



Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

January 22, 2024

To: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
Riverside Division

From: David Weisbart, Chair
International Education

Re: **2nd Round-Proposed changes to the Guidelines for Admission by Exception (AxE)**

The Committee on International Education reviewed the 2nd round-proposed changes to the Guidelines for Admission by Exception (AxE) at their January 18, 2024, meeting. Although generally supportive of the proposal, the CIE has two serious concerns.

(1) The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions response letter states:

“International students will not be affected by any of the changes in the process. Undergraduate Admissions will continue to move forward with reviewing all non-resident students in the same manner as before. The AxE policy is in reference to California residence only.”

This is not apparent in the AxE policy and requires clarification. It seems from the policy that the changes do affect international students.

(2) Whether or not the changes affect international or non-resident students, we find it unacceptable that the Athletic Department and Art Studio may identify applicants who qualify for AxE, but that academic departments may not. What is the justification for devaluing specialized academic talents?