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MEMORANDUM

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To: Presidents
Chief Academic Officers
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From: Douglas Knowlton, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
Douglas Knowlton

Subject: Amendment to System Procedure 3.5.1 Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program

Legislation passed this year amends the statute relating to the state's Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEO) to allow 10th grade students who have attained a passing score on the reading section of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments and meet course prerequisites to take a career or technical education course as a PSEO student. The legislation becomes effective on July 1, 2012. A corresponding amendment to System Procedure 3.5.1 Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program has been developed (see the underlined section-Subpart C starting at line 23). This amendment provides guidance for implementation of the statutory change, and is attached to this memorandum.

There is intense interest in taking advantage of this new PSEO provision. We realize that many colleges establish an application deadline for fall PSEO enrollment that is earlier than July 1. However, due to the brief interval between the passage of the statutory change and the approval of the change to the System Procedure, we are requesting that colleges exercise some flexibility in adhering to these deadlines for new 10th grade students who are requesting PSEO enrollment to take a career or technical education course for fall semester of 2012. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

The attached copy of System Procedure 3.5.1 provides the necessary information for determining the enrollment eligibility of 10th grade students for PSEO. If you have any questions, please contact Mike.Lopez@so.mnscu.edu. You will receive a direct response to your questions, and the questions and answers will be compiled as a FAQ document that will be made publicly available. Thank you.

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