## **MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Chief Executive Officers

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FROM: Alice Perez,

Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

RE: California Community Colleges Online Education Initiative/California State University Joint "Finish Faster" Campaign with Online Summer Courses

The California Community Colleges (CCC) Online Education Initiative (OEI) and the California State University's (CSU) Cal State Online have partnered to launch a new summer online course finder that will provide students across California with access to over 10,000 online, transfer-level course sections available through CCC and CSU campuses this summer. This intersegmental collaboration leverages the scale and expertise of both CCC and CSU to increase student access to online courses over summer, and will feature joint promotion across both segments, the two largest systems of higher education in the nation.

The campaign, called Finish Faster!, launches this week and is aimed at accelerating student completion through increasing access to online courses during the summer. Many CCC students attend college part-time and year-round due to work and family obligations, while CSU students might attend a community college during summer to

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complete courses such as general education (GE) requirements. This effort supports the Chancellor's Vision for Success and the objectives of the Online Education Initiative.

Current and prospective students can search for classes using a variety of measures including subject matter, Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirement, and CSU Breadth Area or general education requirements. Search is available at both the <u>OEI site</u> and Cal State <u>Online</u>.

Search through the OEI site returns results that leverage efforts to promote high quality and fully resourced online courses with badges indicating completion of course quality and accessibility reviews, availability of online student readiness resources, and availability of online tutoring from colleges currently participating in the OEI Consortium. Search results feature online summer course sections from all 114 California Community Colleges. Students may also filter results by start date, end date, and distance from home college.

The Online Education Initiative is funded through the CCC Chancellor's Office and is focused on expanded access, quality and completion of transfer courses and degrees, and is programmatically and independent from the Governor's proposed fully online community college proposal.

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