



Associate Degree
for Transfer
Intersegmental
Implementation
Committee

AB 928 Committee Charter

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Establishment and Charge

The [Assembly Bill No. 928](#) Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021 established, until July 1, 2025, the Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee (hereafter “AB 928 Committee”) to serve as the primary entity charged with the oversight of the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT).

Intended Outcomes

[Assembly Bill No. 928](#) (AB 928) states the following (bold emphases added)¹:

“The Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee is hereby established for the following purposes:

(1) To serve as the primary entity charged with the oversight of the associate degree for transfer for the **sole purpose of strengthening the pathway for students and to ensure it becomes the primary transfer pathway in California** between campuses of the California Community Colleges and the University of California, the California State University, and participating independent institutions of higher education defined in subdivision (b) of Section 66010, so that more students can avail themselves of the pathway’s benefits. The oversight shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(A) Ensuring a **reduction in the number of excess units** accumulated by California Community College students before transferring to four-year postsecondary educational institutions.

(B) **Eliminating repetition** of courses at four-year postsecondary educational institutions taken by California Community College students who successfully transfer into four-year postsecondary educational institutions.

(C) **Increasing the number of California Community College students who transfer** into a four-year postsecondary educational institution through an ADT pathway.

(2) To **enhance coordination and communication** between four-year postsecondary educational institutions and the California Community Colleges by providing a venue by which they can regularly meet and address issues that are impeding the purpose described in paragraph (1).

¹ Legislative language excerpted from California Legislative Information. Assembly Bill No. 928: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021: Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee (2021-2022). https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB928

(3) To provide the Legislature and the Governor with **recommendations** to support the purpose described in paragraph (1).”

To meet the mandate of AB 928, on or before December 31, 2023, the Committee will make recommendations to the Legislature in the following areas:

- “Identifying annual goals for increasing transfer rates in California and closing racial equity gaps in transfer outcomes to be adopted by the state.”
- “Proposing a new unit threshold for STEM degree pathways that meet the requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California.”
- “Reengaging ADT earners who do not transfer or apply for transfer into a four-year postsecondary educational institution.”

In addition, to meet the mandate of AB 928, on or before December 31, 2024, the committee will:

- “Establish timelines and reporting deadlines for the existing regular review of declaring or matching transfer model curricula similar to the California State University majors for admissions purposes.”
- “Develop a plan for the periodic analysis and creation of additional transfer model curricula for the ADT to respond to evolving workforce demands, including STEM degree pathways, and degree pathways that will aid in the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, such as nursing and cybersecurity.”
- “Develop a comprehensive communications plan and guidance on student-centered outreach to inform students about the ADT pathway and to ensure prompt and accurate information is communicated across four-year postsecondary educational institutions, the California Community Colleges, and elementary and secondary education.”
- “Provide feedback for the regular review and identification of updates needed to the ADT internet website maintained by the California Community Colleges to ensure current information and updates are communicated to students, families, and student support staff engaged in educating students about their college options, participating four-year postsecondary educational institutions, and degree options.”

Expectations for Engagement

The AB 928 Committee was established by the legislature through July 1, 2025. The Committee will operate in compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. Per the recommendations of the Committee Chair, the AB 928 Committee will typically meet in person three times per year as needed (with exceptions made for virtual meetings pending emergencies). **Persons requesting reasonable accommodations or exceptions to in-person attendance should notify emily.cole2@sova.org no less than thirty days prior to the meeting.**

Members are expected to:

- Participate in all meetings. Proxies or replacements to act as a committee member will not be allowed;

- Review materials (e.g., emails and pre-reading) ahead of meetings and respond as requested in a timely manner;
- Actively engage in discussions during meetings;
- Participate in work groups as needed;
- Adhere to all state and federal laws, in particular the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act; and
- Honor community agreements.

Community agreements include:

- Work collaboratively in support of the committee’s intended outcomes and with a student centered orientation;
- Stay engaged, be curious;
- Speak your truth...and then listen for real;
- Honor the expertise & experience of all group members;
- Accept and expect non-closure;
- Lean into and reflect on discomfort; and
- Be kind and accountable.

Decision Making and Recommendations

To establish quorum for decision-making, 50% plus one of the voting members must be present. Vacancies do not count towards the determination of the quorum.

The Committee shall make every effort to reach consensus when determining recommendations. If consensus cannot be reached, then recommendations shall be made by vote of the voting membership. In addition, formal recommendations submitted to the legislature will be voted on for approval. When voting, the Committee will operate according to modified Robert’s Rules of Order.

Leadership

[Assembly Bill No. 928](#) states that, “The first chair of the committee shall be the representative from the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and shall serve a two-year term. Following the first chair’s two-year term, the committee shall elect a chair from its members to serve a two-year term. A member shall not serve consecutive terms as chair of the committee and the position of chair shall rotate among the members of the committee.”

The chair will collaborate with the facilitator, Sova, to design agendas for the Committee.

Membership

[Assembly Bill No. 928](#) states that “the membership of the committee shall reflect its intersegmental function by including a cross-section of the stakeholders who will be needed to fulfill the committee’s responsibilities,” and stipulates one representative from each of the following entities:

- The Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.
- The Office of the Chancellor of the California State University.

- The Office of the President of the University of California.
- The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities.
- The State Department of Education.
- The Student Senate for the California Community Colleges.
- The California State Student Association.
- The University of California Student Association.
- The Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges.
- The Academic Senate of the California State University.
- The Academic Senate of the University of California.

Designating entities, as named above, shall fill vacancies when their representative member positions on the committee are vacant. Appointing entities must notify both Sova and the Committee Chair of any vacancies and appointments.

AB 928 additionally stipulates that five members of the committee shall be appointed as follows:

- “The Senate Committee on Rules shall appoint one member from the workforce sector with expertise in the fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.
- The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one member with a background in higher education research that includes scholarship on student transfer issues in the state.
- The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint one member from an educational equity and social justice organization.
- The Governor shall appoint one member from an educational equity and social justice organization.
- The Governor shall appoint one member who is a California community college student.”

Appointing entities, as described above, shall fill vacancies when their appointed member positions on the committee are vacant. Members appointed shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing entities. Appointing entities must notify both Sova and the Committee Chair of any vacancies and appointments.