

**ACADEMIC SENATE
of
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

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**Extent of Permissible Teacher Education Coursework
Transferable from the Community Colleges**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University recommend to the California State University Board of Trustees a change in Title 5, 40409, s.s. b., to permit campuses to allow up to 6 semester units of teacher preparation to be transferred from a community college.

RATIONALE: The CSU deans of education have recommended a change in Title 5, 40409, s.s. b, which would allow up to six semester units of teacher preparation to be transferred from a community college. The current policy allows one course to be transferred. That policy was established when the sole route to a credential was a bachelor's degree followed by postgraduate courses toward the credential. The CSU Board of Trustees has suggested that campuses investigate the potential for earlier classroom experience and pedagogical preparation. Trustee policy and S.B. 2042 have led CSU campuses to initiate "blended" programs leading to the multiple subjects credential. Such programs allow the student to be active as a teacher aide or tutor during the first two years of college work. Without this change in system policy, students interested in teaching who begin college work at a community college are disadvantaged by the one course limit compared to students who matriculate as freshman. Permitting six units of community college involvement in early field experience or coursework might encourage more students to begin teacher preparation and credential programs.

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