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Title: Memorandum of Understanding with AICCU

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ISSUE

In order to advance the goals of the *Vision for Success*, the Chancellor’s Office supports the recognition of the Associate’s Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) within both public and private higher education institutions. As a result, the Chancellor’s Office and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (AICCU) is working toward a finalized draft in which participating colleges will recognize the ADT developed through the collaboration of the Statewide Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges and the faculty of the California State University (CSU) system. The draft of that agreement is being introduced at Consultation Council for review.

BACKGROUND

Like agreements with the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Western Governors University, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with AICCU articulates the expectation that California community college students who transfer to a participating university would have the same educational benefits as a transfer student to the CSU system if they earn the ADT. The only difference for some of these students if they transfer to a faith-based college, is that they may have to meet religious requirements in addition to their community college preparation. Even if they do, however, they will still have the benefit of transferring as a junior. It is expected that a number of colleges will adopt almost immediately with more colleges joining the agreement over time. All participating colleges, based on advice from General Counsel, will sign the agreement as individual signatories in order to bind their commitment to the terms of the MOU. The draft of the agreement as well as the list of adopting colleges, as known at this point, are included in the item.

FEEDBACK/QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

The Chancellor's Office is requesting review from the Council and for any necessary feedback on the item before it appears on the July Board of Governors' agenda.