UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 1440: STUDENT TRANSFER
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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 (CSU). Specifically, the legislation calls for the development of clear transfer pathways that prepare students for transfer to CSU 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 CSU 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 CSU. 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 SB 1440 Implementation and Oversight Committee (IOC), comprised of CSU and California community college administrators, faculty, students, the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, and the CSU Office of the Chancellor has met on a monthly basis since enactment of the legislation and worked to develop the necessary guidelines and policies for successful implementation.

Update

At the January 2012, Board of Governors meeting, the Board was provided with an update on implementation of SB 1440, including: 1) the status of development of statewide curriculum frameworks (Transfer Model Curricula) to support the development of associate degrees for transfer; 2) the number of associate degrees for transfer in place as of that date; and 3) the number of colleges with at least two approved degrees.
This item will present the Board with an update on the IOC’s goal setting for the next phase of implementation. Specifically, the update will focus on plans to: 1) develop additional Transfer Model Curricula to cover all the major transfer pathways; and 2) establish associate degrees for transfer in these disciplines at each of the state’s community colleges.

Additional information and announcements regarding SB 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 CSU Chancellor’s Office for use by faculty and administrators in the two systems.

Conclusion

This item is for information only.

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