



Transfer Degrees Catalog Language Resolution 2010-11

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters (Title 5, 53200) and is primarily relied upon for curriculum and instruction, for grading policies, for student preparation and success, and for degree and certificate requirements (Board Policy 3255); and,

Whereas, SB1440 requires California Community Colleges to have a transfer degree in place by Fall 2011; and,

Whereas, the process to create and approve the transfer degrees may not make the catalog deadline; and,

Whereas, past degree creation processes in order to meet compliance often left faculty feeling desirous of more opportunity for thoughtful discussion,

Resolved, the Academic Senate recommends to the administration that catalog language be created to inform students about proposed transfer degrees and directs students to seek assistance from the counseling or advising office; and,

Resolved, the Academic Senate proposes the following catalog language which may be amended for clarity at the direction of the Dean, Instructional Services and the Academic Senate President:

Recent legislation requires all California Community Colleges to create associate degree for transfer. To earn an "associate degree for transfer" a student must complete 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to the CSU that consist of: IGETC or CSU GE breadth, and a major or area of emphasis of at least 18 units. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 to receive an associate degree for transfer. Students earning an associate degree for transfer will not be required to complete any other local graduation requirements. At the time of this printing the associate degrees for transfer were in the process of design and approval. Please see your counselor or educational advisor to gain the most current associate degree information.

Note:

Catalog language is adapted from SB1440.

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