



From the Interim Chancellor
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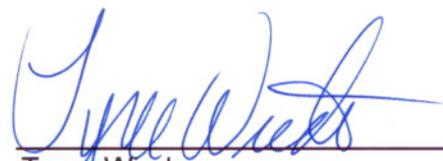
TO: College Presidents
Executive Staff
Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs
Vice Presidents of Student Services
Admissions and Records Officers
DSPS Coordinators

RE: Waivers of 30-Unit Limitation on "Remedial" Coursework

Changes to Title 5, CCR, section 55035 establishes that "no student shall receive more than 30 semester units of credit for remedial coursework;" only the following students are exempt from the limitation on remedial coursework: (1) Students enrolled in one or more courses of English as a Second Language (ESL), (2) Students identified having a learning disability and 3) a waiver, based on a Board adopted policy, for "any student who shows significant, measurable progress toward the development of skills appropriate to his or her enrollment in degree-applicable credit courses." The DEC SIS system has already been programmed to prevent students, who have exceeded the 30 unit remedial course unit limit, from enrolling in additional "remedial" courses, unless they are concurrently enrolled in an ESL course.

A recommendation on the proposed Board policy for granting waivers to the 30 unit remedial coursework limitation is currently being consulted with the appropriate faculty, student and administrative constituency groups. However, many students in the District have exceeded the 30 unit remedial coursework limit; the District needs to provide these current students with the ability to receive a waiver if they meet the requirements set forth in Title 5, section 55035.

Therefore, until such time as the Board of Trustees approves a final remedial unit waiver policy, colleges are directed to **use their current general petition process to review waiver requests from students who have exceeded the 30 unit remedial coursework unit limit** to determine if such students have shown "significant, measurable progress toward the development of skills appropriate to his or her enrollment in degree-applicable credit courses." The DEC SIS system has been programmed to allow overrides for students who have been identified as having a learning disability, as an Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accommodation, or who have received this waiver.



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c: DAS President
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