

ATTACHMENT 2

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TITLE 5 REGULATIONS:
of
DISTANCE EDUCATION**

1. Section 55200 of article 1 of subchapter 3 of chapter 6 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended to read:

§ 55200. Definition and Application.

Distance education means instruction in which the instructor and student are separated by time and/or distance and interact through the assistance of ~~communication~~ technology. All distance education is subject to the general requirements of this chapter as well as the specific requirements of this article. In addition, instruction provided as distance education is subject to the requirements ~~that may be imposed by~~ of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12100 et seq.) and section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794d).

Note: Authority cited: Section 66700 and 70901, Education Code; References: Sections 70901 and 70902, Education Code; title 29 United States Code section 794d, and title 42 United States Code section 12100 et seq.

2. Section 55202 of article 1 of subchapter 3 of chapter 6 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended to read:

§ 55202. Course Quality Standards.

The same standards of course quality shall be applied to any portion of a classcourse conducted through distance education as are applied to ~~traditional classroom courses in-~~ person classes, in regard to the course quality judgment made pursuant to the requirements of section 55002, and in regard to any local course quality determination or review process. Determinations and judgments about the quality of distance education under the course quality standards shall be made with the full involvement of faculty in accordance with the provisions of subchapter 2 (commencing with section 53200) of chapter 2.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Section 70901, Education Code.

3. Section 55204 of article 1 of subchapter 3 of chapter 6 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended to read:

§ 55204. Instructor Contact.

In addition to the requirements of section 55002 and any locally established requirements applicable to all courses, district governing boards shall ensure that:

(a) Any portion of a course conducted through distance education includes regular effective contact between instructor and students, and among students, either synchronously or asynchronously, through group or individual meetings, orientation and review sessions, supplemental seminar or study sessions, field trips, library workshops, telephone contact, ~~correspondence,~~ voice mail, e-mail, or other activities. Regular effective contact is an academic and professional matter pursuant to sections 53200 et seq.

(b) Any portion of a course provided through distance education is conducted consistent with guidelines issued by the Chancellor pursuant to section 409 of the Procedures and Standing Orders of the Board of Governors.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901 and 70902, Education Code.

4. Section 55206 of article 1 of subchapter 3 of chapter 6 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended to read:

§ 55206. Separate Course Approval.

If any portion of the instruction in a ~~new proposed~~ or existing course ~~or course section is designed to be provided through distance education in lieu of face-to-face interaction between instructor and student,~~ an addendum to the official course outline of record shall be required. In addition to addressing how course outcomes will be achieved in a distance education mode, the addendum shall at a minimum specify how the portion of instruction delivered via distance education meets:

(a) Regular and effective contact between instructors and students and among students as referenced in title 5, section 55204(a), and

(b) Requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12100 et seq.) and section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, (29 U.S.C. § 749d)

The addendum ~~the course~~ shall be separately reviewed and approved according to the district's adopted ~~course~~ curriculum approval procedures.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901 and 70902, Education Code.

5. Section 55208 of article 1 of subchapter 3 of chapter 6 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended to read:

§ 55208. Faculty Selection and Workload.

(a) Instructors of course sections delivered via distance education technology shall be selected by the same procedures used to determine all instructional assignments. Instructors shall possess the minimum qualifications for the discipline into which the course's subject matter most appropriately falls, in accordance with article 2 (commencing with section 53410) of subchapter 4 of chapter 4, and with the list of discipline definitions and requirements adopted by the Board of Governors to implement that article, as such list may be amended from time to time.

(b) Instructors of distance education shall be prepared to teach in a distance education delivery method consistent with local district policies and negotiated agreements.

~~(b)~~ (c) The number of students assigned to any one course section offered by distance education shall be determined by and be consistent with other district procedures related to faculty assignment. Procedures for determining the number of students assigned to a course section offered in whole or in part by distance education may include a review by the curriculum committee established pursuant to section 55002(a)(1).

~~(c)~~ (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impinge upon or detract from any negotiations or negotiated agreements between exclusive representatives and district governing boards.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901 and 70902, Education Code.