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To: Chief Instructional Officers
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From: Barry A. Russell, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Subject: Additional Clarification on Noncredit Dancing and Recreational Physical Education Courses

My previous memo dated January 22, 2010, regarding “Avocational, Recreational, and Personal Development Courses . . .Some Suggestions,” identified helpful language and an approach that may be used by campuses as they go through the process of planning and scheduling courses for the future, given the current legislative climate. That memo remains the latest guidance from the Chancellor’s Office on the topic.

The field has asked the Chancellor’s Office to provide more information on a subset of the courses addressed in the above mentioned memo: dancing and recreational physical education. It is very clear that title 5, section 58130 states that, “*No state aid or apportionment may be claimed on account of the attendance of students in noncredit classes in dancing or recreational physical education.*” What may seem unclear is the practice that such courses may still be approved and offered under the current noncredit course approval policies...they just cannot be included in attendance data for apportionment purposes. Determining whether or not a course falls into these categories and deciding if a course should be added to the schedule is a matter of careful consideration for each campus.

Returning to the priorities identified in the January 22, 2010 memo, please examine your noncredit course offerings for the 2010-2011 academic year in the 0835.xx (Physical Education) or 1008.xx (Dance) T.O.P. codes. If you choose to offer these courses, even though they may have been approved by the Chancellor’s Office, you may not include those courses in your noncredit attendance calculations for the Apportionment Attendance Reports (CCFS-320) submitted to the Chancellor’s Office...and therefore you may want to review the fiscal efficacy of such a decision.

Questions are likely to continue to surface as we move forward. I encourage you to contact me or my staff here at the Chancellor’s Office Division of Academic Affairs—916.322.6881—for additional information or assistance.

c: Chief Executive Officers
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