

ASSIST Board of Directors
Discussion Item
Allowing Articulation for Independent Colleges and Universities in ASSIST
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ISSUE:

ASSIST participation has been limited to the University of California, California State Universities and California Community Colleges only because ASSIST is a publicly funded project. However, many community colleges have articulation with independent colleges and universities. In order for ASSIST to be most useful to those community colleges, there is a need to have the articulation for independents in the database. The alternative requires that community colleges maintain two or more computer systems or a combination of electronic and paper delivery of data.

Until now this issue has been addressed in the following manner: individual community colleges can opt to provide the data entry resources to enter their campus articulation with independents into the ASSIST database. Since the data is stored locally, they are able to make it available on their own campus. Because the data is not considered "official" since it was not entered by the receiving institution, it is not sent to the ASSIST Coordination Site for inclusion in the semi-annual ASSIST data distributions. Community colleges entering data for independents have always been encouraged to get sign off from the receiving institution and to have the receiving institution verify the data prior to making it available on their campus.

Since the database for Web ASSIST will no longer be local, but centrally located at the ASSIST Coordination Site, there is no way for community colleges to enter data specific for their campus that is not available to everyone on the web.

RECOMMENDATION:

The ACS supports community colleges entering data for independent institutions and distributing that data via ASSIST if they receive the approval of the independent institution to make the information available. The ASSIST Board of Directors may wish to consider the establishment of some system for ensuring sign-off by the independents.