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Chancellor Charles Reed
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Dear Chancellor Reed:

I was pleased to receive your communication suggesting a course of action for the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State University (CSU) to work together to improve pathways for nursing students to obtain bachelor's degrees. I wholeheartedly support your proposed goals.

To advance our collaboration on this important project, I have the following points to make concerning the goals for the coming year:

- I strongly support establishing a common GE transfer pattern in all CCC Associate Degrees in Nursing (ADN) programs. SB 1440 restricts colleges from adding any additional local requirements to transfer degrees and the same should be true for any transfer nursing programs or other high unit degrees. Establishing a common GE transfer pattern will reduce potential confusion about what is considered an additional requirement.
- The adoption of system-wide ADN prerequisites, core units, and other curricular issues should be based on the work being done under the C-ID project, incorporating the expertise of the faculty from both segments. The proper sequencing and placement of courses within the course framework of the students will reduce duplication of courses within both segments. This approach could be a model for all "high-unit" majors.
- The community colleges will conduct a statewide review of the nursing curriculum to assist in the development of a 70-unit transfer model curriculum for nursing that is coordinated with CSU BSN graduation requirements. In doing so, we will review existing successful models to inform the design of the ADN to MSN transfer curriculum.

Both the community colleges and the state universities play critical roles in educating the nurses California needs. I enthusiastically accept your offer to work together to map out a strategic plan to streamline pathways for our nursing students. By providing these students with the appropriate sequence of courses, priority admission guarantees, and seamless matriculation processes, we can improve the success of students and increase the number of skilled nurses entering the workforce.

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If you wish to discuss any aspect of the work being done, please contact Van Ton-Quinlivan, our Vice Chancellor for Economic and Workforce Development, at vtquinlivan@cccco.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Scott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jack Scott, Ph.D.
Chancellor

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