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CORRECTION

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TO: Chief Executive Officers
              Chief Instructional Officers
              Chief Student Services Officers
              Academic Senate Presidents

FROM: Erik Skinner, Executive Vice Chancellor
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SUBJECT: AA-T and AS-T Goals – Attaining 100 Percent by College

This memorandum provides critical information regarding the Board of Governors AA-T and AS-T goals and outlines steps to be taken by colleges to meet the 100 percent goal. While the 100 percent goal applies to each college; the number of degrees needed to meet the goal by college will vary depending upon the number of active AA and AS degrees offered and college plans to establish AA-T and AS-T degrees that align with available Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) templates.

For the past 18 months, the California Community Colleges have been working diligently to fulfill the requirements of Senate Bill 1440 (Padilla), the *Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act*. At this time, a total of 501 AA-T and AS-T degrees have been approved. For the most recent listing of approved AA-T and AS-T degrees by college, visit: What's New on the Academic Affairs Division web page.

AA-T AND AS-T GOALS AND CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT

On May 22, 2012, then Chancellor Jack Scott, issued a statewide memorandum indicating,

> "To spur progress toward this objective [AA-T and AS-T development], the California Community Colleges Board of Governors has adopted a goal of each college having AA-T and AS-T degrees approved by Fall of 2013 in 80 percent of the majors they offer in which there is a TMC and in 100 percent by Fall of 2014. While this goal is ambitious, it is imperative that we move rapidly to help more students move efficiently through our two systems because too many students are being shut out by California's current budget situation."

As we move forward, it is critical that community colleges continue to develop AA-T and AS-T degrees in all 60-unit majors in which their students seek to transfer. This effort will ensure that community college students have a viable transfer pathway to CSU campuses across the state. In turn, the Chancellor's Office is requiring colleges to meet the 100 percent goal and the California State University (CSU) has committed to designate at least one AA-T or AS-T degree pathway for each major at each campus where it is offered.

COLLEGE CERTIFICATION

To certify both the total number of active AA and AS degrees offered and aligned with TMC curriculum as well as college plans to establish AA-T and AS-T degrees, complete steps 1- 5 below:

Step 1: Column A. Indicate active (existing) AA and AS degrees offered in disciplines aligned with TMC template curriculum (these may be reasonably eligible to build an AA-T or AS-T using existing AA or AS degrees). Provide a total for this column.

A list of active degrees can be secured easily by using the CCC Curriculum Inventory search tool. TMC templates are available on the Academic Affairs Division website.

Step 2: Column B. Indicate active (existing) AA-T or AS-T degrees. Provide a total for this column.

Step 3: Column C. Indicate planned AA-T or AS-T degrees that match approved TMCs. Provide a total for this column.

Step 4: By January 31, 2013, certify the total number of AA-T and AS-T degrees to be offered by Fall 2014 using the attached *California Community College AA-T and AS-T Certification Form.*

*Note: By fall 2014, the number of AA-T and AS-T degrees to be offered by the college should equal Column A (the total number of active AA and AS degrees offered in disciplines **aligned** with TMC template curriculum). You should make these determinations in consultation with your local Academic Senate.*

Step 5: The certification is due by January 31, 2013. A postmark or electronic submission to curriculum@cccco.edu is acceptable.

CALCULATING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE COLLEGE-SPECIFIC AA-T AND AS-T GOAL

To calculate progress to date, divide the total number of degrees in Column B by the total number of degrees in Column A. The 100 percent goal will be met when the total number of degrees in Column A is equal to the total of degrees listed in Columns B and C. These must be accomplished by June 2014.

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