





The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

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SUBJECT: Flex Learning Options for Workers (FLOW)		Item Number: 4.4	
		Attachment: No	
CATEGORY:	Workforce & Digital Futures	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Van Ton-Quinlivan, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

ISSUE: At the governor’s request, the Chancellor’s Office is developing options to expand fully online degree programs.

BACKGROUND: In the spring of 2017, Governor Edmund G. Brown asked California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley to establish a community college that exclusively offers fully online degree programs to make college more accessible and affordable.

Since then, the Board of Governors has adopted Vision for Success, a document which calls for the community college system to better serve working adults in order to meet California’s workforce needs

In order to address these challenges, Chancellor Oakley convened a workgroup to develop a plan to provide 3 to 5 options that enable the community colleges of California to better deliver on student success goals through online opportunities. With a delivery deadline of November 2017, the work group is co-chaired by CCCCO Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Digital Futures Van Ton-Quinlivan and Cerritos Colleges President Jose Fierro and has representation from the Academic Senate (ASCCC) and other system representatives.

This endeavor is called "Flex Learning Options for Workers" (FLOW). **(Background cont.)**

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for informational purposes.

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Chancellor Oakley has defined the target population for the proposed options as ‘adults with some college and no certification’ as well as ‘working adults with vocational needs’ to enable them to earn certifications that lead to better workforce outcomes.

In order to meet the November deadline established by the Governor, the Chancellor’s Office has engaged the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems ([NCHEMS](#)) to work with the system stakeholders and online thought leaders to develop these options.

The Kresge Foundation is providing funds to underwrite NCHEMS’s participation thanks to the outreach of the Foundation for California Community Colleges and the Success Center.

The scope of work for the group includes the following:

- Identify those whom the California community colleges are not currently serving well through traditional education delivery models.
- Identify online education models that will reach these students and best facilitate their completion of useful credentials.
- Determine how the California context factors into the creation of possible options, including existing models.
- Identify 3-5 options along with pros, cons, and associated challenges.

Draft versions of the options will be posted on the web in late October with an opportunity for public comment.

Project FLOW workgroup members include:

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Additional experts will be interviewed based on the discussions of the workgroup.