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SUBJECT: SB 440 Associate Degree for Transfer Requirement

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (SB 1440, Padilla, 2010), amended by SB 440 (Padilla, 2013), requires that before the start of the 2015-16 academic year, California Community Colleges (CCC) must create Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) in Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) disciplines that were finalized prior to the commencement of the 2013-14 academic year.

The following criteria were used to identify the programs in each CCC's Curriculum Inventory as of February 25, 2015, that are included in the SB 440 ADT development requirement:

1.   The existing AA or AS degree program matches any of the following twenty-four ADT disciplines (or the designated similar CSU majors identified on the TMC Template) finalized before the start of the 2013-14 academic year:

- Administration of Justice
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Business Administration
- Communication Studies
- Computer Science
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Teacher Education
- English
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- Journalism
- Kinesiology
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Studio Arts
- Theatre Arts

2.   The existing AA or AS degree program TOP Code is the same as the TOP Code for one of the associated finalized ADT disciplines.

3.   The existing AA or AS degree program is "Active".

Based on the data retrieved from the CCC Curriculum Inventory (http://curriculum.cccco.edu/), the attached ADT report identifies each CCCs SB 440 obligation (highlighted in green on the attached ADT report). CCCs should focus on developing and submitting proposals to meet the SB 440 obligation in the 24 finalized ADT disciplines. If the data in the CCC's Curriculum Inventory is outdated or otherwise does not accurately reflect the programs on campus, please email curriculum@cccco.edu identifying why the data is inaccurate. CCCCO will determine if the ADT report requires updating. CCCs requiring technical assistance in meeting their legal requirement should contact the Academic Affairs Division through an email request to curriculum@cccco.edu.

Regardless of the SB 440 requirement, all colleges are still required to create ADTs in every major and area of emphasis offered by that college for any TMCs approved *after* the 2013-14 academic year (California Education Code Section 66746(b)(1)(C)). Please note that CCCs have 18-months after the approved TMC Template is posted on the CCCCO website to create these ADTs (highlighted in yellow on the attached ADT report).

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