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APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS TRANSFER (AAT) AND ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE TRANSFER (AST) DEGREES FOR PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The Associate of Arts Transfer (AAT) and the Associate of Science Transfer (AST) are lower division majors specific undergraduate awards issued by a community college that indicates satisfactory completion of a course of study that is intended to prepare students for transfer to a public university in Oregon and have junior standing in a specific major Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. Courses of study leading to a major in the Humanities, Social Sciences, or Arts will generally be embedded in the Associate of Arts Transfer degree; courses of study leading to a major in a STEM discipline will generally be embedded in the Associate of Science Transfer degree.

The classes, outcomes and completion standards for the major-specific elements within Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Transfer degrees are defined by a statewide memorandum of understanding between participating community colleges and public universities.

In majors where junior standing within 90 credits is not possible, students who complete an Associate of Arts Transfer or Associate of Science Transfer degree will have equivalent status to students who started at a public university in the same major. Each new major specific Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) is signed by the required public higher education institutions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to include the Associate of Arts Transfer (AAT) and the Associate of Science Transfer (AST) as degree options for Portland Community College.