Item 5 Title: Non-Credit Regulation Changes  
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ISSUE

The California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee (5C) is recommending changes to the following Title 5 Regulations:

- §55150 – Approval of Noncredit Courses and Programs
- §55151 – Career Development and College Preparation
- §55154 – Adult High School Diploma Programs
- §55155 – Non-Credit Certificates
- §58160 – Non-Credit Course Funding

In response to stakeholders in the California Community College system, changes to the noncredit regulations were drafted by a workgroup in 5C in early February 2019. The title 5 Workgroup of 5C edited the draft regulations for consideration at a 1st Reading during the February 22, 2019 5C meeting. Additional edits were made, and sent to the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO) Legal Counsel and Staff to review. CCCCO Legal Counsel and 5C members fine-tuned the drafts at the 2nd Reading during March 14, 2019 5C meeting. 5C approved the draft regulation changes to be forwarded to the Consultation Council for consideration to send to the Board of Governors for approval.

BACKGROUND

The changes in the regulations are building the foundation and framework to equalize noncredit curriculum approval process to that of credit curriculum approval processes in order to be more responsive to the curricular needs of the students in the California Community College system. In particular, the Curricular Streamlining Process, announced in October 2016 was designed to approve and offer curriculum more rapidly, while maintaining rigorous standards for curriculum approval. This is especially beneficial in career technical education fields as well as curriculum design for Guided Pathways and AB 705 implementation.

The following resolution, which passed unanimously at the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Fall 2018 Plenary Session provides some details and references in regard to the proposed changes.
ASCCC Resolution 9.02 F18 Equalize Noncredit Curriculum Processes to Align with Local Approval of Credit Curriculum Processes:

Whereas, the Curriculum Streamlining Processes, announced in October 2016, to allow colleges to approve and offer curriculum more rapidly now permits colleges to self-certify curriculum for all credit courses, modified credit programs with the exception of associate degrees for transfer, and new credit programs with a goal of local program with the exception of new career technical education credit programs and apprenticeship;

Whereas, noncredit course and program proposals require more lengthy review and approval by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office before being offered at a California community college;

Whereas, the question “Can a college require a noncredit support course?” that had a response of “Yes, …” in the FAQ on AB 705 from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office and the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges will lead to an increase in demand for noncredit course offerings; and

Whereas, the noncredit course approval process must be nimble enough to allow colleges to increase in-demand noncredit course offerings in response to the passage of AB 705 (Irwin, 2017) and the California Guided Pathways Award Program;

Resolved, that the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office and other stakeholders to equalize noncredit curriculum processes to align with local approval of credit curriculum processes.

FEEDBACK/QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

The Chancellor’s Office is seeking general feedback that can be used to make any necessary amendments prior to the Board of Governors meeting in May.

ATTACHMENTS: Non-Credit Regulation Changes (Attachment 1).