MEDIA STATEMENT

California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office Issues Statement
Questioning Validity of New Report on Time to Completion

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Patrick Perry, vice chancellor for technology, research, and information systems, issued the following statement about a report issued today by the Campaign for College Opportunity on time to completion rates and student costs in California community colleges:

“The report claims to analyze time to completion for those earning associate degrees in 2012-13, but the data sample excludes more than 16,000 associate degree earners for that year, calling into question the validity of the findings. Any valid evaluation would count – and analyze – all 80,472 associate degree earners as the successes that they are. Also, contrary to the report’s claims that it does not track students who transfer, the report examines data on some – but not all – students who transferred to 4-year institutions.”

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor’s Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/.

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