# Committee Reporting Form
## CCCCIO Representatives on Statewide Committees

| Committee:<br>  System Advisory Committee on<br>       Curriculum (SACC) | CCCCIO Rep:<br>Sharon Lowry |
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| Meeting Date:<br>March 9, 2012 | Meeting Location:<br>Chancellor's Office |

**Committee Charge:**

The System Advisory Committee on Curriculum (SACC) provides a collaborative forum for system level discussions pertaining to curriculum to inform related System Office policies and practices. The committee will discuss and make recommendations on such topics as course and program approval processes, training the field about curriculum policies, title 5 changes, and related curricular issues.

## Meeting Agenda Topics:

1. **February 10, 2012 Meeting Summary:**
   The Meeting Summary from the February 10 meeting was approved as submitted.

2. **Announcements and Updates:**

   **Budget Update**—The Chancellor's Office continues to examine options to reduce the impact of the $149 million "February Surprise" budget reduction. Some combination of the three competing November tax initiatives would be desirable since failure of all three is likely if they all get on the ballot.

   **Legislative Issues**—There are numerous bills related to instruction/academic affairs. These include:
   - Four bills dealing with textbooks: SB 1052 (Steinberg), SB 1053 (Steinberg), AB 2471
     (Lara), and SB 1328 (DeLeon)

   - Two bills dealing with equivalency for military coursework for veterans: AB 2598 (Fuentes) and AB 372 (Hernandez)

   - Two bills attempting to define "distance education:" AB 626 and AB 851

   **Update—Spring 2012 Conferences**:
   - ACCE Spring Conferences—February 29, Chancellor's Office, Sacramento (North); March 22, El Camino College (South). The Northern conference was very successful, with about 70 participants.

   - CCCAOE Spring Conference—March 21-23, Westin Hotel, San Francisco Airport

Because of the popularity of the session topics, registration is very strong to the point of having to turn people away.

- CCCCIO Spring Conference—April 18-20, Westin Hotel, San Francisco Airport
  Frank Chong, President of Santa Rosa Junior College, will be the opening speaker on leadership in times of increased responsibility and reductions. Other topics include responding to disasters, repeatable courses, updates on SB 1440 and the Student Success Task Force, legislation, and prerequisite implementation.

- ASCCC Spring Plenary Session—April 19-21, Westin Hotel, San Francisco Airport
  For the days that overlap the CCCCIO conference (April 19 and 20), several sessions will be joint, and both groups will be attending each other's sessions and breakouts. Voting will occur on Saturday, April 21.

**AA-T/AS-T Degree Approvals:**
There are now 310 approved degrees, with three more in the approval queue. Two new TMCs—Music and Early Childhood Education—have been approved. At the last Board of Governors meeting, frustration was expressed over the fact that there are still five non-compliant colleges. The Chancellor's Office and the Statewide Academic Senate are reaching out to these institutions to assist with any issues contributing to their lack of compliance.

**Governet and Curriculum Inventory:**
CI 2, the updated Curriculum Inventory, has been prototyped, but is still being refined. Beta testing is still planned for later this spring.

**Instructional Materials Regulation:**
There was a long discussion of the proposed regulation changes at the March Board of Governors meeting, resulting in a language change designed to ensure that faculty choose the most effective and useful, as well as low cost, materials options. The revised regulation is now in the 45-day open comment period, and there will be a second reading at the May Board of Governors meeting.

3. **Repeatable Courses (title 5, section 55041):**
SACC reviewed the most recent draft of the repeatability regulations, which attempt to highlight more what colleges can do as opposed to what they cannot do. The regulations have been reorganized so that section 55041 focuses on courses that are themselves repeatable, while section 55040 deals with the circumstances under which repetition of any course is permitted. There was much discussion of the "course family" concept as it is used for physical education and visual and performing arts courses, course leveling within these families, and how repetition should work within these structures. There was consensus that UC and CSU transfer requirements should guide repetition in the visual and performing arts and that allowance for off-season conditioning courses needs to be reflected in the repetition language for intercollegiate athletics courses. Another draft will be prepared for review at the April SACC meeting.

4. **Course Repetition Guidelines:**
There was much discussion about whether guidelines for the current title 5 regulations (which

will remain in effect for another year) should be distributed to the field when the changes in regulations governing repeatable courses are forthcoming.  Concern was expressed that, no matter how clear and numerous the disclaimers that the regulations are currently under revision, releasing the guidelines as presented would create confusion in the field.  A revised draft of the guidelines will be reviewed at the April SACC meeting.

5. *Program and Course Approval Handbook*, **4th Edition:**
   SACC reviewed the most recent draft, the purpose of which is to provide interim guidance to the field until the PCAH can be revised yet again to reflect the implementation of the Curriculum Inventory 2 system.  This version adds a section on noncredit courses and eliminates some obsolete information and forms.  It was agreed that SACC members will review an electronic version of the document and submit any suggestions by March 20, so that this version of the PCAH can go to the April Consultation Council meeting.  There was discussion of the statement in the PCAH that, for degrees approved in the transfer category, at least 75% of the major preparation courses must have documented course-to-course articulation with at least three UCs or CSUs.  (This percentage requirement does not come from title 5.)  This issue will be further discussed at the April SACC meeting.

6. **Other:**
   Jane Patton has requested SACC's input on what to do in terms of AA-T/AS-T approval for colleges that do not have a prerequisite for a particular course when the C-ID descriptor for that course has a prerequisite.  Must these colleges go through the content review process to validate the prerequisite?  It was decided that the Chancellor's Office should consider this issue based upon a formal request from Jane.

   **Next Meeting:**
   April 13, 2012

# Topics for CCCCIO consideration/discussion:

Program and Course Approval Handbook, 4th Edition

Course Repetition  Guidelines

Repeatable Courses (title 5, section 55041)