RE: One-Time System Transfer Budget Request

Dear Assemblymember Ting, Senator Roth, and Senior Policy Advisor Ajose:

On March 12, the Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) submitted the following budget request for one-time funding in the total amount of $2.1M to be spent over a five-year period. The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges is prepared to administer intersegmental discipline dialogue among the faculty of the three systems of higher education in the state of California to facilitate transfer alignment expectations, improve student transfer processes, and ensure curricular portability and stability among the systems. Since that request was submitted, the need to convene intersegmental groups has grown greater in light of the public health crisis the state is facing. Deeper pedagogical dialogue around online education and meeting course outcomes in a variety of modalities while ensuring transfer readiness must be addressed, as the duration of this crisis is unknown. This message is to re-iterate the previous request and highlight its importance given the COVID-19 outbreak.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Request
ICAS is requesting funding to support system-wide student transfer in California. The following chart indicates the budget request amounts; all are one-time funding requests.

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In total, ICAS is requesting one-time funding in the amount of $2.1 million to be utilized over the course of five years. The increase in funding will achieve two main goals:

1. Increase capacity for the CCC Chancellor’s Office to meet the growing demand for transfer, allowing colleges to offer more degrees and streamlining the process by which transfer degrees are recognized and approved by the system office. This goal is aligned with the CCC Board of Governors Vision for Success to improve transfer rates as well as the completion agenda set for the CSU and UC systems. As the demand for transfer degrees increases, the workload at the system level will increase. To support the expansion of transfer programs as whole, additional staff is required by the Chancellor’s
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Office to facilitate and implement the approval of degrees as well as ensure that compliance with Title 5 and other regulations is met. Additional funding for the system office would allow the hiring of additional staff to support transfer efforts across the systems.

2. Provide training for discipline faculty to further help students develop knowledge and skills and to ensure pedagogical alignment by discipline between systems. This effort will ensure that students who transfer are prepared and that faculty in the state of California’s public higher education segments have similar expectations; it will also improve communication between segments. Additionally, deeper pedagogical dialogue around online education and meeting course outcomes in a variety of modalities to ensure transfer readiness is necessary to meet the upcoming needs of community college students. Increasing professional development training would also support the improvement of the articulation process and provide intersegmental discipline dialogue to support major preparation.

Sincerely,

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