



Florida Association of Community Colleges

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Resolution of Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Community Colleges on President Obama's "American Graduation Initiative" September 11, 2009

Whereas, community colleges are the largest and fastest growing sector of higher education in the U.S., educating more than 45% of all undergraduate students as well as more than five million additional non-credit students.

Whereas there is a national consensus that the United States needs to provide greater numbers and percentages of its citizens with a higher education, as a moral, social, and economic imperative;

Whereas community colleges continue to need greater financial and related support as well as a new national focus, in order to fully realize their potential in helping more Americans obtain a college education and meet related career and personal goals;

Whereas President Obama has specifically set the goal of increasing the number of community college graduates by five million by 2020, along with ambitious national goals concerning postsecondary education;

Whereas President Obama's "America Graduation Initiative" recognizes the centrality of community colleges to America's well-being, and the need for financial resources to help those institutions;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Community Colleges formally endorses the "American Graduation Initiative" and commits to doing everything it can to achieve its enactment.

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Will Benedicks, PhD
FACC 2009 President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Brawer".

Michael Brawer
FACC Executive Director/CEO