



**SB 1440 Implementation and Oversight Committee (IOC)  
Thursday, October 27, 2011 Meeting Summary**

**Call to Order**

The Co-chairs called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Committee Member Attendance**

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| X | Ephraim Smith (co-chair) | X | Erik Skinner (co-chair) |
|   | Ron Vogel (interim)      |   | Eloy Oakley             |
| X | Donald Para              |   | Pam Deegan              |
| X | Douglas Freer            | X | Carsbia Anderson        |
|   | Sandra Cook              | X | Sue Granger-Dickson     |
| X | James Postma             | X | Michelle Pilati         |
| X | Andrea Renwanz-Boyle     | X | Beth Smith              |
| X | Eric Forbes              | X | Linda Michalowski       |
|   | Gregory Washington       | X | Brandon Kleine          |
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**Approval of September 22, 2011 Meeting Summary**

The Complete College America Grant update section of the minutes was amended to accurately list the Academic Senate Foundation for California Community Colleges. The minutes were then approved as amended.

**Updates**

**CCC Degree Approval – Sally Lenz**

Sally Lenz provided an update on community college progress to date submitting AA-T/AS-T degrees to the CCC Chancellor’s Office for review and approval. Sally provided two handouts, one displaying colleges and degrees approved, and another providing a summary displaying 210 degrees approved to date. The CC Chancellor’s Office is contacting colleges with less than two degrees approved or in-progress. Further discussion took place regarding strategies to increase participation among colleges which have not yet submitted degrees. Currently, 77 colleges have two or more degrees approved and, when also considering degrees in progress, the number increases to 105 colleges.

**CSU TMC Similar Review – Ken O’Donnell**

Ken O'Donnell provided an update of the determinations of similar report which included the quarter campus responses that were not available in time for the September IOC meeting listing. Ken points out that the report reflects a number of TMC disciplines that have received a negative response. Ken informs the committee that the CSUCO will take an additional step and inquire of the campuses why the TMCs did not meet the similar designation. The CSUCO will work with campuses to advise and explore options that would allow them to deem the TMCs similar. Once all options have been explored, if the TMCs identified cannot be aligned with the CSU degree majors, Ken will communicate the campuses recommendations on alignment to the ICW.

Committee discussion followed concerning a line on the report, which suggests that TMC majors below the line and having a low match rate, be re-opened for faculty review. After discussion it was concluded that it is the purview of faculty to determine whether a TMC should be re-opened, and the report will be modified to remove the line. Committee members further discussed faculty progress towards developing TMCs for disciplines.

#### **Posting on Mentor of Similar Degrees – Ken O'Donnell**

Ken O'Donnell shared that similar degrees will be posted on CSU Mentor at the campus/concentration level. The first phase will include a CSU degrees database, with the second phase integrating similar matching information between community colleges and CSU campuses.

#### **Complete College America Grant – Ken O'Donnell**

Ken O'Donnell shared that a status call with the grantor recently occurred and work continues toward developing the various initiatives that will define the scope of the grant.

#### **Reopening TMCs, STEM Major, and Approaching High Unit Majors – Eric Forbes**

Member Jim Postma updated the group that work is in progress to establish alternative transfer pathways for STEM and high unit majors. Several strategies were discussed among the committee, such as delaying a portion of general education, similar to the existing Sci-GETC pattern. Jim hopes that by the end of 2011 a strategy is decided upon. One member suggested both Chancellors' Offices develop an MOU to support the structure required to provide these high unit pathways. A member provided an update on progress related to nursing, and that a group is meeting, as mandated by AB 1295, to investigate a possible pathway similar to the SB 1440 model. Another member provided an update of progress at Bakersfield College in developing engineering related transfer pathways to CSU Bakersfield.

## **Workgroup and Subcommittee Reports**

### **Intersegmental Curriculum Work Group – Michelle Pilati/Jim Postma**

Update incorporated into other meeting areas.

### **Early Student Identification Subcommittee – Carsbia Anderson**

Carsbia Anderson updated the committee that the Early Student Identification subcommittee was expanded to include Nathan Evans from the CSU Chancellor's Office and Ross Miyashiro from Long Beach City College. The September meeting included a discussion of expectations, and one primary need identified was for the continued proliferation of electronic transcript use throughout the segments. Currently forty-three community colleges utilize e-transcript California; however sixteen are not live. Seventeen CSUs utilize e-transcript California; however, three are not live. It was noted that it will take time to bring more colleges on board. Degree audit systems were also identified as a need and, likewise, it will take several years to implement a degree audit system statewide. The subcommittee recognized that the timing of information to the CSU for admissions purposes is important, and Carsbia noted that the CCC CSSO governing board is committed to further evaluating how to resolve the needs. The subcommittee will reconvene and determine what can be done towards coming closer to meeting CSU stated needs.

Nathan Evans provided an update on Spring 2012 and Fall 2012 applicants. Fall applicants self-report on CSU Mentor, and approximately 10% of applicants are declaring SB 1440 degree intent, which is likely overstated. One member asked about the process when a student is on an AA-T/AS-T pathway, yet there is not a similar match at the CSU the applicant is intending to transfer. Nathan suggested there could be multiple channels of communication, based on situations such as that encountered. In cases where a campus has met its impact limits or the program is not currently open to new applicants the CSU is exploring a process that will redirect an applicant to another CSU that has access and offers the similar major. One member suggested a future possibility is to allow students to select a second CSU option. A member responded that CSU has been exploring that, and is moving towards implementing such an option.

### **Counselor Information Subcommittee – Jeff Spano**

Jeff Spano shared that materials in progress of being developed were recently vetted with CCC AO and TCD regional representatives. Jeff also shared an example of a counseling tool prepared by Bakersfield College, where a handout asks students a few specific questions to determine whether an AA-T/AS-T degree is the best option. A member asked how counselors may be communicating the pathway now, prior to material being available. One member responded that many counselors had exposure to SB 1440 at the CSU Conferences, and those attending typically are charged with reporting back to other counselors who could not attend. Preliminary documents will be shared with the CCC Chancellor's Office Advisory Group on Counseling (COAGC) later today for input and further development.

## Discussion

### Expectations for Status of AA-T/AS-T Degrees for Next Year

Erik Skinner indicated that the CCC Chancellor's Office is working with colleges now to encourage the development of SB 1440 aligned degrees, and to survey and establish benchmarks to determine where the colleges are at regarding the creation of determine to which extent additional degrees will be established. Erik will provide more details at the next meeting. Another member commented that the CCC Chancellor also intends to distribute another letter to the colleges encouraging the continued creation of SB 1440 aligned degrees.

A member asked how CSU can help to support community colleges to adopt electronic transcripts, degree audit and other infrastructure to support SB 1440 implementation and communication. It was suggested that CSU can consult on functionality of alternate electronic transcript programs and support CCC efforts to build system wide education plan/degree audit capacity.

CSU has discussed SB 1440 implementation with its Board of Trustees, and are identifying problems and issues to enable continued progress. A report on the status of SB 1440 implementation is included in each Board of Trustees meeting. The CSU has set a December 31 deadline for campuses to report on the next phase of "similar" review.

A member asked what percentage of transfer students are covered by currently-approved degrees, and another member inquired regarding the geographic distribution of currently approved AA-T/AS-T degrees. Discussion evolved towards degrees with low demand, and an example was shared where degrees that only exist at select campuses or have little commonality (e.g.: Agriculture, 4 CSUs have degrees but not enough commonality to warrant a TMC). A suggestion was made to possibly request provosts identify additional majors that should be addressed through the TMC process. A member referenced a CSU document that rank orders transfer majors by volume and it was noted that considering the TMCs in the queue, 80% of transfer students will be covered. However, other factors to consider are whether students may move away from disciplines that don't have AA-T/AS-T degrees, and that some disciplines cannot afford to lose students. Questions left for further reflection are how much further should TMC creation go, and at what point does it cease to be cost-effective?

### Communication of SB 1440 Requirements to CSU Campuses – Eric Forbes

Eric Forbes distributed a Coded memorandum AA-2011-19 he sent to CSU Provosts and Academic Affairs VPs dated October 21, 2011. Eric explained that the memorandum is the first of a series that will address admission and implementation issues and instructions for CSU campuses

A member asked for clarification regarding what a 'coded memo' meant in the CSU system? Eric responded that a coded memo had less authority than Executive Order which address policy, a memorandum describes recommended practice and procedures;-all campuses. A member asked about a reference to Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGs) in the memo, and weren't TAGs going away? Eric clarified that TAGs will get secondary admission priority after 2014, and that only applies if the TAG is in a discipline that does not have a AA/AS-T degree, such as STEM majors. Eric invited

further suggestions by email for clarifications to the memo. The memorandum memo will also be posted to [www.sb1440.org](http://www.sb1440.org) .

## **IOC Business**

### **Next Meeting Dates and Locations**

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, November 30, 2011 in Irvine.

Meeting locations and times are available at <http://www.sb1440.org/Communication.aspx>.

### **Recap of Decisions, Action Items and Parking Lot Items**

1. CCC and CSU will continue efforts and report on efforts to define and communicate implementation expectations to campuses
2. CSU will remove the footnote reference to reopening TMCs from “Determination of ‘Similar’ Transfer Associate Degrees” hand-out
3. Members will provide any comments on the CSU Coded Memo by email to Eric Forbes
4. The next agenda will include:
  - a. AB 1295 implementation for nursing degrees (Andrea Renwanz-Boyle)
  - b. Non-TMC-aligned degrees (Michelle Pilati)
  - c. Communications update
  - d. Update on Counselor Materials