15-DAY NOTICE OF MODIFICATIONS TO TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5 REGARDING WORK EXPERIENCE EDUCATION

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The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges hereby provides notice of changes to the above-referenced proposed regulatory action that was the subject of a public hearing on May 23, 2022. Section 206, subdivision (c), of the Procedures and Standing Orders of the Board of Governors requires the Board to re-notice a proposed regulatory action where the proposed regulations have been previously considered, are being modified, and the modifications are substantial and sufficiently related to the text of the previously-proposed regulations.

CHANGES TO THE TEXT

Following the 45-day comment period that ended on June 26, 2022, and following the May 23, 2022, Board meeting, changes were made to this regulatory action in proposed section(s) 55002.5, 55250, 55251, 55252, 55253, 55254 and 58051. The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office will present the regulatory action to the Board of Governors at its July 25, 2022, meeting. The changes are submitted for an additional 15-day comment period effective today, July 1, 2022.

The changes to the proposed regulatory action are denoted by double underline for additions to the text and/or double strikeout for deletions from the text as indicated in the attached proposed regulatory text.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the changes to the proposed regulatory action subject to this 15-day notice. The Chancellor’s Office will respond to comments received that are related to title 5, California Code of Regulations,
section(s) 55002.5, 55250, 55251, 55252, 55253, 55254 and 58051. Comments should be addressed to:

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Comments must be received by the Regulation Coordinator prior to 4:00 p.m. on July 16, 2022. All written comments received by Chancellor’s Office staff during the public comment period are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED TITLE 5 AMENDMENTS

Following the public hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board of Governors may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice or may modify the proposed regulations if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The current “cooperative work experience” regulations were promulgated 50 years ago, in 1971. Since that time, the system and world has experienced significant changes that affect student experiences in education and work. As the state’s economy continues to evolve our system must adapt to ensure that students have access to experiential learning and are prepared for the future of work. This regulation was also promulgated before Economic and Workforce Development was adopted as the 3rd primary mission of the community college system in 1991 which states, “A primary mission of the California Community Colleges is to advance California’s economic growth and global competitiveness through education, training, and services that contribute to continuous work force improvement.

The proposed regulatory action makes organizational and clarifying changes, and includes the following substantive revisions:

• Changes "Cooperative Work Experience Education" to "Work Experience Education;"
• Authorizes noncredit work experience education for the first time;
• Removed the requirement for a "local plan," and adds requirements for local board policy and procedures;
Establishes the respective responsibilities of students, faculty, and employers in work experience education programs;

Removes the distinction between "occupational" and "general" work experience;

Revises the credit hour calculation for work experience as follows:
- condenses calculation into one formula (60 hours = 1 unit of credit);
- allows work experience to be integrated into a single course outline of record that may include lecture, lab, or activity hours in addition to work experience hours; and

Clarifies record-keeping requirements.

In response to comments received during the 45-day public comment period, the Chancellor’s Office recommends the following revisions to the proposed regulatory action:

1. Removes the language regarding short-term and long-term courses and work experience.
2. Add certificates and student information such as race/ethnicity, income status, gender and accessibility status to the required data collection.
3. Removes the language around preference to disadvantage students.
4. Changes one semester unit from 60 hours to 54 hours, 50 quarter units to 33 or the equivalent locally determined.
5. Removes the language regarding a student only earning up to 16 semester hours or 24 quarter hours.
6. Changes the limit hours per one enrollment period from eight to fourteen.
7. Adds title 5, section 58051, and deletes the student/instructor limit of 125 students per full time equivalent in 58051(b).
8. Moves the language ‘discuss mutual expectation…at regular intervals’ from section §55252 to section §55251.

ESTIMATED COST OR SAVINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The estimated cost or savings of the proposed amendments are anticipated to be as follows:

Mandate on local agencies or community college districts: None.

Cost or savings to state agencies: None
Costs to local agencies or community college districts for which reimbursement would be required pursuant to part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of division 4, of title 2, of the Government Code: None

Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed on community college districts: None

Cost or savings in federal funding to state agencies: None

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the content of these regulations may be directed to:

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Inquiries concerning the regulatory process may be directed to the Regulations Coordinator, at regcomments@cccco.edu.

TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

Copies of the proposed regulatory action subject to this 15-day notice is set forth above. Information upon which the proposal is based may be obtained online at:

Office of the General Counsel - Pending Regulatory Action

Those who receive the Board of Governors Agenda package for the July 25, 2022, meeting can find a further description of the proposal and the full text of the regulations. You may also request a copy of the proposal from the Regulations Coordinator using the contact information provided above.