



# The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: July 17, 2017

SUBJECT: Minimum Qualifications Handbook, Disciplines List, New Discipline: Public Safety		Item Number: 2.9	
		Attachment: Yes	
CATEGORY:	Academic Affairs	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Pamela D. Walker, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor	Action	X
		Information	

**ISSUE:** Periodically, the Board of Governors updates the minimum qualifications for faculty in various disciplines, relying primarily on faculty recommendations. This item contains a proposed revision in the discipline of public safety.

**BACKGROUND:** The California Community Colleges replaced its former credentialing system with a system of Minimum Qualifications in 1990. The document listing the minimum qualifications (*Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges*) is the Disciplines List. The Board of Governors is required by Education Code §87357 to adopt lists of disciplines, relying primarily upon the advice and judgment of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges.

Discipline faculty recommend changes or additions to the Disciplines List, and the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) facilitates hearings and voting on the changes. The ASCCC consults with the Chancellor’s Office on the changes and additions, and forwards a recommendation to the Chancellor’s Office for consideration by the Board of Governors. The Board adopted the original Disciplines List in July 1989, and adopted amendments periodically, most recently in 2015.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the proposed revisions and additions to the Disciplines List to include the new discipline, Public Safety.

**ANALYSIS:** The ASCCC undertook a review process during 2016-17 to determine what changes, if any, were needed to bring the Disciplines List up to date. Local academic senates, colleges and districts, students, other interested parties, and Chancellor's Office staff were solicited for recommendations to change the Disciplines List.

Two proposed changes were received and considered by the ASCCC's Executive Committee for fiscal year 2016-2017. The ASCCC's Executive Committee held hearings during its bi-annual plenary sessions to give proponents of the suggested changes an opportunity to defend their proposals, and for opposition to be heard. Subsequent to the hearings, the ASCCC's Executive Committee's recommendations were presented to the full ASCCC for consideration. One resolution relating to the disciplines lists was approved, and one proposal was withdrawn.

ASCCC delegates adopted the proposed revision to the Disciplines List in April 2017, which will add a new discipline in Public Safety. A complete timeline of the review process for the new discipline and approved by the California Community Colleges Academic Senate is in Attachment A.

The approved proposed addition to the non-master's list is:

**Public Safety**

Any bachelor's degree and two years of professional experience, or an associate's degree and six years of professional experience.