AACC Letter

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Policy and Advocacy

1. FY 2013 BUDGET UPDATE
The House is expected to approve its FY 2013 budget resolution this week, which sets a ceiling on government spending that is $19 billion below the Budget Control Act spending cap agreed to last summer. Cuts to education and job training programs, as well as other community college priorities, are envisioned. For more information, visit the AACC website.
AACC Contact: Laurie Quarles

2. BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION ON AN AACC COMMISSION
AACC is accepting nominations for its six commissions. Commissions were established to provide advice to the AACC Board of Directors and staff. In addition, they provide a forum for focused conversation about important community college issues and priorities. CEOs and administrators from member colleges in good standing may be nominated, or nominate themselves. People from organizations who work in areas that are relevant to the specific commissions’ specific charges are also eligible. Visit the AACC website for information about and nomination forms for AACC commissions. Deadline for nominations is April 27, 2012.
AACC Contact: Angel M. Royal

Program Initiatives

3. AASCU HELPS YOU ENGAGE YOUR STUDENTS IN THE ELECTION PROCESS
The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) has released a free best practices guide for planning for the 2012 election cycle. Electoral Voices: Engaging College Students in Elections was published as part of AASCU’s American Democracy Project to capture insights, perspectives, and examples of college student engagement. It focuses on voter education, registration, and participation, as well as on how best to assess these efforts.
AACC Contact: Gail Robinson

Grants and Partnerships
4. NEH EARMARKS FUNDS FOR ADVANCING HUMANITIES EDUCATION
The National Endowment for the Humanities invites proposals for projects that advance the role of the humanities at community colleges through curriculum and faculty development on the theme of "Bridging Cultures." Awards are in the amount of up to $360,000 for as many as five colleges. Deadline to apply is August 14, 2012.
AACC Contact: Tabitha Whissemore

5. STEM GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM NSF
The National Science Foundation is accepting proposals for the Transforming Undergraduate Education in STEM (TUES) program. TUES focuses on creating learning materials and strategies, implementing new instructional strategies, developing faculty expertise, assessing student achievement, and conducting research. Proposal deadline is May 28 or 29, 2012, depending on the state.
AACC Contact: Linda Pierre

News and Social Media

6. "ON A SHOESTRING, RURAL COLLEGES SERVE GROWING LOCAL NEEDS"
When it comes to stretching funds and leveraging partnerships, rural community colleges offer some of the best examples of maximizing resources to train local residents for available jobs. But there's a limit to resourcefulness. Read more in Community College Times.
AACC Contact: Matt Dembicki

Resources

7. CORE INDICATORS OF EFFECTIVENESS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES, 3RD EDITION
Find new ways to pinpoint and measure effectiveness for completion. Read a full description, preview the book, and order online, or by calling 800-250-6557.
AACC Contact: Sarah Lawler

Events and Services

8. LEARN HOW TO ADVANCE YOUR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT MISSION
The Community College National Center for Community Engagement will hold its 21st annual conference May 23–25, 2012, in Scottsdale, Arizona. The conference theme is "Leaders Leading Leaders in Service Learning and Civic Engagement." Plenary sessions include speakers from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and The Democracy Commitment. Early-bird registration for faculty, staff, administrators, students, and community partners ends April 20.
AACC Contact: Gail Robinson

9. LEARN HOW TO ADVANCE SUSTAINABILITY ON YOUR CAMPUS
A partner of AACC's SEED Center, the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), will hold the 2012 Climate Leadership Summit in Washington, DC, June 21–22. The theme is "Economic Renewal: Jump-starting a Sustainable Economy Through ACUPCC." Early-bird registration is open to presidents, provosts, and chief business officers.
AACC Contact: Katya Nekrasova
10. ENHANCE YOUR ONLINE PROGRAM EXPERTISE
The Instructional Technology Council’s 2012 Leadership Academy will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 19–21. The meeting will focus on providing leadership in a changing e-learning environment. The academy is an opportunity for anyone involved in distance education to explore how e-learning can be used to harness technology to achieve program success, provide outstanding academic and student support, incorporate data-driven decision making into your planning; and improve course and program quality. Application deadline is June 8.
AACC Contact: Mary Heiss

11. THE FUNDRAISING EXPERTS AWAIT YOU IN PORTLAND
AACC Contact: Mary Heiss

12. YOUR COLLEAGUES AWAIT YOU AT THE 92ND ANNUAL AACC CONVENTION
Here are some of the opportunities that await you:

- **AACC has partnered with the Stop Hunger Now** for its annual community service event on April 21, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. Pre-registration is closed, but you may register onsite at the convention registration desk. Cost is $25.

- **Maximize your experience with a visit to the Exhibit Hall.** Meet with business partners to discover what’s new in community college products and services. Check out the Exhibit Hall hours and view the interactive floor plan to plan out your Exhibit Hall schedule.

- **Have the meeting in your pocket with the Annual Convention App!** Compatible with most mobile devices (including the iPhone, iPad, Android, and Blackberry), the Annual Convention App will enhance your meeting experience. Links to download the App are coming soon.

- **Can't travel to Orlando this year?** Bring the meeting to your desk. AACC's Virtual Meeting features 50+ hours of educational sessions produced by your peers at community colleges. It's an affordable and easily accessible way to bring professional development to your desk or to your team.

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