



# Digest

Digest means an item that has been through internal review of the Chancellor's Office and the review entities. The item now has form and substance, and is officially "entered into Consultation." The Council reviews the item and provides advice to the Chancellor.

**Title:** Assessment and Placement APG

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## Background

In March 2007, the Board of Governors (BOG) directed the Chancellor "to begin the process of evaluating the implementation of a system-wide uniform, common assessment..." The Chancellor was also directed to "study policy strategies for consideration by the BOG in the following areas: non-barrier access, student success, early assessment, orientation, prerequisites, failure to participate, funding, and exemptions."

In January 2008, the Consultation Council Task Force on Assessment submitted its report to the BOG. That report provided a series of recommendations including one calling for further work by the Task Force. Subsequently, in 2008 additional reports on this topic were completed by the Legislative Analyst's Office and the California Community College Assessment Association. The Chancellor has directed Academic Senate President Mark Wade Lieu, and Executive Vice Chancellor Steve Bruckman, to co-chair a new Strategic Plan Action Planning Group (APG) on assessment and placement.

## Proposal

This APG is charged with the following initial tasks:

1. Evaluate and present recommendations regarding the recent reports from the Legislative Analyst's Office and the CCC Assessment Association with particular attention to the LAO recommendation to use the K-12 California Standards Test (CST) or the questions contained therein as a potential placement tool.
2. Evaluate and if appropriate, provide recommendations on changes in the law (Education Code or Title 5) that would require students to begin remediation in their first term and to complete remediation prior to or concurrently with enrollment in related degree applicable courses.

The APG would be expected to complete these tasks by the end of the 2008-09 academic year. The recommendations will be presented to Consultation Council before going to the Board of Governors.

### ***Proposed APG Membership***

Mark Wade Lieu and Steve Bruckman, Co-chairs

Representatives from:

1. Board of Governors
2. Chief Executive Officers
3. Chief Student Services Officers
4. Chief Instructional Officers
5. Academic Senate
6. Academic Senate
7. Matriculation Professional Association
8. RP Group
9. Student Senate
10. Assessment Association
11. California School Employees Association (CSEA)
12. Linda Michalowski
13. Carole Bogue-Feinour
14. Paul Steenhausen-Legislative Analyst's Office
15. Terrence Willett-Cal-PASS
16. Vince Stewart- Office of the Secretary of Education
17. California Department of Education