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Proposal to Limit Special Student Enrollment

INTRODUCTION

Beginning in 1999, Ohlone College opened its doors to any K-12 students eligible to enroll, to attend Ohlone College. The State differentiates between K-9 students (exceptional) and 10-12 special enrollments allowing districts the ability to accept these students if they are recommended by the High School Principal and a Parent. In the case of the K-9 student additional paperwork from the teacher is required to support the rationale for enrollment in college level classes. These enrollments have increased greatly over the past ten years (especially in the summer) and now account for almost 18% of the unduplicated headcount and 8-9% of its total FTES. By law, these students can not receive priority registration and have basically filled the seats not taken by regular students.

Beginning in 2005, SB338 has clarified and amended districts ability to restrict or control SP enrollment by grade or age level as well as particular program course or term offered.

The college is now in a position to manage its enrollments in such a manner as to meet the needs of its regular students, maintain its enrollment level at or below the amount financially supported by the state and to reduce, if possible, the workload impact on a reduced staff.

PROPOSAL

- **Beginning with the summer term of 2009**, the enrollment of SP students will be limited to those who are entering the 10th, 11th or 12th grades. Applications for for students entering the K-9th grades will not be accepted. This will be accomplished by eliminating the application availability for the K-9 age group both in paper form and on our electronic website. Existing K-9 students will be blocked from future registration. Since this paperwork is required each term that an SP student seeks enrollment, this will serve to block these students from the beginning of the process.
- To be in compliance with SB338, additional blocks will be placed on any Basic Skills classes as these are not eligible for state apportionment. This will affect any 9-12th grade student but may be overridden in special cases by petition.

Action/Implementation plans

Press release

Email to all currently enrolled K-9 students and those enrolled last summer

Schedule changes

Catalog changes