COMMITTEE ON PREPARATORY EDUCATION

February 5, 2024

To: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Jianzhong Wu, Chair
Preparatory Education

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

The Committee on Preparatory Education reviewed the proposed changes to the Guidelines for Admission by Exception (AxE) and are supportive of the proposal.

One member opposed the proposed changes and believes it will be problematic for admitting talented STEM students who may have special talents in math, computing, science and engineering. The revisions seem to only consider art and athletics as special talents. The revisions also removed the possibility of any other department or colleges to recommend special talents in relevance to different disciplines. This may lead to undesirable outcomes for admissions and students, such as unintended exclusion of STEM talents.