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Re: California Federation of Teachers and Academic Senate Correspondence

Dear President Epstein & Vice-President Haynes:

Recent correspondence addressed to the Board of Trustees by the California Federation of Teachers (“CFT”) renews CFT’s objections to the Legislature’s establishment of Calbright Community College, and claims that Calbright’s initial programs are improperly “duplicative” of existing community college programs. In addition, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) wrote to legislative leaders on August 5, 2019, requesting “clarification and direction” related to the duplication and Calbright’s accreditation.

While it would not be productive to revisit the Legislature’s decision to establish the California Online Community College District, both letters appear to raise questions of interpretation that fall within the regulatory authority of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. Accordingly, I have directed Chancellor’s Office staff to consider the issues raised by CFT and the ASCCC, and to recommend to the Board of Governors whether it should exercise its regulatory authority over these issues and, if so, how. My intention is to have the Board of Governors consider this recommendation at its November 2019 meeting.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EOO".

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Chancellor



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