





The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

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SUBJECT: Online Education Initiative		Item Number: 4.1	
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CATEGORY:	Digital Futures	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Van Ton-Quinlivan, Vice Chancellor, Workforce & Digital Futures	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

ISSUE: This item presents an update on the progress of the Online Education Initiative (OEI). Attached is an update provided by Jory Hadsell, OEI’s Executive Director, entitled “The OEI: Improving Quality, Student Success and Lowering Costs Through Statewide Collaboration.”

BACKGROUND:

The OEI is a statewide initiative led by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to ensure that significantly more students can complete their educational goals by increasing both access to and success in high quality online courses. While the initiative does provide enabling common infrastructure (such as the common course management system) and centralized support services that have benefits in and of themselves, the larger long-term benefit to the state is OEI’s ability to provide the individual campuses with the means and incentives to both propagate teaching and student support practices to improve academic outcomes and collaborate across campuses to achieve improved efficiency.

The initial grant allocation included \$16.9 million for the first year (December 2013 – June 2014), with ongoing funding of \$10 million annually for subsequent years. Recently, this allocation was increased to \$20 million annually in order to fully fund the state’s commitment to a common course management system and expanded online student services.

Members involved in OEI are participants of the Flex Learning Options for Workers (FLOW) workgroup.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for informational purposes.