

ATTACHMENT 3

Summary and Response to Comments Received During the Notice Period of November 1, 2017 through December 18, 2017, Inclusive.

Official Notice of proposed changes to the California Code of Regulations, title 5, regarding section 55023, *Academic Record Symbols and Grade Point Average* and section 55024, *Withdrawal* was published on November 1, 2017. The original proposed text was made available for public comment for at least 45 days from November 1, 2017 through December 18, 2017. The Notice specified the process to comment on the proposed changes. No written comments were received during the comment period. A public hearing was held during the Board of Governors Meeting on November 13, 2017, at the Chancellor's Office. Comments from two people were heard. Pursuant to *Standing Order* 206, subdivision (b)(3), the Chancellor's Office has summarized the oral comments and proposed responses below for adoption by the Board.

Comments Received During the Public Hearing

Julie Bruno

Ms. Bruno is a faculty member at Sierra Community College and is President of the statewide Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. She actively participated in the development of this regulatory proposal through her discussions with Chancellor's Office staff members as well as her Senate colleagues. Ms. Bruno related to the Board her thanks for the dedicated efforts of the Chancellor's Office staff who ensured the completion of this Board item. She then shared with the Board the fact that the statewide Academic Senate is very much in favor of this proposal. The Senate appreciates that this change will enhance the remedies for students who, through no fault of their own, are negatively affected by community college policy when their circumstances are altered by events over which they've no control. Ms. Bruno pointed out that students who may be newly in need of this regulatory change could be those who are affected by recent immigration policies.

Proposed response:

Agreed.

Rebecca Silbert

Ms. Silbert is the Executive Director of the Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Law and Social Policy at UC Berkeley School of Law. She related to the Board that her organization strongly favors this regulatory change. Ms. Silbert said that most recently she has worked closely with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students. Ms. Silbert shared the fact that although all segments of higher education have shown and demonstrated an active interest in serving this student group, in her estimation, the California Community Colleges are at the vanguard of the efforts being made in this area. As evidence of this assertion, Ms. Silbert offered the fact that where a few years ago there were no face-to-face college courses available in the California correctional institutions, currently, over 6,000 students are enrolled in these courses. Ms. Silbert also stated that due to current legislation the numbers of students being paroled or otherwise released into the state's communities have increased significantly. As a result, many more "W" grade symbols are being

issued with its concomitant consequences. The regulation change in this proposal will specifically address this concern that, without it, would cause formerly incarcerated students to begin their academic careers on the outside with counter-productive notations on their records. She said the title 5 changes will improve opportunities to increase student success at the colleges. She encouraged the Board to approve these changes to increase student success in California's community colleges.

Proposed response:

Agreed.