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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
AMENDMENT TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5 REGARDING
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Standing Order 200, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges proposes to adopt the regulations described below after considering all comments, objections, or recommendations regarding the proposed action.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held during the next regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting on July 16, 2018, at 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, California. The Board meeting will commence at the hour of 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the business of the Agency will permit. The room is wheelchair accessible. Other disability-related accommodations such as materials in alternate media, sign language interpreters, or real time transcription will be provided to persons with disabilities upon request. Parking accessible for persons with disabilities is available near the facility. Persons requesting such accommodations should notify Christina Castro, 1102 Q Street, Suite 4500 Sacramento, CA 95811-6549, ccastro@cccco.edu, 916-323-5889, no less than five working days prior to the meeting. The Chancellor's Office will make efforts to meet requests made after such date, if possible.

At the hearing, any person may present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed regulatory action described in the Informative Digest. The Board of Governors requests, but does not require, that persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a written summary of their comments. No oral comments will be accepted subsequent to this public hearing.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. To ensure that your comments have the maximum effect in developing the final regulations, we urge you to identify clearly the specific subdivision of the proposed regulation that each of your comments addresses and to arrange your comments in the same order as the proposed regulation. Please send your comments to:

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Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at 916-322-9030 or by email at regcomments@cccco.edu.

Comments must be received by the Regulations Coordinator prior to 4:00 p.m. on August 17, 2018. All written comments received by CCCCO staff during the public comment period are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED TITLE 5 AMENDMENTS

Following the public hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board of Governors may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this Notice or may modify the proposed regulations if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified regulation will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the Regulations Coordinator and will be provided to those persons who provided contact information and submitted written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action, or who provided oral comments at the public hearing, or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Authority: Education Code sections 66700, 70901, and 70901.5

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INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The Board of Governors Standing Order 409 establishes the Distance Education and Education Technology Advisory Committee (DEETAC) to advise the Chancellor’s Office on the vision, policy, and planning in support of distance education and education technology. Over the last academic year the DEETAC has reviewed and recommended revisions to title 5 regulations related to distance education. The last revisions to these regulations were in 2007.

Distance education focuses on the design of pedagogy, instructional design, and technology for students who are not physically present in the same location with the instructor. In an increasingly demanding culture where students balance multiple commitments of work, family and education, the challenge of the traditional face-to-face classroom delivery mode becomes a barrier to success. Distance education creates a convenient educational experience of equal qualitative value as an alternative to the face-to-face course. The California Community Colleges system serves more than 2.2 million students and is the largest system of higher education in the nation. To address the educational needs of this diverse student body, the community colleges offer courses through distance education.

Increasing numbers of distance education course sessions coupled with increasing numbers of students taking these courses have led to subsequent increases in full time equivalent students (FTES). The number of students taking distance education courses has been steadily increasing over the last 10 years. Currently, almost one in three students takes a distance education course in an academic year. In 2016-17, 860,283 unduplicated students enrolled in a distance education course. They account for 28% of the total unduplicated students that year. Student headcount in distance education courses more than doubled from fiscal year 2005-06 to 2010-11, and nearly tripled by 2016-17. Distance education completion rates have also steadily climbed. The gap in success rates between traditional face-to-face (71 percent) and distance education courses (66 percent) has closed from 17 percent 10 years ago to 4 percent in 2016-17.

ESTIMATED COST OR SAVINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The estimated cost or savings of the proposed amendments are anticipated to be as follows:

Mandate on local agencies or community college districts: None

Cost or savings to state agencies: None

Costs to local agencies or community college districts for which reimbursement would be required pursuant to part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of division 4 title 2 of the Government Code: None

Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed on community college districts: None

Cost or savings in federal funding to state agencies: None

The effect of the adoption of the proposed regulations will not impose increased costs or new costs to community college districts that are required to be reimbursed under section 17561 of the Government Code. Such determination will be made a formal part of the public hearing at the time and place described above. Furthermore, there are no direct costs or indirect costs, or savings to any state agency, no costs or savings in federal funding to the state and no non-discretionary costs or savings to local agencies.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the content of these regulations may be directed to:

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Inquiries concerning the regulatory process may be directed to the Regulations Coordinator, at regcomments@cccco.edu.

TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained online at:

[Board of Governors Meetings Agenda](#)

or [Legal - Regulations](#).

Those who receive the Board of Governors Agenda package for the July 16, 2018 meeting can find a further description of the proposal and the full text of the regulations.

You may also request a copy of the proposal from the Regulations Coordinator using the contact information provided above.