

ATTACHMENT 2

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TITLE 5 REGULATIONS OF CREDIT CERTIFICATES - § 55070

Changing the minimum units for high and low credit Certificates of Achievement will improve title 5's alignment with federal regulations and better serve California Community College students by more clearly documenting programs eligible for financial aid eligibility. The proposed amendments to title 5 will result in more programs eligible for financial aid being submitted to and approved by the Chancellor's Office. This will assist colleges by giving them the ability to more clearly demonstrate program eligibility to the U.S. Department of Education. Additionally, it enables colleges to be more responsive to the need of providing opportunities to better serve community college students and communities including, those workforce needs as stated in the Taskforce on Workforce, Job Creation, and a Strong Economy.

§ 55070 CREDIT CERTIFICATES

§ 55070(a)

Currently Certificates of Achievement are required to have a sequence of courses consisting of a minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units. However, in accordance to federal regulations for financial aid, students are eligible for financial aid with a minimum of 16 semester units or 24 quarter units. Thus, the proposed revisions is to change the minimum units of a credit certificate to 16 semester units or 24 quarter units.

§ 55070(c)

Additionally, low unit Certificates of Achievement require a sequence of courses a minimum of 12 semester units or 18 quarter units. However, in accordance to federal regulations for financial aid and for short-term goals, students are eligible for financial aid with a minimum of 8 semester units or 12 quarter units. Thus, the proposed revisions is to change the minimum units of a low unit credit certificate to 8 semester units or 12 quarter units.