

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Doug Treadway

DATE: March 5, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Adjustments to the Catalog Presentation of the General Associate Degrees to Ensure Compliance with New Title V Requirements

Chapter 6 of Title V of the California Code of Regulations addresses academic issues in the community colleges. Over the years these regulations have grown and become more complex. During the past several years, the State Academic Senate and the Board of Governors have been working to refine Chapter 6, including clarification of many points. One of the major points of review has been the nature of the associate degree and how majors are structured and presented in the college catalog.

The Board of Governors Chancellor's Office has been engaged in extensive dialogue with the colleges on the implementation of these new Title V regulations. We have received guidance from Chancellor's Office staff to ensure that our five general associate degrees (Business, Fine Arts, Liberal Arts, Natural Science and Social Science) are in compliance with the new Title V requirements. The Ohlone College Curriculum Committee has reviewed the direction from the Chancellor's Office and is recommending three adjustments to these five degrees:

1. A more specific description of each degree major has been developed.
2. The catalog will contain a list of the courses that can be used to complete the Major Field of each degree.
3. The new Title V regulations now allow for areas of emphasis in majors. Three areas of emphasis have been designated for the Fine Arts degree and two for the Natural Science degree.

These adjustments should have no negative impact on students. In fact, the new presentation format in the catalog, and the new emphasis areas, should be helpful to students in their educational planning.

The new catalog format for each of the five degrees is attached for your review.

RECOMMENDATION:

The President/Superintendent recommends approval of the adjustments to the General Associate degrees as recommended by the Curriculum Committee to ensure compliance with new Title V requirements.