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Dear _____,

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the **first draft of the proposed changes to the 2012-16 Institutional Participation Agreement (or IPA) for the Cal Grant Program**. The draft proposed changes will be discussed as an information item at the California Student Aid Commission's November 17-18 meeting. On September 7, 2011, the Commission sent a correspondence to all of our current Cal Grant participating institutions informing them of the pending expiration of our current agreement and the adoption of the new 2012-16 agreement in February, 2012. The letter requested that the institutions confer with their financial aid, registrar and fiscal officers to identify any areas in the current agreement that may require clarification.

The Commission has received a number of comments from public, private and proprietary institutions. The Commission staff informed me that the University of California would like the opportunity to review the first draft at least two weeks before it shares its comments with Commission staff. The California State University also would like the opportunity to review and evaluate the draft in advance of commenting. We offer the same opportunity to the California Community Colleges and have included the attached proposed IPA with revisions marked so that you can easily ascertain the Commission's staff proposed changes.

It is our hope that we can arrange a teleconference for a time certain with each segmental financial aid representative(s) to discuss any issues or concerns you might have for your individual segment. I ask that you contact Gloria Falcón, Manager, Program Policy & Development, at (916) 464-7508 as soon as possible to arrange a teleconference for early in the week of November 14. We ask that a written correspondence outlining your concerns and suggestions to the first draft be provided to the Commission staff prior to the conference call. It is our plan to conduct a webinar for the broader financial aid community after consultation with the segments. We will notify you of the date and call-in details as soon as they are finalized.

The Commission staff anticipates that the Commission will hold a special January meeting dedicated to considering a revised draft IPA that reflects comments and suggestions made by the participating Cal Grant institutions, segmental and association representatives. The Commission will meet in February, 2012 to adopt a new IPA. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at (916) 464-8271.

Sincerely,

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Diana Fuentes-Michel
Executive Director

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CC: Commissioners