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Via Electronic Mail

Dr. Susan B. Clifford
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The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
Western Association of Schools and Colleges
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Subject: Establishing the Need for Substantive Change

Dear Dr. Clifford:

According to a Memorandum from Barry A. Russell, of the CCCCO (dated 11/17/11), regarding the SB 1440 Degrees for Transfer and the AACJC/WASC Substantive Change Review, my college must inform you of the new degrees.

So, in accordance with the Substantive Change Manual, rule 4.2, this is to notify AACJC that effective fall 2011 Imperial Valley College has approval from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to offer two Associate degrees for Transfer under the requirements of SB 1440. The two AA degrees approved are:

Early Childhood Education AS-T – All 60 units were created with existing courses in the major field of study as well as the general education courses.

Sociology AA-T – All 60 units were created with existing courses in the major field of study as well as the general education courses.

We will continue to explore additional transfer degrees in order to maintain compliance with SB 1440 and to provide improved transfer opportunities for our students to California State Colleges and Universities.

We anticipate additional transfer degrees coming through our local curriculum approval process this year and will submit them to the CCC Chancellor's Office for review and approval in a timely manner.

We look forward to receiving your response as to whether this addition of SB 1440 transfer degrees to our academic program offerings constitutes a substantive change and if a substantive change proposal will be necessary. We will respond and comply appropriately. Thank you for your response and guidance.

Sincerely,

Kathy Berry, R.N., M.S.N.
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c: Victor M. Jaime, Ed. D., Interim Superintendent/President

Enclosures:
Copy of Form CCC-501, New Credit Program – Sociology for Transfer Degree
Copy of Form CCC-501, New Credit Program – Early Childhood Education for Transfer Degree

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Dr. Victor Jaime
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Dear President Jaime:

Imperial Valley College staff has brought to my attention that the College will be offering two new degrees. The information provided by the College indicates these degrees do not contain new courses or substantial changes, but instead reformat the existing curriculum. This development is in response to the Student Transfer Agreement Reform Act, also known as California State Senate Bill 1440, which mandates that California Community Colleges (CCC) develop transfer degrees to facilitate the successful transfer of students from the CCC system to the California State University System.

The new Associate Transfer Degrees are:

- Early Childhood Education AS-T
- Sociology AA-T

Based on the description Imperial Valley College has provided, these programs are not substantively new and will not necessitate a substantive change review by the Commission. Thank you for bringing this to our attention and please let us know if there are any changes in the information provided by the College.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Clifford, Ed.D.
Vice President

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Cc: Ms. Kathy Berry, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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