To: The Executive Committee

From: Semester Conversion Steering Committee (SCSC)

Subject: Student Election of Catalog Rights During Semester Transition

Purpose: Action by the Executive Committee

ACTION REQUESTED: That the interim campus administrative policy on student catalog rights (Election of Regulations), adopted by the Semester Conversion Steering Committee, be reviewed by the Executive Committee and either provided to the Academic Senate as an information item, or referred for review to the appropriate standing committee. Policy effective Fall 2018 subject to approval of the President.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: CSU policy on catalog rights is defined in Title V, Section 40401, Election of Regulations. Catalog rights refer to the specific set of requirements, as established in a CSU catalog for a specific year, which the student must satisfy to qualify for a degree. Undergraduate students who have maintained continuous attendance at a CSU or a California Community College may elect to qualify for graduation from the CSU under catalog requirements in effect either:

1) At the time they began attending any California Community College or CSU campus;
2) At the time they entered the CSU campus from which they will graduate; or
3) At the time they graduate from the CSU.

Establishment of catalog rights permits students to plan and complete general education, the United States history, constitution and American ideals, and other non-major requirements. A campus may require a student changing his or her major or any minor field of study to complete the major or minor requirements in effect at the time of the change.

At its meeting on March 10, 2017, the SCSC voted to recommend the proposed policy below to the President, subject to the review of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate.

PROPOSED POLICY: During academic year 2018-2019 Cal State East Bay will implement a campus administrative procedure which permits students to elect the 2018-19 catalog requirements for major, concentrations, and minors. The campus conversion from quarters to semesters in Fall 2018 introduces significant transformation of academic programs which change the requirements for completion of requirements for the program. This policy will allow students to elect to graduate following the requirements of the transformed semester curriculum for majors, concentrations, and minors. Students who wish to elect the semester requirements for their current major will be required to officially declare their major and new catalog year according to procedures established by the University Registrar. Nothing in this policy changes the current CSU policy for election of non-major/minor requirements.