

Professional Experience

December 2004 - Present **Dean**, Students Services
Los Angeles Pierce College

Administer, coordinate, and lead the High School Outreach Program, the Financial Aid Program, the Veterans Program, and the Scholarship Program. Supervising certificated, classified staff and student outreach representatives as they contact the local feeder high schools and build connections with future Pierce students. Responsible to hire, train, assign, evaluate employees, manage, and coordinate all elements of financial aid ensuring timely and accurate awarding of financial aid to eligible students. Develop and implement operational policies, procedures and computerized management systems governing financial aid processes to ensure compliance with federal, state, district and college regulations. Submit required federal and state reports to various governmental agencies within mandated deadlines prepare and submit institutional responses to external and internal audits, and federal program reviews. Coordinate awards of all federal financial aid with other available resources including the Board of Governors grant programs, EOPS, GAIN, college work-study, and Cal Grant programs. Serve as administrator in charge of the Veterans program and the college scholarship process. Develop program goals and activities integrated with institutional priorities for areas of responsibility. Oversee budget development in accordance with goals, activities and individual program regulations and technology requirements. Develop strategic plans for changes of enrollment trends, student needs, institutional requirements, and enhancement of services to students. Provide information and make presentations to students, staff, educational institutions, and the public to inform and publicize the services available to community college students. Perform other student support areas as assigned.

July, 2004 - December 2004 **Director,** *Outreach and Recruitment Department.*
Los Angeles Pierce College

Administer, coordinate, and lead the dynamic Outreach and Recruitment Services team. Develop recruitment materials for Pierce College. Supervise professional staff and over 10 Pierce College Outreach interns who serve as mentors, peer outreach representatives, and office student assistants.

Collaborate with inter-segmental partners on a number of college preparatory and access initiatives with the University of California, California State University, Community Colleges systems, K-12 public and private schools, and community based organizations. Lead the Outreach and Recruitment Leadership Team. Prepare and submit data, reports, and analysis as requested by the campus leadership and the CC Office of the Chancellor. Oversee the annual College Counselor Day. Oversee the coordination of campus visits for high school students that include campus tours, panel discussions, career awareness and academic workshops that promote increased awareness and motivation to participate in the Community College system. Conduct parent educational sessions in English and Spanish on topics: College Preparation, Financial Aid and Financial Planning.

July, 2002 – December 2004 **Director,** *Financial Aid Office, Scholarship and Veterans Department. Los Angeles Pierce College*

Interpret and apply federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to financial aid programs Develops, implements, and manages the Department of Financial Aid, Scholarships and Veterans Services. Plans, organizes, and directs the operations of the Department as it relates to Federal, and State Funds. Coordinates with Academic Departments to maintain compliance with Federal Coordination of Aid from other resources like including but not limited to state programs such as the Board of Governors Grant Program, EOP&S, GAIN, state college work-study, Cal Grant Program, and scholarships. Establishes and implements policy and operational procedures consistent with federal, state, district and college regulations and guidelines governing the entire financial aid award process.

Develops awarding criteria requirements for federal financial aid programs. Participates in institutional responses to independent audits, internal audits, and federal program reviews. Implements the college "Satisfactory Academic Progress" policy pertaining to financial aid applicants and recipients as referenced by federal regulations.

1999- July, 2002 **Assistant Director of Counseling**, *Financial Aid Office California State University, Northridge*

Trained and currently supervising 4 professional counselors and an average of 10 clerical student services personnel. Have enlisted the participation, training, and placement of student volunteers. Responsible for the Counseling unit functions as they relate to financial aid programs. Coordination of student resources, packaging awards, public informational presentations, special program assignments, general aid counseling to a diverse population including parents, students, faculty and staff. In depth knowledge of all laws, policies, procedures and practices required by federal and state agencies, CSU system, CSUN and the Financial Aid Office. Use initiative, sound judgment, imagination, persuasive skills, as well as skills in interpretation and applicability to given circumstances. Develop, implement, evaluate and modify procedures for the Counseling unit in awarding and counseling students. Update Manual of Financial Aid Policies and Procedures, design and revise forms, prepare reports and conduct research projects. Evaluate effectiveness and efficiency of financial aid policies as they relate to the needs of the students, the financial aid office staff and the goals of the university. Provide training and updating on the constant changes in federal and state laws and regulations. Establish counselor workloads and schedules. Responsible for personnel actions for counseling staff. Coordinate policies and procedures with other financial aid staff members, offices and outside agencies. Participate in the annual development of student budgets and packaging policies. Employ skills and training to defuse confrontational/hostile public and resolve situation or make appropriate referral. Development of policy and procedures of new regulations and institutional operations. Develop procedures for Return of Title IV funds, Year Round Operations and Distance Learning. Part of the financial aid developmental team for the implementation of the People Soft software for the California State University system.

July 1998 – Present **Financial Aid Counselor/ EOP Officer,** *Financial Aid office, California State University, Northridge*

Articulate regulatory or policy mandates to university personnel. Develop and implement Retention strategies for financial aid students. Initiate tracking status of EOP students and awarding of the EOP grant. Coordinate with the EOP Administration office to ensure that all EOP students of the university comply with the regulatory provisions. Develop and implement programs that will allow the Financial Aid Office to become part of the university retention effort through supportive fund management policies. Train and supervise financial aid staff and an SSPII counselor verifying accuracy on a 4,000-student caseload and to assist with the day-to-day financial aid counseling caseload.

November 1994 – July 1998 **Financial Aid Counselor,** *Financial Aid office, California State University, Northridge*

Analyze all documentation required for each individual student to determine eligibility and award financial aid funds utilizing established laws, regulations, policies and procedures. Provide in-depth individual counseling to aid recipients and their families on all matters related to the university that affect their eligibility for financial aid. Exercise professional judgment on a case-by-case basis for students with exceptional circumstances. Conduct loan entrance workshops in a classroom environment. Conduct outreach workshops on high school and community college campuses concerning financial aid application procedures. Attend professional staff meetings and participate in establishing new aid policies and procedures. Attend off-campus professional development workshops and conferences. Coordinate with other campus departments; such as, academic departments, Admissions & Records, Student Aid Business Office, Counseling Services, Educational Opportunity Program, Outreach and Recruitment. Worked with automated delivery system to package grants, loans, scholarships and work-study. Review satisfactory academic progress. Adhere to other polices which affect a student's eligibility for funds. Extensive knowledge and ability to explain all appropriate federal, state, and institutional polices, regulations and procedures. Participate in the creative development of aid policies and procedures, adjudicate exceptional cases, and participate in service training and special aid related studies. Assist public contact area of the financial aid office during peak processing periods. Perform special tasks such as speaking engagements, participation in committees and professional development workshops.

1990 – November 1994 **Recruitment/Scholarship Coordinator/Academic Advisor,** *Minority Engineering Program (MEP), California State University, Northridge*

As the recruitment coordinator for MEP, I admitted students into the university and the MEP program. Because of the high visibility of the MEP program in the College of Engineering and Computer Science applicants needed to have excellent academic records for admission to the MEP. Coordinated recruitment efforts with the Office of University Outreach, Recruitment and Pre-College Programs. Conducted college and career day fairs state wide for generating an applicant pool. Interact with university personnel, Directors, Deans and faculty as it pertained to welcome activities for all admitted students. Coordinated university days, academic enrichment seminars and campus visitations. Designed and coordinated parent involvement activities that included a parent advisory council, parent conferences and parent education workshops.

As the scholarship coordinator I managed $45,000 in scholarship funds for students in the Minority Engineering Program. Developed and implemented scholarship criteria and identified scholarship candidates within target population based on their financial need and academic excellence. Monitored and tracked students' academic performance in accordance to scholarship requirements.

Under the supervision of the Director, responsible for the development and implementation of a comprehensive academic support program for students enrolled in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. Responsibilities included academic advisement, mentoring, peer counseling and the coordination of academic workshops and courses. Supervised one professional and four para-professional staff. Developed curriculum for the Freshman Engineering Orientation Course. Designed a data management system on target students in order to monitor their academic progress. Developed and edited several university publications including bilingual materials. Provided instruction through an orientation course for high-risk students majoring in Engineering and Computer Science.

June 1991 – December 2000 **Instructor,** *English as a Second Language, Los Angeles Mission College*

Delivered instruction to adult students. Prepared lesson plans related to US Government, US History, Civics and English as a Second Language (ESL). Used a varied repertoire of instructional methodologies including cooperative learning, role playing, and other traditional approaches.

August 1989 – May 1990 **Academic Service Coordinator,** *Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP), California State University, Northridge*

Responsible for the development and implementation of a comprehensive academic support program for students enrolled in the *College of Health & Human Development*. Under the leadership of the Director of the program, responsible for the administration of the *Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)* which included Academic Advisement Services, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Community Relations and Faculty Mentoring. Coordinated services and activities with academic departments and other university entities.

Designed, directed and coordinated programs and strategies that foster greater retention rates among students within the college. Coordinated college-wide student services. Represented the Ccollege when interacting with public school administrators, faculty, staff, and community based organization personnel. Coordinated special events, productions, conferences and symposia. Identified and prepared graduate and undergraduate student programs (Fulfilling program specific requirements as well as general education). Career Advisement and placement of HCOP students. Personal counseling and referrals on an as needed basis. Supervised para-professional staff for the recruitment component. Managed student assistant budget and developed monthly expenditures for the recruitment component reports for the Director. Developed monthly statistical reports on the recruitment and advisement components. Developed and coordinated tutorial component for students in the program. Implemented and coordinated workshops on the Entry Level Math (ELM), English Placement Test (EPT) and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Tracked pre-test and post-test progress of all workshop participants.

Professional Affiliations

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
California Association of Financial Aid Administrators
Western Association of Financial Aid Administrators
Raza Advocates for California Higher Education
National Conference of Christian and Jews
Consultant, Project Appreciation, San Gabriel High School
Chicano Latino Task force, California State University, Northridge
La Raza faculty and Staff Association

University Contributions

Member, Council Advisory Board (CAB)
Member, Outreach and Recruitment Coordination Council
Advisor, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
Member, University Student Union, Board of Director
Member, Chicano Studies Board of Directors
Member, Chicano Leadership Planning Committee
Chair, Expansion Committee, University Student Union, Board of Director
Chair, Facilities Committee, University Student Union, Board of Director
Vice-Chair, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan

Presentations

*Presenter, "Packaging Policies and Program Participation Agreements", FERPA, Seattle 2001
*Presenter, "Packaging Policies and Program Participation Agreements", FERPA, Idaho 2001
* Presenter, "Cultural Diverse Student Populations and the Financial Aid Process", National Association Student Financial Aid Administrators, Chicago 1998
* Presenter, "Educational Obstacles Underrepresented Students Must Overcome", California Association of Financial Aid Administrators,

San Francisco 1997
* Presenter, “Learning About Early Outreach”, California Association of Financial Aid Administrators, San Diego 1996
* Presenter, “Understanding Critical Issues of First-Generation College Students”, California Association of Financial Aid Administrators, San Diego 1996
*Presenter, “Clearing a Path to Success”, Noel Levitz National Retention Conference, July 1993
* Presenter, “On Site Admission: An Intensive Approach to Recruitment and Admitting Educational Equity Students, Noel Levitz National Retention Conference, July 1993
* Presenter, “Racial Differences” National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1990
* Key-note Speaker, San Fernando Youth Leadership Conference, 1988
* Key-note Speaker, College Readiness Program, California State University, Northridge, 1988

Education

Masters of Arts, Educational Leadership and Policies Studies, May 2002
California State University, Northridge

Bachelor of Arts, Mexican American Studies, May 1989
California State University, Northridge

Other Skills

Bilingual: English and Spanish
Mac Proficient, IBM PC, Microsoft Word, Power Point, ED Express

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State Superintendent of
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September 29, 2006

Mary Lindsey, Chair
California Student Aid Commission
P.O. Box 419026
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9026

Dear Chairwoman Lindsey:

It is my pleasure to nominate Sally Mae Pace, consultant and former counselor, from Woodlake Union High School, in the Woodlake Union High School District to the California Student Aid Commission's Grant Advisory Committee. Ms. Pace would be an outstanding addition to this committee.

If you have any questions regarding this appointment, please contact Amy Cameron, Appointments Coordinator, Office of the Chief Deputy Superintendent, at (916) 322-4917 or by e-mail acameron@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Jack O'Connell

JACK O'CONNELL

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Enclosure
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cc: Diana Fuentes-Michel, Executive Director Student Aid Commission
Sally Mae Pace

SALLY MAE PACE

EDUCATION

Master of Arts – Education with an emphasis in Counseling Fresno Pacific University	1990
Bachelors of Arts – Major -Home Economics, Minor – History San Jose State University	1969
Associate of Arts – Home Economics Bakersfield Jr. College	1966

CREDENTIALS

Pupil Personnel Services 1987	
Standard Secondary - Home Economics & History	1969

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant Woodlake Union High School	2006 - Present
Dean of Student Services Woodlake Union High School	1991 – June 2006
Nigh School Coordinator for Woodlake High College of the Sequoias	1988 – Present
Adjunct Careers Education Instructor National University	1999 – 2001
Head Counselor Woodlake Union High School	1986 –1991
Home Economics Instructor Woodlake Union High School	1976 – 1986
In-service Presenter Home Economics California State Department of Education	1976 1985
Adjunct Home Economics Teacher College of the Sequoias	1971 – 1976
Home Economics Teacher Grades 7 & 8 Visalia Unified Schools	1970 1971
Home Economics Teacher Grades 9 – 12 Fremont Union High School District	1969 – 1970

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Woodlake Kiwanis – Charter Secretary/Treasurer	1988 – Present
Woodlake High School Foundation	1994 – Present
Rotary Camp Royal Counselor	1994 – 2001
Woodlake Memorail District Board Member	1986 – 1990

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AVID Summer Institute 2002
AVID Coordinator In-service Participant 2000 – present
Coordinator, College Writing Workshop UC-CSU Tulare County Office of Education 1996
SASI Student Information Computer Workshops 1994 – 2002
Writing Across the Curriculum 1991 –1992
Tulare County Writing Project 1984 – 1986

RECOGNITION

Woodlake Chamber of Commerce Women of the Decade 2005
Finalist – Tulare County Office of Education Manager of the Year - 2004
Finalist – Central Valley League of High Schools Educator of the Year – 2002
FFA Star Counselor – 2002
Golden Apple Award – Tulare County Teacher Credit Union – 2001
Woodlake Kiwanis Member of the Year 1997
Woodlake Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year 1994
California Home Economics Teacher of the Year 1983
Sears Teacher of Excellence Award 1983
CACVA Outstanding Teacher Award 1981

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Established Senior Exit Interviews/Portfolio Review
Established Community Service Graduation Requirement Established
Co-Authored AVID PIP Migrant Education Grant 1996
Coordinated COS 2 + 2 Articulation
Established/Coordinated Woodlake High Career Day
Developed and Implemented On-Site College Study Trips
Developed Master Schedule
Increased % of students eligible to attend four year colleges from 7% in 1986 – 52% 2002
Established School to Career Program including staff development
Established Sophomore Counseling
Established Peer Counseling Program
Established School Site Based Management Program
Evaluation of classified staff
Yearly Update of Course Description Book
Developed High Risk Student Study Team Process
Updated Minimum Proficiency Testing Program
Established on-site 8th grad registration and parent nights
Established financial Aid and College Application Workshops for parents and students
Initiated ACT/SAT Workshops
Coordinated Summer School programs and curriculum
Developed curriculum for Careers, Family Life, Peer Counseling and General Home Economics
Co-authored C-SET Quad Project Grant

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April 24, 2006

Ms. Diana Fuentes-Michel
Executive Director
California Student Aid Commission
P.O. Box 419026
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9026

Dear Ms. ~~Fuentes-Michel~~: Diana

I am writing to respond on behalf of University of California President Robert C. Dynes to your letter of March 28, 2006, in which you request nominees for the California Student Aid Commission's Grant Advisory Committee (GAC). The Office of the President would like to nominate Lora Jo Bossio, the Director of Financial Aid at UC Davis, to a second term as the University's campus representative. Renewing her appointment would provide continuity in the University's contribution to addressing the complex financial aid issues this committee addresses.

My staff is in the process of vetting a nominee to serve as the University's student representative on GAC. We should complete the process and submit a name to you in early May.

Thank you for keeping us apprised of our open positions on this important committee. If there are any questions about these nominations, please contact Kate Jeffery at (510) 987-9530.

Sincerely,

Joyce B. Justus
Interim Vice Provost
Educational Relations and Student Affairs

cc: President Dynes
Acting Provost Hume
Director Jeffery
Vice Chancellor Sakaki, UC Davis
Director Bossio, UC Davis
Commission Liaison Lopez, California Student Aid Commission

LORA JO BOSSIO
Professional Resume

EDUCATION

Michigan State University, E. Lansing, Mich.
M.A. in Counseling/Elementary Teaching Certificate, March 1983

Chapman University, Orange, Calif.
B.A. in Psychology, February 1980

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professional Skills

- Management of Federal, State and University Funds and the regulations governing those funds.
- Management/Supervision of resources – personnel, financial and technical – to ensure departmental mission is met.
- Ability to research a problem, analyze the components involved, and make a decision or provide recommendations to those making the decision.
- Strong interpersonal, presentation, and written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to provide leadership and direction on State, University and Campus committees. Ability to prepare and execute long and short-range management plans.

Positions Held

DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID, UC DAVIS – JUNE 2001 TO PRESENT

The Director of Financial Aid manages student financial assistance programs and technology, which provide scholarships, grants, loans, work opportunities/ employment income, and financial counseling to undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

The UC Davis Financial Aid Office annually processes 36,000 aid applications, provides aid to nearly 18,000 students and awards $64,000,000 in grants, $73,500,000 in loans, $2,000,000 in work-study and $2,600,000 in scholarships.

The Director of Financial Aid is actively involved in campus, system-wide and state level committees and advisory groups in the development of student aid policies, strategic enrollment and recruitment efforts.

LORA JO BOSSIO
Professional Resume (cont.)

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID, UC DAVIS – JULY 1995 TO JUNE 2001

The Associate Director of Financial Aid with responsibility for Undergraduate Aid, has 3 major functions: management, regulation compliance, and delivery of federal, state and university financial aid resources to all eligible undergraduate students; in the Director's absence, responsibility for general operation of the department; membership on various campus, university and statewide committees providing leadership and perspective.

FINANCIAL AID UNIT SUPERVISOR, UC DAVIS – DECEMBER 1994 TO JULY 1995

Provide leadership, direction and supervision to the six Undergraduate Financial Aid Officers. Maintain unit, departmental and University priorities and deadlines by managing the resources available to complete the workload. Member of the Financial Aid Office's management team.

Additional Experience

- Financial Aid Officer, UC Davis
  - July 1993 to December 1994
- Assistant Director of Student Housing, UC Davis
  - January 1989 to July 1993
- Assistant Director of Residence Life, USF
  - December 1986 to December 1989
- Residence Hall Director, USF
  - August 1985 to December 1986
- Middle School Counselor, Craig Middle School, Craig, CO
  - August 1983 to July 1985

Presentations

"Financial Aid," California Board of Commissioners
"Financing A College Education," UC Davis
"Conduct Philosophy," UC Davis
"The Evolution of A Freshman Program," Southampton, England
"Transitions: A Course in Change,"Regional Conference

CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

APPOINTMENT FOR
GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE &
LOAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Javier Gamboa
Executive Vice President
Associated Students, Inc.
California State Polytechnic University, Fullerton
800 N. State College Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92831

Term: **11/29/06-11/29/08**
Replacing: **Kenneth Evans**

Background: Javier Gamboa is currently enrolled as a junior at California State University, Fullerton. He is pursuing a major in Political Science and a minor in Business Administration while enrolled in the University Honors Program.

Mr. Gamboa serves as Executive Vice President for the Associated Student, Inc. (ASI) at CSU Fullerton and was selected by the California State Student Association (CSSA) to serve as its Financial Aid Officer. Mr. Gamboa states: "Being a recipient of financial aid myself, I can personally attest to the impact that financial assistance has had on my life. It would not have been possible for me to pursue a higher education without the financial assistance of the California Student Aid Commission. As a result, I want to give back as much as I can to the citizens of California so that they too can have an opportunity to pursue higher education and a higher quality of life."

The California State University
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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August 29, 2006

Ms. Diana Fuentes-Michel
Executive Director
California Student Aid Commission
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Dear Ms. Fuentes-Michel:

On behalf of Chancellor Charles B. Reed, I am pleased to forward the nomination of Mr. Javier Gamboa as the California State University student representative for two-year terms on both the Grant Advisory Committee and the Loan Advisory Council of the Commission. This nominee, recommended by the California State Student Association, is to fill the positions previously occupied by Mr. Kenneth Evans whose term expires in September 2006. A brief biographical profile of Mr. Gamboa, along with contact information, is attached.

We are confident that Mr. Gamboa will represent the interests and concerns of students in serving on these committees and providing advice to the Commission on program funding and policy issues related to the provision of state administered grants and specialized programs as well as activities and policies for the Federal Family Education Loan programs.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Reichard

Gary W. Reichard

Attachment
GWR:mlr

cc: Chancellor Charles B. Reed
Mr. Allison G. Jones
Ms. Mary L. Robinson

Biographical and Contact Information for

Javier Gamboa

California State University Student Nominee for

Grant Advisory Committee (GAC) and

Loan Advisory Council (LAC)

Of the California Student Aid Commission

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Mr. Gamboa is currently enrolled as a junior at California State University, Fullerton where he is majoring in Political Science and pursuing a minor in Business Administration while being enrolled in the University Honors Program.

Mr. Gamboa serves as the Executive Vice President for the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) at CSU, Fullerton and was recently selected by the California State Student Association (CSSA) to serve as its Financial Aid Officer.

Mr. Gamboa indicates that: "Being a recipient of financial aid myself, I can personally attest to the impact that financial assistance has had on my life. It would not have been possible for me to pursue a higher education without the financial assistance of the California Student Aid Commission. As a result, I want to give back as much as I can to the citizens of California so that they too can have an opportunity to pursue a higher education and a higher quality of life."

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