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Dear President Armiñana,

We have received Sonoma State University's revision to its May 6, 2008 request and supporting data to declare campus admission impaction for the program in Communication Studies, Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies, Human Development, Liberal Studies, Nursing, and Psychology at Sonoma State University for 2009-2010. Your request for impacted status for first-time freshmen as well as campus impaction for the programs (with supplementary admission criteria) mentioned above for Fall 2009 has been approved.

It is our understanding that Sonoma State University will:

1. Cease receiving applications from prospective first-time freshmen (FTF) at the conclusion of the initial filing period. All FTF will be required to provide either SAT or ACT results, and freshman admission decision will be based upon a rank ordering of applicants by CSU eligibility index.
2. In addition, SSU will continue to admit all CSU eligible first-time freshman applicants who graduate from high schools in the SSU-defined local service area and who file their applications during the initial admission application filing period (October or November for the fall semester). This "local service area" will consist of all public high school districts and all regionally accredited private/parochial high schools located within the areas defined for Sonoma State University in coded memo AA-2005-05.
3. If necessary, the following supplemental admission criteria will be used in the consideration of applicants to the university's impacted programs:
 - a. A minimum grade point average of 3.0, completion of 60 transferable units, and the completion of two specific communication courses and their equivalent will be required for transfer admission to BA in Communication Studies;

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- b. A minimum grade point average of 2.75 will be required for either freshman or transfer admission to BA in Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies;
 - c. A minimum grade point average of 2.5, completion of 60 transferable units, and specific courses or their equivalent will be required for transfer admission to BA in Human Development;
 - d. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 and a minimum SAT critical reading score of 550 (or EPT scores of 151 or above) will be required for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies; and
 - e. A minimum high school grade point average of 3.0 will be required for first-time freshman admission to BA in Psychology. Successful applicants to the BA in Psychology must have earned a collegiate grade point average of at least 3.0 and have completed specific courses or their equivalent.
4. If application volume warrants, the following may be required for admission to BS in Nursing:
- a. Freshmen level applicants for the university's pre-nursing program may be ranked according to the CSU admissions eligibility index or a CSU Eligibility Index of 3700 and a secondary school grade point average of "B" or higher, and will be required to have completed laboratory courses in biology and chemistry with a grade of "B" or higher;
 - b. Lower- division transfer admission to the pre-nursing program may be ranked according to the CSU admissions eligibility index and be required to have earned a college grade point average and science grade point average of at least 3.0. Completion of laboratory courses in biology and chemistry (high school or college) will also be a requirement for admission as a lower division transfer; and
 - c. Applicants for upper division admission to nursing may be required to complete specified prerequisite coursework with a GPA of 3.00 and a minimum grade of C in each course. In addition, Health care experience is required, and candidates must present an essay in which specific issues must be addressed and submit three letters of recommendation. Submission of a SSU nursing supplemental application is also required.
5. Admit a limited number of first-time freshmen through an alternative screening process. These applicants may be considered on the basis of considerations such as special talents or achievements, first-generation college or historically disadvantaged status, or qualify and apply for an academic program for which space remains available after the closing of other admission categories.

Information regarding impaction should be publicized in campus and systemwide publications and provided to counselors and prospective applicants. Your campus is encouraged to

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communicate its supplemental admission criteria for first-time freshmen as well as all impacted programs to high schools and community colleges in your area. Information should also be disseminated to the public through appropriate public media.

The supplementary criteria for any impacted program or major may be applied only if the number of applications received for the program during the initial admission application filing period from new and continuing students exceeds the number that can be accommodated. If the application received does not exceed the number of students that can be accommodated, then the supplementary criteria may not be used. Instead, you may close to further applicants at any time after the end of the initial admission application filing period.

It is expected that Sonoma State University will continue to follow policies and procedures consistent with the Education Code and Title 5 provisions that assign highest priority to upper division community college transfers. Also, the campus is expected to monitor closely the selection process under impaction to ensure that it does not jeopardize the access of students who are educationally or economically disadvantaged. Within the other priority categories, the Education Code of California accords additional admission priority to California residents who are "recently released veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States."

Questions regarding the status of SSU's impaction and newly impacted programs may be directed to Dr. James Blackburn, Director, Enrollment Management Services, Academic Affairs, Student Academic Support, at (562) 951-4726, or jblackburn@calstate.edu.

Sincerely,



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