

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: SUPERINTENDENT
COMMUNICATION NO. 73-2009/10-AA
Prepared by the Office of Academic Affairs
for Presentation to the Board of Trustees
September 14, 2009

SUBJECT: NEW AND REVISED COURSES

A. BACKGROUND

At the Academic Policies and Procedures regular meetings three new courses (Exhibit "A") were reviewed for approval.

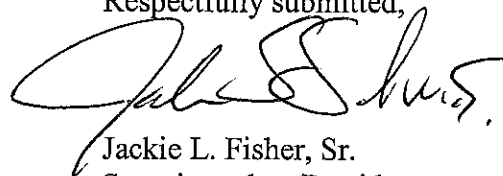
B. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that sufficient funds will be available in the 2009-2010 budget to cover the cost of the proposed new and revised courses.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS

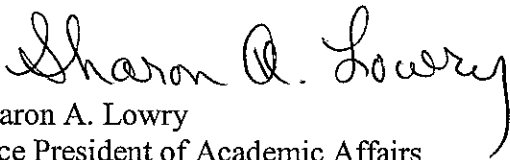
The Board approves the proposed new courses as described in Exhibits "A".

Respectfully submitted,



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New Courses and Programs

The following new courses have been reviewed and are recommended for approval by the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee.

COURSE and BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Aeronautical and Aviation Technology

AERO 180 – *SpaceTEC Core Certification Readiness 1-3 units, 18-54 hours total

Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 099, READ 099 and MATH 070

This course is designed to prepare students for the SpaceTEC Core certification written exam. Students will be pre-tested to determine their level of expertise; then the course material and level of instruction will be tailored to their specific needs. Upon the successful completion of this course and the subsequent successful passing of the SpaceTEC written and practical exams, students will be awarded the SpaceTEC Core Certification/License. BEFORE ENROLLING students must meet at least one of the following verifiable criteria: have a two year technical college program degree or have/had a two year technical military assignment or hold FAA Airframe & Powerplant certification, or have two or more years on the job training and experience in the aerospace industry. (AVC)

Biological Sciences

BIOL 165 – *Birds of Southern California 3 units, 54 hours total

Advisory: Completion of BIOL 101, 120 or 170

This is a lecture and field biology course. Lectures at AVC will alternate with required Saturday field trips to various locations in Southern California. Topics covered include identification, taxonomy, distribution, ecology and behavior of birds in our region. The course is designed for both students majoring in life sciences and those with a special interest in Ornithology. Students may be required to provide their own transportation for field trips. (CSU, AVC)

Communication Studies

COMM 109 – *Small Group Communication 3 units, 3 hours weekly

Advisory: Eligibility for College Level Reading and ENGL 101

This course is designed to develop effective communication and leadership skills by exploring techniques for productive group discussion. Students will participate in group role playing, problem solving, decision making, projects, and panel discussions. Methods for creating positive communication climates and dealing with group conflict will also be examined. (CSU, AVC)

*Course can be taken for a grade or for pass/no pass.

(CSU, AVC) - Transferability is noted. Transfer to the UC system must be approved through a formal process and will not be listed here.

(R1) – This notation indicates if a course can be repeated and how many times.