Statement Regarding Debra Martin’s Appointment to the California Educational Facilities Authority

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On behalf of AICCU, I am pleased to announce that Debra Martin, vice president for administration and finance and chief financial officer (CFO) at Mount Saint Mary’s University, Los Angeles, was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsome to join the California Educational Facilities Authority (CEFA) board. This appointment will allow Martin to contribute her knowledge to this important organization that provides tax-exempt financing for independent, nonprofit and public higher education institutions in California.

Martin brings more than 20 years of financial experience in higher education, with a passion to advance institutional opportunities for academic success. As an active member of our CFO Council, Martin demonstrates herself to be a key partner in the mission to provide affordable access to higher education. We know she will provide this counsel and support to CEFA and are grateful she has agreed to take on this responsibility.

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