





The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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SUBJECT: Accreditation Update		Item Number: 4.7	
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CATEGORY:	Academic Affairs	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Pamela D. Walker, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Erik Skinner, Interim Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

ISSUE: In March, the Board of Governors (BOG) received and accepted a report from the Chancellor based in part on the 2015 Task Force Report on Accreditation Implementation. After the March BOG meeting, the system's Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) met, with more than 100 California community colleges and districts represented, at a CEO symposium held in Yosemite. After much thoughtful and earnest dialogue concerning accreditation, the CEOs decided to establish two workgroups to further engage the system in order to accomplish needed improvements in the accreditation processes and structure. Workgroup I had the task at developing potential improvements to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Structure, Function, and Relations, while Workgroup II had the charge of facilitating a vision for the long-term future for the Western Region Higher Education Accrediting Model. Since that time, both Workgroups, working in collaboration with the Chancellor's Office, have been developing options and strategies for improvement.

RECOMMENDATION: In order to stay informed about developments in this important matter, it is recommended that the Board receive periodic updates from the CEO Workgroups. This item is presented for information and dialogue.