The purpose of this policy is to outline and provide direction to students regarding their participation in UCSC's MESA Multicultural Engineer Program (MEP). Participation in the MEP and its components is a privilege. Only a limited number of students are accepted into the program each year. There are no fees only a commitment of involvement on your part. All services and events within the participation categories are proven to benefit you as an engineering student. The benefits you receive will be based on your participation in the program.

Participation in MEP is classified into 2 levels (see next page):

1. Standard Participation
2. Active Participation

Those students meeting Standard Participation remain eligible for next year

Those students meeting Active Participation could benefit with:

- Letters of recommendation
- References
- Opportunities to interact with industry
- MEP Industry-sponsored scholarships
- MESA Statewide Activities (Student Leadership Conference, lab visits and more)

Those students not meeting Standard Participation will be dropped from the program

Participation will be reviewed at the end of each academic year or at the Director's discretion.

NOTE
MEP students who:
- fail to follow through on standard participation as described OR
- do not show up for an event OR
- cancels events last minute

Will jeopardize his/her participation in future activities and MEP membership.
**MEP Participation Levels**  
*(based on MEP Report Card; see page 3 of this policy)*

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- One Academic Advising Session per year
- Standard Participation (five activities)
- Academic Advising
- Academic Support
- Educational Advancement
- Industry Exposure
- Community

- Four activities (must be from at least three different categories)
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- You are responsible for updating your MEP report card with MEP Director by deadline; see page 3 of this policy

Refer to MEP Participation Progress on page 3 of this policy for list of activities.
It is your responsibility to report activities to the MEP Director
- Provide documented proof where needed.
- This must be done in person, not via phone or email.

All activities must be reported by the 4th week in Spring quarter to be counted for the current academic year

All MEP Report Cards are kept in the MEP Director’s office
- You can request a copy any time.
# MEP Participation – Activities explained

## Academic Advising
- It is important that you regularly check in with your college adviser and/or your department adviser. Please do not rely on information from your friends or what you've heard – when in doubt go straight to the source.
- Your meetings with faculty members should be around your future plans, i.e. research or graduate school.

## Academic Support
- For those students who need assistance, you should look for support from the various sources on campus or from MEP.
- Those who are below a cumulative GPA of 2.5 should definitely seek at least one form of academic support.

## Educational Advancement
- There are always events going on in and around BSOE, so those tech talks and visits from Google, Apple, etc. will count!
- Participate in research and present at the Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium.

## Industry Exposure
- Exposure to current industry experience and being prepared are vital to your future career.
- Attending Career Center events, such as resume critique or interviewing skills workshops are important.
- Join a student professional organization and attend their meetings regularly.
- Find an industry mentor.

## Community
- And lastly community – serving your community will provide you with life skills you cannot obtain anywhere else.
- Start with MEP but don't limit yourself, you can help out in your local community or for anything else that is of interest to you.

Refer to MEP Report Card on page 3 of this policy for list of activities.
WHAT IF I'M NOT A NEW MEP STUDENT, DO I NEED TO START OVER TOWARDS STANDARD OR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION TO QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP OR INTERNSHIP?
Yes. Each year the participation count starts over. Remember, academic advising sessions must be current and completed each year.

IF I DON'T COMPLETE THE STANDARD PARTICIPATION WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY MEMBERSHIP?
Those students not completing the standard participation will be dropped from MEP to make room for students who will take advantage of opportunities offered by the program. Participation will be reviewed at the end of each academic year or at the Director’s discretion.

I'M A FIRST YEAR STUDENT, CAN I QUALIFY FOR INTERNSHIPS OR SCHOLARSHIPS?
Yes, qualification is based on your participation. There are many ways you can earn Active Participation early in the academic year.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?
Please see the MEP Director, Lydia Zendejas in Baskin 231.