

Memorandum

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TO: Peter Hanink
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SUBJECT: Response to Senate Report AS-3147-256-AP: Academic Credit Certificate Programs Update

The Academic Senate supports the proposed updates to the Academic Credit Certificate Programs. As currently defined, certificates are too large for most state-side students to complete within their programs of study and are difficult to support with financial aid. Although the current policy allows academic certificates to be offered through self-support, these offerings have not proven viable: working professionals are generally not interested in multi-course, academic credit-bearing certificates; financial aid is not available for such programs; and international students are unable to enroll.

The update CPP's policy clearly distinguishes academic credit certificates (state-side, small-unit programs for matriculated students) from non-credit professional certificates offered through CPGE on a self-support basis. Existing academic credit certificates must align with the new policy. This approach ensures compliance and clarity while supporting meaningful student learning opportunities.

I thank the Office of Academic Programs and the Academic Senate for their recommendation. I support Provost Gomez, the Academic Senate, and the Office of Academic Programs in approving the updates to the Academic Credit Certificate Programs.

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