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**JOINT TASK FORCE ANNOUNCED TO IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
TRANSFER BILL**

Law goes into effect fall 2011

(October 7, 2010) – The California State University and the California Community Colleges have announced a joint task force charged with the implementation of SB 1440, the Student Transfer Achievement Act, which was signed into law by the Governor and goes into effect in fall 2011. The statute establishes a transfer associate degree for those students who have completed 60 transferrable units that include general education and major preparation courses. Community college students that obtain the associate degree designated for transfer will be admitted to the CSU with junior standing.

The joint task force will be co-chaired by Ephraim Smith, CSU executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer and Erik Skinner, executive vice chancellor for programs at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. The group will work to ensure coordination between the CSU system and California Community Colleges for a smooth implementation process, and may also make recommendations for further legislation, regulatory changes or other policy changes.

"I am delighted to serve on the committee that will deliver a clear transfer pathway for community college students to a California State University," said Eloy Oakley, president of Long Beach City College. "As a community college transfer student myself, I know first-hand how frustrating it can be. I look forward to implementing this new law that promises to help students achieve a college degree and transition into the workforce in a shorter period of time."

Other members of the task force from the California Community Colleges include:

Pamela Deegan, vice president of instructional services, MiraCosta College
Carsbia Anderson, vice president for student services, Monterey Peninsula College
Daniel Nannini, transfer center coordinator, Santa Monica College
Jane Patton, president, CCC Academic Senate
Michelle Pilati, vice president, CCC Academic Senate
California Community Colleges student representative

Committee member Douglas Freer, vice president for student affairs at Cal Poly Pomona, said the group hopes to move quickly through the process in order to be ready for fall 2011. "With more than 60 percent of CSU students coming from our community colleges, it is critical that we work to implement SB 1440 as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition and help more students earn their bachelor's degree."

Other members of the task force from the California State University include:

Milton Gordon, president, CSU Fullerton

Donald J. Para, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, CSU Long Beach

Sandra Cook, assistant vice president for academic affairs, San Diego State

James Postma, chair, CSU academic senate

Andrea Renwanz-Boyle, associate professor, San Francisco State

California State University student representative

An initial meeting of the task force is expected later this month or in early November.

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