

PROGRAM AND COURSE APPROVAL HANDBOOK

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ACTION

Presentation: Barry Russell, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Item 2.4

Issue

This item presents revisions to the Program and Course Approval Handbook for board approval.

Background

Pursuant to title 5, section 55000.5, the Chancellor's Office developed the Program and Course Approval Handbook, Fourth Edition, March 2012. The prior publications took place in 1985, 1987, 2001, 2003 and 2009. There have been many changes since 2009 in title 5 and California Education Code that are included in the Program and Course Approval Handbook. A major change in the current version is the move to an online publication only, reflecting the general move away from print publications and inclusion of iPads and other devices as tools.

Over the years, the development and revised editions of the Program and Course Approval Handbook have had expert review and comment by representatives of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, Chief Instructional Officers of the California Community Colleges, the California Community Colleges Association for Occupational Education, System Advisory Committee on Curriculum and Instruction and Chancellor's Office staff. The Chancellor's Office acknowledges the expertise and valuable contributions of all those involved in the development of the handbook.

The handbook is available on the Chancellor's Office website as an online resource at <http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/AcademicAffairs/CurriculumandInstructionUnit.aspx> .

Recommendation

The recommendation is for the Board of Governors to approve the recent revisions to the California Community Colleges Program and Course Approval Handbook.