



# The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: January 20-21, 2015

SUBJECT: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Fees (PUBLIC HEARING)		Item Number: 3.1	
		Attachment: Yes	
CATEGORY:	Fiscal	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Daniel J. Troy, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	X
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	

**ISSUE:** A change is proposed to California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 58520, to require districts offering baccalaureate degree pilot program to charge a fee of eighty-four dollars (\$84) per unit for upper division coursework in accordance with Education Code provisions commencing with Section 78040. This fee would be in addition to the basic enrollment fee currently charged by all districts in accordance with Education Code Section 76300.

**BACKGROUND:** Current regulations require districts to charge a student fee of forty-six dollars (\$46) per semester credit unit for credit coursework, otherwise known as the basic enrollment fee. Chapter 747, Statutes of 2014 (SB 850, Block), commencing with Section 78040, authorize the board of governors to establish a baccalaureate degree pilot program at not more than 15 community college districts and to establish a funding model for the pilot program.

**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 regulations will be presented to the Board for adoption at its March 16-17, 2015, meeting.

**ANALYSIS:** Chapter 747, Statutes of 2014 (SB 850, Block), requires the Board of Governors to develop, and adopt by regulation, a funding model for the support of the baccalaureate degree pilot program. However, the only difference between the current funding model and the baccalaureate degree pilot program funding model is that each participating pilot district is required to charge a fee for upper division coursework. While the current funding model requires the current enrollment fee of forty-six dollars (\$46) per unit to be used as offsetting revenue against their apportionment entitlement, these additional fee revenues will be used locally to support the higher costs associated with providing upper division education and will not be subject to this apportionment offset requirement.

Districts participating in this pilot program will be required to charge students enrolled in upper division coursework an additional fee of eighty-four dollars (\$84) per semester credit unit or fifty-six dollars (\$56) per regular quarter credit unit. The \$56 quarter credit unit rate is calculated to be consistent with the quarter unit provisions applicable to the basic enrollment fee in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 58501(b) (calculated as two-thirds of the per credit unit rate for a regular semester), which ensures equitable application of the upper division coursework fee to students enrolled in quarter-system colleges that participate in the pilot program. The fee for courses with fractional unit value shall be computed by multiplying the fraction times the applicable semester or quarter unit rate and rounding off to the nearest dollar, which is also consistent with fractional unit provisions applicable to the basic enrollment fee in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 58501(c).

The proposed regulatory changes are included as Attachment 1.