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7 **MISSION STATEMENT FOR**
8 **CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**
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11 California State University, Long Beach is a large urban comprehensive university in the
12 California State University system. Its mission is high-quality education leading toward a broad
13 range of baccalaureate and master's degrees spanning the liberal arts and sciences and many
14 applied and professional fields, with emphasis on instruction at the upper-division (junior and
15 senior) and graduate levels, in accordance with the California Master Plan for Higher Education.

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17 CSULB is committed to serving the people of California. To assure access and equity consistent
18 with educational priorities, the University endeavors to serve students who can only attend in the
19 evening as well as those who can attend during traditional day time hours, those who must
20 attend part-time as well as those who attend full-time, and those from population groups whose
21 rates of enrollment historically have been lower than average as well as those from groups that
22 have had historically higher rates of education. The University serves students who have
23 graduated in the top third of the State's high school graduating class, students who have
24 completed a community college program, and adults reentering education.

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26 The University's educational mission is to promote intellectual and personal development and to
27 prepare students for lifelong learning as well as preparing them to succeed in a variety of
28 professional endeavors and to function as informed, contributing members of the community. To
29 these ends, the mission of the undergraduate curriculum is grounded in a strong general
30 education program, emphasizing the acquisition of writing, critical thinking, and analytical skills
31 and knowledge of cultural and artistic traditions, the analysis of human behavior and society in
32 the past and present, and scientific modes of inquiry. The mission of all degree programs is to
33 provide each student with the skills necessary to pursue knowledge and to integrate information
34 from various sources, and also to provide depth in at least one area of specialization. The
35 mission of the graduate programs is to prepare students to enter careers requiring training
36 beyond the baccalaureate, to advance in their jobs, or to pursue advanced study. Doctoral
37 programs are intended to provide both advanced knowledge and the skills needed to pursue
38 independent research. Educational support programs and services for students emphasize the
39 importance of personal, interpersonal, and societal development.

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41 A fundamental goal of all of the University's programs is to prepare students to function
42 effectively in a culturally diverse society, by developing an understanding of our diverse heritage,
43 including the essential contributions of women and ethnic minorities. Instruction emphasizes the
44 ethical and social dimensions of all disciplines, as well as their applications to contemporary
45 world issues. Building upon the culturally diverse region it serves and the international character
46 of its faculty, the University emphasizes international education in its curriculum.

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48 The University seeks to involve students in learning by offering most of the curriculum in small
49 sections taught by fully qualified, professionally active faculty members, and by providing
50 opportunities for undergraduate as well as graduate students to work with faculty members in
51 independent study and research. CSULB serves the surrounding community through applied
52 research, training and community service programs, and consulting for government agencies,
53 non-profit organizations, and private industry.

57 **Effective: Immediately**
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