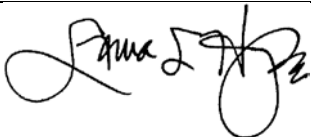





# The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
DATE: September 18-19, 2017

SUBJECT: Western Governors University Transfer Memorandum of Understanding		Item Number: 2.5	
		Attachment: Yes	
CATEGORY:	Student Services and Special Programs	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Laura Hope, Executive Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor	Action	X
		Information	

**ISSUE:** The Chancellor’s Office seeks to establish a statewide Memorandum of Understanding with the Western Governors University (WGU) to facilitate the transfer of California community college students who wish to complete their baccalaureate degree at WGU, including the efficient transfer of CCC coursework.

**BACKGROUND:** Founded in 1997, Western Governors University is a private, non-profit baccalaureate and graduate degree granting institution currently enrolling over 78,000 students, of which approximately 5,200 are CCC transfer students. As of November 2016, WGU has graduated over 3,700 CCC transfer students with degrees in health and nursing, education, information technology, and business programs. This partnership seeks to build on this success and further increase access to higher-education opportunities by providing for and formalizing an additional transfer pathway for CCC students. In doing so, this MOU emphasizes the recognition of completed lower division transferrable coursework, including major preparation, general education, and electives, as well as the completion of the Associate Degree for Transfer, as preparation for junior-level transition. WGU currently has formal transfer agreements in place with 8 CCCs.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** This item is presented to the Board of Governors with a recommendation to endorse the Chancellor’s Office Memorandum of Understanding with the Western Governors University to further promote transfer of CCC students to this baccalaureate-granting institution.