

## UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 1440: STUDENT TRANSFER

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### INFORMATION AND REPORTS

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### Issue

This item provides a status update on the implementation of Senate Bill 1440 (Padilla, Statutes of 2010), the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

### Background

Senate Bill 1440, which went into effect on January 1, 2011, advances the goal of streamlining the transfer process between the California Community Colleges and the California State University. The legislation calls for the development of clear transfer pathways that prepare students for transfer to California State University while also yielding a California community college associate degree. Senate Bill 1440 also offers additional benefits to community college students, including guaranteed admission to the California State University system at junior standing, eliminating the repeat of similar courses at the upper division level, and recognizing the associate degree as the measure of preparation and readiness for transfer to the California State University. By streamlining the transfer process, this initiative promises to fundamentally improve California higher education by making it more student-friendly and increasing institutional efficiency.

The Senate Bill 1440 Implementation and Oversight Committee comprised of California State University and California community college administrators, faculty, students, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office representatives, and California State University Chancellor's Office representatives has met on a monthly basis since enactment of the legislation and worked to develop the necessary guidelines and policies for successful implementation.

### Update

On May 22, 2012, Chancellor Jack Scott sent a memorandum to CEOs, chief instructional officers, and local academic senate presidents on the topic of Senate Bill 1440 implementation. In the memorandum, Chancellor Scott described the benefits of the Associate Degrees for Transfer for community college students. He went on to urge the colleges to continue efforts to develop additional degrees across the curriculum. Specifically, Chancellor Scott highlighted the board's goal of all colleges offering the Associate Degrees for Transfer in all majors they offer by fall of 2014. The related section is provided below:

***Degree Development and Approval.** As we look ahead, it is critical that colleges continue to develop AA-T and AS-T degrees in all majors in which their students seek to transfer in order to ensure that community college students have a broad range of viable transfer pathways to CSU campuses across the state. To spur progress toward this objective, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors has adopted a goal of each college having AA-T and AS-T degrees approved by Fall of 2013 in 80 percent of the majors they offer in which there is a TMC and in 100 percent by Fall of 2014. While this goal is ambitious, it is imperative that we move rapidly to help more students move efficiently through our two systems because too many students are being shut out by California's current budget situation.*

During this item, the board will receive an update on recent developments related to implementation of Senate Bill 1440.

Additional information and announcements regarding Senate Bill 1440 implementation can be found by visiting <http://www.SB1440.org>. This website was built jointly by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and California State University Chancellor's Office for use by faculty and administrators in the two systems.

## **Conclusion**

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