



The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: July 7 – 8, 2014

SUBJECT: Credit Course Repetition Regulations (PUBLIC HEARING)		Item Number: 3.2	
		Attachment: Yes	
CATEGORY:	Academic Affairs	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Erik Skinner, Deputy Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	X
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	

ISSUE: Changes to the regulations governing the types of courses that a district can properly designate as repeatable have resulted in students not being able to repeat general work experience courses. Proposed changes would permit students to be able to repeat all cooperative work experience courses.

BACKGROUND: Changes to regulations concerning course repetition were adopted by the Board of Governors in July 2011 and July 2012. Most significantly, those changes limited the number of times a student could enroll in the same course and limited the types of courses that colleges could designate as repeatable. In addition, those changes limited the apportionment a college could receive for student enrollments in a single course.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The proposed regulations are presented to the Board of Governors for a first reading. The Board of Governors must hold a public hearing for receipt of comments, both written and oral, which are offered concerning the proposed action. It is anticipated that the proposed changes to the regulations will be presented to the Board for adoption at its September 8-9, 2014 meeting.

ANALYSIS: A student is permitted to repeat a credit course only if that repetition is explicitly permitted by law. Generally, repetition is permitted if either the student has meet specified conditions or the district has properly designated the course as repeatable. Prior to 2011, many districts designated general and occupational work experience courses (collectively referred to as cooperative work experience courses) as repeatable and permitted students to enroll multiple

times in those courses. Changes to the regulations governing the types of courses districts could lawfully designate as repeatable precluded districts from lawfully designating cooperative work experience courses as repeatable. However, pursuant to a regulation predating the 2011 changes, districts could still permit students to repeat occupational work experience courses. This exception, however, did not permit the repetition of general work experience courses. The proposed change to section 55040 would permit districts to adopt credit course repetition policies that allow students to repeat both types of cooperative work experience courses, general and occupational. In addition, changes are proposed to eliminate the requirement that a district only offer one course in an occupational field in order to permit a student to repeat an occupational work experience course. And last, changes are proposed to clarify that if a student is repeating a course pursuant to the legally mandated exception or as a result of a significant change in industry or licensure standards that there be a nexus between the repetition and the student's employment or licensure as was intended when the changes to the regulations were adopted in 2011.

The proposed changes to the regulations are included as Attachment 1.
An analysis of each proposed change is included as Attachment 2.