

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5.C**

**DATE: April 3, 2013**

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**SUBJECT: StraighterLine**

The Council has had a set of discussions about StraighterLine offerings during the past few months. As members of the Council know, Regental institutions have transcribed credit for students completing these offerings under the umbrella of the ACE credit services. Last year, representatives from StraighterLine have approached the system to see if there is interest in doing an intra-system review to award credit without based on documentation provided by StraighterLine rather than having students take these materials to ACE to receive a credit recommendation. As was noted, this would provide a cost savings for students. This topic was recently discussed by COPS and an informational item is going to the Board.

In the past few weeks, legislation has been introduced in California that would require campuses to give credit to students who successfully complete MOOC's and for StraighterLine offerings. Similar dynamics are at play in other states.

As a note, the discussions with StraighterLine have focused solely on transcribing credit for enrolled students who provide documentation that they have successfully completed one of their offerings. There are no expectations that this option would be marketed. In fact, this would be left to the discretion of the institutions as another tool in the institution's enrollment management strategy.

Members of the Council should be prepared to discuss next steps.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Discussion.