Summary of Discussion
Distance Education Enrollment and State Authorization
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The accrediting commission as part of its standards process requires colleges demonstrate compliance with State laws for it to offer distance education in another State. Colleges are expected to comply before July 1, 2014. The Chancellor’s Office is currently representing the State of California in discussions related to establishing an agreement that would reduce the need for individual colleges to apply in some states. However, more justification and details are needed before the implementation of the State Authorization and Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). For example, will there be fees for authorization in some states, what the definition of physical presence is, and what metrics need to be developed for reporting.

Cabrillo has chosen an interim plan that is cost beneficial given the small number (0.7%) of out-of-state students who enroll in distance education courses. That plan is to block out-of-state student registration in all distance education courses.

Students with a registration status of 6 will be blocked from enrolling in online courses. Marcy will create a rule that Laurie can apply to DE sections identified by the DE Coordinator. This will be done on a semester by semester basis until such time the college decides to participate in SARA. Admissions and Records will have the ability to manually override the block if the student can demonstrate residency.

Rick is going to look into pulling a report that correlates enrollment zip code and residency status for all DE students.