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Dear CCA Colleagues,

Rumors are making their way up and down the state concerning the agreement that was made between Kaplan University and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office announced last week.

Please allow me to clarify the facts we know as of today:

1. **The agreement is known as the Kaplan University Community College Connection program.**
2. **It allows for California community college students to enroll in online Kaplan courses that have been approved by individual California community colleges.**
3. **This is done by approval agreements between the individual colleges and Kaplan University.**
4. **The Chancellor's Office does not approve any transfers.**
5. **Kaplan University courses that articulate back to the individual community college(s) would transfer back to be approved by the local California Community College towards an Associate's degree.**
6. **The cost of the Kaplan course for California Community College students would be at a 42% reduced tuition at what Kaplan normally charges. Kaplan is maintaining that textbooks and instructional materials will be provided at no additional costs.**
7. **That amount would be over \$1,000 per three units. Ten times more than had the student taken the class at a California Community College.**
8. **Students who complete their associate's degree at a California community college and transfer into a Kaplan University online bachelor's degree program will be eligible for a 10% tuition reduction.**
9. **Kaplan University is a subsidiary of The Washington Post Company.**

This agreement was not discussed at the Chancellor's Office Consultation. This is where various factions of the California Community College system meet to discuss issues that concern our 112 community colleges.

Neither the statewide Academic Senate nor any of the statewide faculty representative groups were contacted regarding this issue. This very controversial issue will be discussed at Council of Faculty Organizations this evening and at the official Consultation meeting tomorrow.

I will report back to you after these meetings have taken place as to any and all newly developed issues that surface during the discussions.

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