
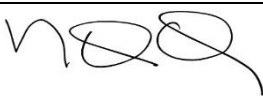




# The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: January 16, 2018

SUBJECT: Approved Plan Required; Requirements of the Plan; Work Experience Credit (PUBLIC HEARING)		Item Number: 3.2	
		Attachment: Yes (2)	
CATEGORY:	Academic Affairs	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Alice Perez, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	X
Approved for Consideration:	 Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	

**ISSUE:** This item is a first reading of proposed regulations amending California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 55250, *Approved Plan Required*, Section 55251, *Requirements of the Plan*, and section 55256.5, *Work Experience Credit*. The purpose of the revision is to transfer authority from the Chancellor’s Office to local districts to approve Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) plans and courses to better respond to emerging community and workforce needs. Additionally, the proposed amendments would allow the awarding of units in .5 increments.

**BACKGROUND:** The revisions to regulations for CWE plans and courses will support the streamlining of curriculum by transferring authority from the Chancellor’s Office to local districts to approve CWE plans and courses. This allows the colleges an opportunity to develop CWE courses that respond to emerging community needs in a timely manner including those workforce needs as stated in the Taskforce on Workforce, Job Creation and a Strong Economy.

California Education Code section 70901(d) authorizes the Board of Governors to delegate any power vested by statute in the Board of Governors to the Chancellor, or any officer, employee, or committee of the California Community Colleges, or any community college district, as the Board of Governors may designate. The proposed regulations would delegate the authority to review and approve Cooperative Work Experience plans and courses to local community college districts consistent with California Education Code section 70901(d).

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** The proposed regulations are presented to the Board of Governors for a first reading and public hearing. The Board of Governors must hold a public hearing for receipt of comments, both written and oral, which are offered concerning the proposed action. It is anticipated that the regulations will be presented to the Board for adoption at its March 19, 2018 meeting.

**ANALYSIS:** The revisions to regulations for Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) plans and courses will support the streamlining of curriculum by transferring authority from the Chancellor's Office to local districts to approve CWE plans and courses. This allows the colleges an opportunity to develop CWE courses that respond to emerging community needs in a timely manner including those workforce needs as stated in the Taskforce on Workforce, Job Creation and a Strong Economy.

The proposed regulation changes are included as Attachment 1.

A summary and analysis of the proposed changes are included as Attachment 2.