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Action

Legislative Committee

Legislative Concepts for Commission Consideration

Executive Summary: This agenda item presents legislative concepts for the 2013 legislative year for Commission consideration.

Recommended Action: That the Commission approve the legislative proposal presented in this agenda item for Commission sponsorship and direct staff to seek authors for the proposal.

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Strategic Plan Goal

III Communication and Engagement

- ◆ Advise the Governor, Legislature, and other policy makers as appropriate regarding issues affecting the quality, preparation, certification, and discipline of the education workforce.

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*Related to Commission Ex Officio Member representing
the California Postsecondary Education Commission*

Proposed Concept:

This proposal seeks to amend Education Code §44212 which currently requires the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) to “appoint a representative to serve as member ex officio without vote” of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission). The recommended amendment would be to replace reference to the CPEC ex officio representative with reference to an ex officio representative of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges (CCC).

Current Law:

The Commission is an agency in the Executive Branch of California State Government. It was created in 1970 by the Ryan Act and is the oldest of the independent standards boards in the nation. The Commission sets standards for educator preparation for the public schools of California, accredits the programs that would offer this preparation, issues credentials to educators, and disciplines credential holders.

Commission membership consists of nineteen members: fifteen voting members and four nonvoting ex officio members. The Governor appoints fourteen voting members, as specified, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction or his/her designee serves as the fifteenth.¹

The four nonvoting ex officio members are appointed by the major segments of California higher education: Regents of the University of California (UC); Trustees of the California State University (CSU); California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC); and the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU).²

The Budget Act of 2011 deleted funding for CPEC, which subsequently ceased operations on November 18, 2011. The CPEC ex officio member last attended a Commission meeting on October 5, 2011.

Reason/Need for Proposal:

Addition of a CCC representative to the Commission would bring all segments of the higher education community together and provide additional perspective on educator preparation plans and programs allowing for increased continuity and articulation within and among programs and processes.

California’s educator preparation programs intersect with the CCC in several ways. First, many teacher candidates begin their undergraduate education at a community college and complete it

¹ Education Code §44210

² Education Code §44212

at a UC, CSU or AICCU campus. Second, specific teacher pipeline programs, such as the Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program (PTTP) are dependent on articulated partnerships across the 22 PTTP sites. These partnerships include written articulation agreements with 50 campuses of the University of California and 15 independent colleges and universities that contribute to the program's goal of creating innovative teacher education models. Third, community colleges are a major provider of Child Development Permit candidate preparation. Child Development Permits constitute 20 percent of the documents issued by the Commission.

The last CPEC ex officio member, Dr. Janis Perry, represented the CCC on CPEC and was CCC faculty. Dr. Perry represented CPEC on the Commission from December 2009 to November 2011.

Results of Administrative Avenues, if Any, Attempted to Resolve the Problem:

Legislation is needed because this appointment is specified in statute. No administrative avenue is available.

Consequence if Law is Not Changed:

None.

Education Code Section(s) Affected:

44212. The Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University, the California Postsecondary Education Commission, and the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities shall each appoint a representative to serve as member ex officio without vote in proceedings of the commission.

The ex officio members shall not vote in any proceedings of the commission nor in any of its committees or subcommittees, except, by a majority vote of the commission, ex officio members may be permitted to vote in committees or subcommittees in order to establish a quorum or as otherwise determined by majority vote of the commission.

Cost Analysis:

Replacing the CPEC representative with a member of the CCC would neither raise nor lower the costs to the Commission. Commission ex officio members serve without compensation but are reimbursed for actual and necessary travel expenses.³

Strategic Plan Goal Furthered by the Proposed Legislation:

Goal III. Communication and Engagement

- Partner with stakeholders in the development and implementation of policy that shapes preparation, certification, development, and discipline of the education workforce.
- Advise the Governor, Legislature, and other policy makers as appropriate regarding issues affecting the quality, preparation, certification, and discipline of the education workforce.

³ Education Code §44215

Possible Support and/or Opposition:

Support

Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

Community College League of California

Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

Opposition

None known at this time