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SUBJECT: California State University Chancellor's Revised Executive Order 1100 Related to Courses Delivered by Distance Education Modalities

Synopsis: On August 23, 2017, Timothy P. White, Chancellor for the California State University System, issued a [revised Executive Order 1100](#) related to the California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE Breadth) requirements. This revised policy supersedes [Executive Order 1100](#), issued on February 16, 2015. The policy incorporates changes recommended by faculty, students, administrators, and the CSU Academic Senate regarding how systemwide GE policy can better: (1) clarify requirements, (2) ensure equitable opportunity for student success, and (3) streamline graduation requirements.

The executive order establishes a common understanding of the requirements for CSU General Education Breadth (GE) and provide for the certification of courses completed by transfer students at regionally accredited institutions. Reciprocity among CSU campuses for full and subject-area completion of lower-division GE Requirements is also addressed in the executive order. The executive order is effective for students subject to the fall 2018 and subsequent catalog years.

Specific to instructional modality, Section 3.2 of Executive Order 1100 states that GE requirement may be satisfied through courses taught in all modalities. The exact language is copied below:

"3.2 Instructional Modality

*GE requirements may be satisfied through courses taught in all modalities (e.g., face-to-face, hybrid, or completely online). Pursuant to California Education Code Section 66763, an online course shall be accepted for credit at the student's home campus on the same basis as it would be for a student matriculated at the host campus."*¹

This means that CSU will not reject a course exclusively because it is taught via distance education. This is an important distinction because Executive Order 1100, section 3.2 makes it clear oral communication and lab science courses taught via distance education are accepted for CSU GE Breath effective August 23, 2017.

Requested Action/Timeline: Where appropriate, please incorporate in local policies and procedures the revised CSU GE Breath requirements related to the acceptance of courses regardless of the mode of instructional delivery. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at lwoodyar@cccco.edu or by telephone at (916) 445-1780.

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¹ CSU Revised Executive Order 1100, August 23, 2017