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FROM: Alice Perez, Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Support
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RE: UC Guaranteed Transfer Pathways in Chemistry and Physics

The University of California Transfer Pathways (UCTP) Guarantee pilot project in Chemistry and Physics were created jointly by the California Community Colleges and the University of California based on several priorities shared by the two systems:

- 1) expanding inclusive access, especially at traditionally low-sending CCC campuses, as a key component of fulfilling the intent of the Master Plan and the Vision for Success, providing opportunities and social mobility and serving the state of California by enhancing the transfer route to a four-year degree. By developing and promoting guarantees of admission based on Transfer Pathways and Associate degrees built on those Pathways, the two systems can change the perception that “UC is not for me.”
- 2) thorough academic preparation is key to academic success after transfer and necessary for timely degree completion; it is also a pocketbook issue. A student who completes a UC Transfer Pathways before transfer is on a path to graduate two years after transfer.

The student that earns this degree has completed lower division preparation in the major of physics or chemistry, should be able to graduate within two years attending at full time status, and is guaranteed admission to the UC system with a minimum 3.5 GPA. Similar to the Associate Degrees for Transfer created for the CSU system, guaranteed admission is to the system, not an individual campus.

The completion of the degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher in UC transferable coursework is a guarantee of admission to the University of California System. All nine undergraduate UC campuses will participate in the UC Transfer Pathways Guarantee in Chemistry and Physics pilot for UCTP associate degrees awarded in physics and chemistry that meet the minimum GPA.

The UC Transfer Pathways Guarantee in Chemistry and Physics are defined by the UC System as the lower division preparation within the major. The UCTP associate degrees in physics and chemistry have a C-ID Descriptor with 40 C-ID units of major preparation for the Physics degree, and 45 C-ID units of major preparation for the Chemistry degree. Once the college has engaged the curricular process to create a degree, the Chancellor’s Office will evaluate the templates, see

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attached, for the degree in the same manner as all other Associate Degrees for Transfer templates are evaluated.

The templates for the UC Transfer Pathways Guarantee in Chemistry and Physics degrees contain specific general education requirements of 20 C-ID units. The general education required is consistent with title 5 regulations regarding the minimum general education for the granting of an associate degree. The general education courses selected must by the student must also be accepted for UC Transfer according to the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern. The University of California will have a common understanding of the general education completed by the transfer student and will be responsible for the completion of the general education pattern after transfer.

The UC system has agreed to form a joint workgroup with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to monitor, evaluate and adjust as necessary the minimum GPA of 3.5. It is important to note that a student may earn this degree whether they meet the 3.5 GPA or not — to clarify, colleges cannot offer a degree only if a student meets the minimum GPA.

Students who do not meet with GPA requirement are still eligible to apply to the UC system, but they will not be covered under the transfer guarantee. Many students will still be competitive at a number of UC campuses with a GPA below the 3.5 threshold, and all students who complete the degree are encouraged to apply to the UC.

We appreciate and acknowledge the work of the UC Academic Senate in partnering with the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges (ASCCC) and the Chancellor's Office in the development of these UC Transfer Pathways Guarantee in Chemistry and Physics. The ASCCC and the Chancellor's Office have developed templates to be used by the colleges to verify and meet the requirements of the UCTP associate degrees in chemistry and physics based on input from faculty in both the UC and CCC systems. We hope to produce further templates as our ongoing collaboration continues such that we can meet the needs of our students and the state of California.

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