MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Revisions to the Methodology for the ISP/OOS Report

The California Community College (CCC) Transfers to In-State Private (ISP) and Out-of-State (OOS) Baccalaureate Granting Institutions report has been published by the Research Unit at the Chancellor’s Office since 2007. This report captures community college students that transfer to private and out-of-state baccalaureate granting institutions. A student match with National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) allows us to track students across other systems. The transitioning of the report from paper to the Datamart provided us with an opportunity to review and revise the methodology.

The review led to two changes in the methodology for identifying the cohort of community college students. The students in these cohorts must have at least 12 units in the community college system. In the prior reports, we calculated the 12 units at any time before or after transfer. We’ve revised it so students are counted if they have 12 units at time of transfer instead. The college identified in the report was where the student first attempted a credit course. The other change is that the students had to have a valid headcount status at that college.

The methodological changes have affected the volume of transfer numbers for the most recent year of transfer, as well as for previous years. In fact, this has lowered the volume of transfers to these institutions from previous reports. The change for past years is because we’ve rerun all the previous cohorts with the revised methodology.

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