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Dr. Richard Giese  
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Dear President Giese:

Taft College staff has brought to my attention that the College will be offering two new degrees. The information provided by the College indicates these degrees do not contain new courses or substantial changes, but instead reformat the existing curriculum which includes general education courses that were approved in November 2010 to be offered at 50% or more via distance education or electronic delivery. This development is in response to the Student Transfer Agreement Reform Act, also known as California State Senate Bill 1440, which mandates that California Community Colleges (CCC) develop transfer degrees to facilitate the successful transfer of students from the CCC system to the California State University System.

The new Associate Transfer Degrees are:

- Psychology AA-T
- Sociology AA-T

Based on the description Taft College has provided, these programs are not substantively new and will not necessitate a substantive change review by the Commission. Thank you for bringing this to our attention and please let us know if there are any changes in the information provided by the College.

Sincerely,

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