Whereas, in 2011 and 2012 the Board of Governors approved a series of Title 5 changes regarding course repetition, creating significantly greater limitations on the circumstances in which students are allowed to repeat credit courses;

Whereas, Arts education in the K-12 system has diminished significantly in recent years, creating student populations that may lack the necessary foundation to seamlessly enter and complete a program in the performing arts and thus establishing a need for additional opportunities for personal skill and knowledge development on the part of some students;

Whereas, Title 5 language limits a student’s enrollments in any single group of courses related in content, or “family of courses,” to a total of four, whether a student withdraws from a course or fails to achieve the Student Learning Outcomes of a course, and this limitation can result in preventing a student from acquiring the coursework necessary to transfer in a program that requires four successful course completions in a family of courses; and

Whereas, The limit of four enrollments in a family of courses combines and conflates the restrictions on repetition of a course (the number of times a student may register and attempt a course) and the restrictions on repeatability (the number of times a student can repeat a course to continue to practice the skills taught in that course);

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the Chancellor’s Office to amend Title 5 Regulation 55040 (c) to allow students up to a total of 4 successful semester or 6 successful quarter enrollments within a group of courses related in content while still acknowledging all other current limitations on course repetition contained within Title 5.

Reference: CCC Chancellor’s Office, Credit Course Repetition Guidelines, November 2013, p. 25, and Appendix B, Summary Table 4, page 59.