System Advisory Committee on Curriculum (SACC)  
April 13, 2012 Meeting Summary

| Committee Members Present: | ASCCC: Julie Bruno, Shirley Flor, Kim Harrell, Aimee Myers, David Morse  
|                           | CCCCIO: Randy Lawson, Erica LeBlanc (ACCE Liaison), Kim Schenk (CCCAOE)  
|                           | CCCCIO: Sally Montemayor Lenz, Barry Russell, Joanne Vorhies  
| Committee Members by phone: | None  
| Committee Members Absent: | ASCCC: Dianna Chiabotti  
|                           | CCCCIO: Sharon Lowry  
| Guests: | CCCCIO: Patti Blank, Steve Bruckman, Chuen Chan, Michelle Goldberg, Sonia Ortiz-Mercado  
| Meeting Chair: | Randy Lawson  
| Meeting Location: | CCCCIO  

1. **Meeting Summary from March 9, 2012 Meeting:**
The March 9, 2012 Meeting Summary was approved as amended.

2. **Announcements and Updates:**

   **Legislative Issues:**
   - SB 1456 (Steinberg), the Student Success Act, goes before the Senate Education Committee next week.
   
   - SB 2471 would require community college districts and the CSUs (and request UCs) to adopt policies to prohibit the use of e-textbooks unless they meet specific criteria.
   
   - SB 1052 proposes big changes to higher education California Open Education Resources (OER), including requiring the California OER Council to determine a list of the fifty most widely taken lower division courses in the public postsecondary segments. The companion bill is SB 1053 (California Open Source Library). Both go to the Senate Appropriations Committee next.
   
   - SB 2462 (Block), would require the Chancellor’s Office to implement a process for awarding credit for prior military experience and would encourage community colleges to facilitate the acceptance of credits for prior military academic experience. The bill also encourages colleges to use the guidelines established by the American Council on Education (ACE) or other appropriate body, such as the corporate Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). A resolution before the ASCCC at the Spring Plenary will encourage local colleges to use ACE when appropriate, study the appropriate application of ACE and other guidelines, and make recommendations.
**Spring 2012 Conference Updates:**

- **ACCE Spring Conferences**—February 29, Chancellor’s Office, Sacramento (North); March 22, El Camino College (South). The southern conference included a discussion of fee-based programs. ACCE is conducting a “best practices” survey of its membership.

- **CCCAOE Spring Conference**—March 21-23, Westin Hotel, San Francisco Airport; Collaborations with OEA have been very productive and will continue. The fall conference is scheduled for October 17-19 at the Long Beach Renaissance Hotel.

- **CCCCIO Spring Conference**—April 18-20, Westin Hotel, San Francisco Airport; Joint conference with ASCCC Spring Plenary. Presentations include sessions on repeatability (SACC Co-Chairs and Vice Chancellor Barry Russell) and prerequisite implementation. The overlap of a couple of days accommodates both separate and joint conference breakouts, and attendees from both conferences are encouraged to cross-attend.

- **ASCCC Spring Plenary Session**—April 19-21, Westin Hotel, San Francisco Airport (see above.)

**AA-T/AS-T Degree Approval Update**—Two new TMCs—Early Childhood Education and Music—have been approved. 331 local degrees have been approved so far, and only two colleges are out of compliance by not yet having two degrees. ASCCC will make it clear that more than two degrees per college is expected. The committee discussed ways the application process could be simplified. Ken Nather and Jane Patton will be presenting 11 webinars to provide more guidance to the field. Some approved TMCs have inaccurate C-ID matches. Until the necessary C-ID descriptors are developed, it was suggested that colleges demonstrate course-to-course articulation for those that have been identified as not matching, even if the course descriptor is in draft. This process differs from the original instructions and PCAH. Some suggested that articulation should suffice in lieu of C-ID courses and that colleges not be required to resubmit degrees if they have demonstrated articulation, even if the committee later determines that the course does not meet the requirement for the C-ID descriptor. It was also suggested that draft descriptors that have been approved for vetting might be used for approvals.

**Governent and Curriculum Inventory Status**—The CCCCO meets with Governent every other week. The new system has not yet been functionally reviewed from every standpoint, but the TOP code tables, SAM codes, and lookup tables are being tested for accuracy. Beta testing is anticipated later this spring.

3. **Repeatable Courses (title 5 section 55041)**—Michelle Goldberg provided the most current draft title 5 language for SACC discussion. The lengthy discussion included substituting the term “active participatory courses” for “activity courses” and ways to address certain specific situations in various disciplines. The resulting title 5 revision will be sent through the Consultation Council to the Board of Governors for its May 7 meeting.

4. **Student Success Task Force Work Groups**—No workgroups specific to curriculum have been established, but curriculum representatives are included in the enrollment priority and Lowenthal legislation workgroups. A series of two-day summit meetings on Basic Skills, Enrollment Management, Professional Development, and ARCC Reporting will be scheduled for Summer 2012.

5. **Course Repetition Guidelines**—The Guidelines have been reduced from twenty pages to about eight pages by removing “repeatable courses” references that would be confusing, given the title 5 changes currently being proposed.
6. Program and Course Approval Handbook, 4th Edition, Discussion of “75% Requirement” for Transfer Degrees—The “75%” requirement is still in the PCAH, but has been seen as problematic when building interdisciplinary degrees in the “transfer” category. This requirement will remain, and colleges will be encouraged to use the “Other” category for degrees lacking a 75% match with lower division major requirements at universities.

7. Stand-Alone Courses, Action Plan Discussion for Analysis of Data—SACC discussed data inconsistencies and will work with Chancellor’s Office staff on a process for cleaning up the database.

8. TOP Code for Kinesiology—The new TOP code for Kinesiology (to distinguish from Physical Education) will be 1229.00, matching the CIP code of 31.0505. It will be vetted with chief instructional officers and curriculum committee chairs.

Next Meeting:
June 8, 2012