

**COMMUNICATIONS PROPOSAL
IN THE
DIRECT TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

Background

In January 2009, the Joint Access Oversight Group (JAOG) requested that the Intercollege Relations Commission (ICRC) review the credit language in the Communications requirements of the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) and draft a recommendation for change if appropriate. The JAOG is comprised of public and private university and community and technical college instruction leaders. The ICRC is comprised of public and private university and community and technical college deans and registrars.

JAOG expressed concern that the current credit language in the Direct Transfer Agreement may be confusing to students. The current language requires **“10 credits of communication skills which must include at least two courses in English Composition which total at least six credits.”**

Most, if not all, community and technical colleges teach only 5 credit English Composition courses, therefore two courses would equate to the required 10 credits. This leaves the language of “must total at least six credits” confusing for students. No other issue was brought forward from JAOG for review or discussion.

Summer 2009, the ICRC Executive Committee presented the following proposed DTA language change to clarify potential confusion regarding credits in the Communications requirement.

“10 credits of Communication Skills which must include at least two five credit courses in English Composition.”