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## **Eliminate Repeatability for “Activity” Courses**

Spring  
2011

**Contact:**

Richard Mahon, Riverside City College, Educational Policies Committee

**Topic:**

Curriculum

**Status:** Completed

Whereas, Title 5 §55041 describes the types of courses that may be repeatable, including the often misunderstood “activity” course (§55041(c) (2) (B)), and the concept of repeatable courses is confusing and is often incorrectly applied at many colleges;

Whereas, Students should be encouraged to progress to more challenging levels of course content, and faculty can develop sequences of courses with beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels where students can demonstrate their proficiency at more advanced levels of a body of knowledge; and

Whereas, The data on repeatable courses show that students complete these courses in diminishing numbers over multiple opportunities, demonstrating that while opportunities exist for students to repeat "activity" courses several times, students do not avail themselves of these options;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges recommend a change to Title 5 regulations that eliminates the category of “activity” courses in Title 5 §55041(c) (2) (B) and defines repeatability for specific disciplines.

MSC Disposition: Local Senates, Chancellor’s Office, Consultation Council

**Assigned To:**

President

**Status Report:**

A change was made to Title 5 regulations.

09.07

## **Amend and Endorse “Recommendations Regarding Repeatability”**

Fall  
2011

**Contact:**

Kim Harrell, Folsom Lake College, SACC

**Topic:**

Curriculum

**Status:**

Whereas, The California Community Colleges' Board of Governors and Chancellor's Office have expressed a commitment to changing Title 5 §55041 regarding repeatable courses;

Whereas, Repeatable courses are a curricular matter, and both Education Code §70902 (b) (7) and Title 5 §53200 indicate that recommendations regarding curriculum are the purview of local academic senates;

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has worked throughout 2011 to gather input from discipline faculty and other interested parties regarding possible changes to repeatable courses and led the Repeatability Task Force that developed the document "Recommendations Regarding Repeatability"; and

Whereas, The document "Recommendations Regarding Repeatability" contains unnecessary limitations on both the number of ensemble performance courses and on physical education, as well as omits classification of technical theatre production courses as "ensemble performance courses";

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges amend the document "Recommendations Regarding Repeatability" by striking the phrase "and students to a total of 16 units of performance courses" which places a non-curricular based limit on student course-taking;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges amend the document "Recommendations Regarding Repeatability" by striking the recommendation to "Limit students to a total of 8 PE courses";

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges recommend that technical theatre production courses should be classified as ensemble performance courses and as such, allowed to retain current repeatability (Title 5 §55041) along with all other ensemble performance courses in music, theatre and dance; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges endorse the document "Recommendations Regarding Repeatability" and its recommendations as amended.

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See [Appendix C: Recommendations Regarding Repeatability](#)

**Assigned To:**

SACC