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Via Electronic Mail

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Subject: Establishing the Need for Substantive Change – Associate Degrees for Transfer

Dear Dr. Clifford:

This notice is provided pursuant to "Step One" Establishing the Need for Substantive Change, of the Sequential Steps in Preparing a Substantive Change Proposal, as described in the Substantive Change Manual, June 2011. Imperial Valley College has received approval from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to offer the following Associate degrees for Transfer under the requirements of SB 1440:

1. AS-T Degree (transfer) in Administration of Justice
2. AS-T Degree (transfer) in Business Administration
3. Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer
4. Associate in Arts in English for Transfer
5. AS-T Degree (transfer) in Mathematics
6. Associate in Arts in Political Science for Transfer

The Associate degrees for transfer consist of existing courses, no new coursework was added. Included with this notification is a copy of the New Credit Application (Form CCC-501) and approval letter from the Chancellor's Office for each degree.

We anticipate that students will be able to transfer to the CSU system seamlessly in these majors. 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 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. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, kathy.berry@imperial.edu, or by phone at (760) 355-6215/6213.

Sincerely,

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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 six 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:

- Administration of Justice AS-T
- Business Administration AS-T
- Communication Studies AA-T
- English AA-T
- Mathematics AS-T
- Political Science 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

Cc: Ms. Kathy Berry, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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