

Dear Steve,

On behalf of the Distance Education Committee, we ask the Faculty Senate to consider our position on the Kaplan University MOU signed with the Chancellor's Office.

Background

California Community College (CCC) Chancellor Scott signed a memorandum of understanding with Kaplan University (an online institution) regarding CCC students taking classes in conjunction with Kaplan. This is in response to high enrollment demand and not enough space for students. Kaplan agreed to reduce their fees to accommodate students who were desperate to get into classes to meet transfer requirements. CCC faculty, senates, and articulation officers expressed surprise and concern. The statewide Academic Senate had not been invited to discuss the MOU while it was under development. According to Jane Patton, President of the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges, the Senate recommends for the time being, if we are asked about the MOU, we indicate we are looking into it at the state level.

Distance Education Committee Recommendation

The Distance Education Committee wishes to express our concern to Cabrillo's Faculty Senate, (1) about the process by which an MOU was created with Kaplan University without CCC Academic Senate input, and (2) concerns about transferability of Kaplan University courses for our students. For these two reasons, if we are approached by Kaplan University, we recommend no arrangements be made at this time. There are too many questions that haven't been

sufficiently addressed about the Kaplan University MOU.