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**ROBERT C. DYNES, PRESIDENT**

**M.R.C. GREENWOOD,  
PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**Re: Notice of Assembly Action – Senate Regulation 478**

Dear Bob and M.R.C:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at its May 11, 2005 meeting, the Assembly of the Academic Senate amended, by majority vote, [Senate Regulation 478](#) to allow students in the physical and biological sciences who have a heavier lower division course load, to defer two of their Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) courses until after transfer, something that is currently permitted only in hardship cases. The Academic Assembly recommended that the amended regulation be implemented for transfer students entering in the fall 2006.

This change will help community college students be better science students once at UC, and hopefully prompt other community college students to consider science as a possible major. It may also have the additional long-term benefit of helping UC reach its ambitious goal of producing 1,000 science and math teachers annually by the year 2010 through the new Science and Math Initiative.

As you know, this proposal was approved by the Intersegmental Council of Academic Senates last fall and thereafter sent out to the UC, CSU and CCC Senates for approval. The Academic Council approved the proposal only after receiving assurances from the Provost that UC campuses would receive funding for the additional advising they would need to provide in order to ensure that students complete their two deferred courses.

The amended regulation is copied below, for your information. On behalf of the Academic Senate, I ask for your assistance in notifying the campus chancellors and relevant systemwide administrators of this important change.

Best regards,



George Blumenthal, Chair  
Academic Senate

Copy: Academic Council  
María Bertero-Barceló, Executive Director

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### **Amendment to Senate Regulation 478**

Adopted 5/11/05

b. **EITHER (1)** The last-attended community college must certify the IGETC area(s) and the one or two courses yet to be completed, and that the lack of these courses was for good cause such as illness or class cancellation, **OR (2) for students intending to major in the physical and biological sciences, the last-attended community college must certify that the student has substantially completed the articulated lower division courses for the major and that the student has completed the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum except for (i) one course in Arts and Humanities and (ii) one course in Social and Behavioral Sciences; students in this category may satisfy the IGETC requirement in Physical and Biological sciences with a year-long sequence in a single laboratory science.**