





The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
DATE: March 16-17, 2015

SUBJECT: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Programs Recommendations for Final Approval		Item Number: 2.1	
		Attachment: Yes	
CATEGORY:	Academic Affairs	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Pamela D. Walker, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	X
		Information	

ISSUE: This item presents to the Board of Governors the programs recommended for final approval for participation in the California Community Colleges Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.

BACKGROUND: On September 28, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed SB 850 (Block) authorizing the Board of Governors, in consultation with the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC), to establish a statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program at up to 15 California community colleges. To accomplish this objective, the Board of Governors was charged with developing a process for selection of the pilot programs.

On November 21, 2014, the Academic Affairs Division released the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Application with a submission deadline of December 19, 2014. In response, the Chancellor’s Office received 34 applications. To review and rate these proposals, the Chancellor’s Office convened a group of approximately 30 individuals from a board range of perspectives, including representatives from community college districts, other institutions of higher education, and the California Department of Education. (*Background Cont.*)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board take action to grant final approval to programs, as identified in this item, for participation in the California Community Colleges Baccalaureate Degree Pilot.

(Background Cont.) On January 20, 2015, the Board reviewed 15 proposals recommended by the Chancellor’s Office and granted them initial approval, pending final approval at the March meeting. Since then, the Academic Affairs Division has worked closely with the colleges to collect additional information, including further labor market data and analyses, for the Board’s review.

In addition, the Chancellor’s Office staff engaged in further consultation with colleagues at CSU and UC to review proposals for potential duplication with existing programs in those systems. Through this consultation, CSU indicated that nine of the proposals did not raise any concerns, four proposals raised some concerns that could be resolved with additional collaboration, and two proposals raised more significant concerns over duplication that led CSU to object (Interaction Design, Santa Monica College; Automotive Technology, Rio Honda College). See attached letter from CSU Chancellor White presenting these conclusions. In consultation, UC raised no concerns over duplication.

Subsequent to the January Board meeting, one of the applicant colleges, Crafton Hills Community College, withdrew its application for the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Chancellor recommends that the Board grant final approval to the following programs:

Community College	Degree
Antelope Valley	Airframe Manufacturing Technology
Bakersfield	Industrial Automation
Cypress	Mortuary Science
Feather River	Equine Industry
Foothill	Dental Hygiene
Mira Costa	Biomanufacturing
Modesto	Respiratory Care
San Diego MESA	Health Information Management
Santa Ana	Occupational Studies
Shasta	Health Information Management
Skyline	Respiratory Therapy
West Los Angeles	Dental Hygiene

In addition, the Chancellor recommends that the following programs not be granted final approval at this time:

Community College	Degree
Rio Hondo	Automotive Technology
Santa Monica	Interaction Design