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Dr. Kathleen Burke  
President  
Los Angeles Pierce College  
6201 Winnetka Avenue  
Woodland Hills, CA 91371

Dear President Burke:

Los Angeles Pierce College staff has brought to my attention that the College will be offering three new degree and two new certificate programs. The information provided by the College indicates these degrees do not contain new courses or substantial changes, but instead reformat the existing curriculum. The new degrees are in response to the Student Transfer Agreement Reform Act, also known as California State Senate Bill 1440, which mandates that California Community Colleges (CCC) develop transfer degrees to facilitate the successful transfer of students from the CCC system to the California State University System.

The new programs are:

- History - Associate in Arts for Transfer
- Communication Studies - Associate in Arts for Transfer
- Economics - Associate in Arts for Transfer
- Routing Technology - Certificate of Achievement
- Geographic Information Systems - Certificate of Achievement

Based on the description Los Angeles Pierce College has provided, these programs are not substantively new and will not necessitate a substantive change review by the Commission. Thank you for bringing this to our attention and please let us know if there are any changes in the information provided by the College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Norval L. Wellsfry".

Norval L. Wellsfry, Ed.D.  
Associate Vice President

Cc: Mr. Earic Peters, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
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