

## Attachment Item 4.3

### **Veterans Services Report on Credit for Prior Learning**

The Chancellor's Office has been working internally and in collaboration with external partners to implement and comply with prior learning legislation. Of special note, and keeping in mind that curricular matters are within the purview of academic senates and faculty, a great deal of progress has been made in the area of credit for prior military experience:

- Academic Affairs continues to work with Student Services in leading efforts to implement the tenets of Education Code statute 66025.7 which required, "By July 1, 2015, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, using common course descriptors and pertinent recommendations of the American Council on Education, shall determine for which courses credit should be awarded for prior military experience" (Assembly Bill 2462, Block, Chapter 404, Statutes of 2012).
- Academic Affairs consulted with the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to gather broad feedback in an effort to satisfy the requirements of the statute.
- In June 2015 Academic Affairs released a "Report on AB 2462." Sections of the report include: background on Common Course Descriptors, ACE recommendations, an overview of the unique structure of the California community colleges, awarding credit through course mapping, other issues related to awarding credit, outcomes associated with Assembly Bill 2462, summary statements from key community college advisory constituents, and a detailed appendix of system wide actions and presentations on prior learning assessment for veterans.
- Recent efforts to further satisfy the requirements of Education Code 66025.7 include surveys sent to all colleges to gather specific information on courses for which credit is awarded for prior military experience. The surveys were successful and resulted in over 120 unduplicated courses that colleges reported as having credit awarded to students with prior military experience. A report highlighting a summary of the survey findings will be released system wide in the near future, as well as an advisory containing recommended practices for awarding college credit for prior military experience.
- The Educational Services Division is pleased to have recently formed a Credit for Prior Learning Workgroup, which includes representatives from the Chancellor's Office (Academic Affairs and Student Services), Academic Senate Veterans Committee, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, Online Education Initiative, and Veterans Services practitioners representing colleges that are leading remarkable efforts to provide prior learning services and resources to military veteran student populations.