

## ATTACHMENT 3

### SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE NOTICE PERIOD OF JANUARY 4, 2016 THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Official notice of proposed changes to California Code of Regulations, title 5, regarding Minimum Qualifications for Disabled Students Programs and Services Employees was published on January 4, 2016. The original proposed text was made available for public comment for at least 45 days from January 4, through February 17, 2016. A 15-day re-notice of modifications to text of the proposed regulations will be published on March 3, 2016, with the public comment period also open through March 18, 2016. The notices specify the process to comment on the proposed changes. One written comment was received during the 45-day comment period. A public hearing was held during the Board of Governors meeting on January 19, 2016, at the Chancellor's Office. There were no public comments during the meeting. Pursuant to Standing Order 206, subdivision (b)(3), the Chancellor's Office has summarized the written comments and proposed responses below for adoption by the Board.

#### **Written Comments**

##### **Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D. (Chancellor, Peralta Community College District)**

Dr. Laguerre asked why "student personnel" was eliminated as a qualifying Master's degree for purposes of meeting the minimum qualifications as a community college counselor of students with disabilities. He pointed out that the Student Personnel curriculum is quite comprehensive and can encompass working with students with disabilities. He also pointed out that the philosophy of Student Personnel is at the core of serving students and should serve as a base to grow Student Services personnel. Dr. Laguerre also suggested that we require either experience or a course on serving students with disabilities instead of removing Student Personnel.

#### **Proposed Response**

The Board of Governors and the California Community College Chancellor's Office agree that a Master's degree in Student Personnel should be included in the list of Master's degrees for purposes of meeting the minimum qualifications as a community college counselor of students with disabilities. The regulations as submitted for approval have been amended to reflect this change.