





# The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: May 18-19, 2015

SUBJECT: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot College Application Recommendations		Item Number: 2.5	
		Attachment: Enclosure	
CATEGORY:	Academic Affairs	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:		Consent/Routine	
	Pamela D. Walker, Vice Chancellor	First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:		Action	X
		Information	
		Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	

**ISSUE:** This item presents to the Board of Governors (BOG) of the California’s Community Colleges the recommended selection of California Community Colleges for the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.

**BACKGROUND:** On September 28, 2014, California Governor Jerry Brown signed SB 850 (Block) authorizing the Board of Governors of the California’s Community Colleges, in consultation with representatives of the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC), to establish a statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program at no more than 15 California Community Colleges. The Board of Governors was charged to develop a process for selection of the pilot programs.

On November 21, 2014, the Academic Affairs Division released the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Application. The deadline to submit applications to participate was December 19, 2014. The Chancellor’s Office received 34 applications. A total of 31 readers, selected from across the state, were organized to review and score the applications. **(Background cont.)**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** This item is presented to the Board to take action on the recommended Baccalaureate Degree Pilot college applications.

***(Background cont.)***

On January 20, 2015, the BOG reviewed the 15 preliminary recommended colleges and agreed to provide an initial approval at the March BOG meeting. Since then, the Academic Affairs Division has worked with the colleges to collect additional information, which was presented to the Board at the March 2015 BOG meeting.

The BOG reviewed and approved 12 Baccalaureate Degree Pilot colleges at their March 16, 2015 meeting. They were also in agreement to support further consultation between Rio Hondo Community College and Santa Monica Community College and the CSU with guidance from the Chancellor's Office. Both colleges provided the Chancellor's Office with their responses to the CSU regarding duplication issues and documentation summarizing the consultation outcomes, which are included in the packets.

On March 19, 2015, the Chancellor's Office reissued the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Application. The deadline to submit an application to participate was April 16, 2015. The Chancellor's Office received 14 applications. As with the initial process, a team of readers selected from across the state reviewed and scored the applications.

The additional information located in the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program binder contains the following: SB 850 Legislation, October 2014 Consultation Council Item, November 2014 BOG Item, Letter of Intent to the Colleges, Calendar of Key Dates, January 20, 2015 BOG Item, March 16, 2015 BOG Item, March 2015 Consultation Council Item, Reissued Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Application to Participate, Applicants' Webinar and FAQs for the reissued application, List of 14 College Applicants, Letter of Solicitation for Readers, Scoring Rubric, List of the 12 Pilot Colleges, Pilot College Applications, CSU consultation information for Rio Hondo and Santa Monica, Summary of College Information, Labor Market Information from the Employment Development Department, Sponsorship Letters of Support, and Institutional Size and Diversity for each college.