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Minimum Qualifications for Instruction of Upper Division Courses at the California Community Colleges

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Assigned to Executive Committee

Category Disciplines List

Status Completed

Status Report We got our position into the system's document. The fight with ACCJC is ongoing, but in regard to what this resolution was intended to do I would mark it as completed.

Whereas, SB 850 (Block, 2014) authorized the Board of Governors to establish a statewide baccalaureate degree program at not more than 15 pilot colleges;

Whereas, The purpose of establishing minimum qualifications is to ensure qualified faculty for all courses;

Whereas, Title 5 §53410 defines minimum qualifications for teaching lower division curriculum, and the passage of SB850 (Block, 2014) created upper division curriculum in the California community colleges; and

Whereas, Educational preparation necessary to teach upper division curriculum exceeds the education necessary to teach some lower division curriculum;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the Chancellor's Office to modify Title 5 §53410 to include the following subsection to address the qualifications for the instructor of record:

(e) For faculty assigned to teach upper division courses in disciplines where the master's degree is not generally expected or available, but where a related bachelor's or associate degree is generally expected or available, possession of either:

(1) a master's degree in the discipline directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment or equivalent foreign degree and two years of professional experience directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment and any appropriate licensure; or

(2) a bachelor degree in the discipline directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment or equivalent foreign degree and six years of professional experience directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment and any appropriate licensure.

(f) For faculty assigned to teach upper division courses in disciplines where the master's degree is not generally expected or available, and where a related bachelor's or associate degree is not generally expected or available, possession of either:

(1) any master's degree or equivalent foreign degree and two years of professional experience directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment and any appropriate licensure; or

(2) any bachelor degree or equivalent foreign degree and six years of professional experience directly related to the faculty member's teaching assignment and any appropriate licensure.

and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the Chancellor's Office to modify Title 5 §53430 to add the following subsection:

(d) Equivalency is not appropriate for faculty assigned to teach upper division courses and those individuals are required to satisfy the minimum qualifications outlined in §53410.

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