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SUBJ: Implementation of Extension of Academic Student Employee (ASE) Appointment Limits

The University of California Office of the President has approved the Chancellors’ authority to grant a temporary extension of up to three quarters for matriculated Academic Student Employees (ASEs)* during the quarters/semesters in which instruction is substantially impacted by COVID-19. (See the announcement from UC Provost Brown attached.)

Many of you have been writing to inquire about this, and it is important for me to communicate that the majority of our students have not yet reached the 18-quarter limit. To illustrate, university-wide, fewer than 30 students have reached the limit.

We will soon reach out to any affected students and their programs in order to discuss use of the extension. We will also develop a working list of students who will soon be approaching the 18-quarter limit. For students who have reached, or soon will reach, the limit we will want to confirm they have collaborated with their programs to develop a clear plan for making steady progress toward earning their degrees.
Finally, please note that students currently in earlier stages of their programs are not guaranteed eligibility for UCOP’s temporary ASE time limit extension. As always, we encourage departments and programs to support early-career students in making steady degree progress so that they might avoid eventually running up against UCOP’s 18-quarter limit. Finally, as a reminder, the UCOP extension allows additional time for eligibility of employment but does not provide additional funding.

We continue to appreciate the efforts from all programs to support our graduate students. If you have questions, please feel welcome to contact grademployment@ucsd.edu.

*Students Affected:

- Readers on an annual stipend
- Teaching Assistants
- Teaching Fellows
- Associates