AACC Letter

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Policy and Advocacy

1. SENATE TO VOTE ON THE DREAM ACT
Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has announced that the U.S. Senate will consider the DREAM Act as an amendment to the FY 2011 Department of Defense (DOD) authorization act. The DREAM Act, one of AACC’s top legislative priorities since 2001, provides a path to legal status for undocumented students who were brought into the country as children and lets states decide their own policies on in-state tuition for undocumented students. Key votes requiring the support of 60 senators to pass could begin as early as Tuesday, Sept. 21. Please contact your senators ASAP and urge them to vote for adding the DREAM Act onto the DOD authorization bill.
AACC Contact: James Hermes

2. WHITE HOUSE CONVENES SUMMIT ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES
The White House Summit on Community Colleges will bring together leaders from two-year colleges, businesses, philanthropy and federal and state governments to discuss community colleges’ role in education and the workforce. The summit will be held Oct. 5, 2010. Dr. Jill Biden will chair the event.
AACC Contact: Norma Kent

3. ENHANCE YOUR EFFECTIVENESS IN WASHINGTON
Join us in Washington, D.C., Nov. 7–9, for AACC’s 2010 Washington Institute. An intensive program designed for community college officials and other advocates who want an insider’s view of how national higher education policy is formulated, this year’s institute will provide a timely analysis of the 2010 Congressional elections as well as a review of recent legislation and the future funding landscape for community colleges.
AACC Contacts: Katharine Carter and Laurie Quarles

Program Initiatives

4. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, the Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad. Deadline for applying is Oct. 5, 2010. Three upcoming Gilman Scholarship webinars (Sept. 21, Sept. 23 and Sept. 28) provide important information about the application and certification process.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen

5. NEW FRANK LANZA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP TO BENEFIT HEALTH-CARE STUDENTS
AACC and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, with the generous support of METI and L-3 Communications, Inc., have launched the Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship Program. This initiative is
designed to recognize the academic and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in registered
nursing, respiratory care or emergency medical service programs offered by regionally accredited
community colleges. Up to 25 scholarships of $1,000 each will be awarded for the 2011 academic
year. The scholarships will target part-time, full-time and international students who have completed
50 percent of their course work leading toward achieving an associate degree and who have a
demonstrable financial need (certificate students are not eligible to apply). Candidates do not have to
be members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society to apply. Completed applications must be submitted
online no later than midnight, Oct. 15, 2010. For more information, contact Phi Theta Kappa via e-
mail or phone (601-987-5741).
AACC Contact: Carolina Zumarán-Jones

6. AACC HEISKELL AWARD FOCUSES ON INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDUCATION
Internationalizing the Community College Campus: Special Focus on Internationalizing International
Business Education is an Andrew Heiskell award created to recognize institutions that provide
innovative programs and services, including study abroad, to make international opportunities
accessible to community college students. Institute of International Education and AACC members are
eligible to apply. AACC strongly encourages member colleges to nominate their programs for the
award. The winners of this award will be recognized at a workshop in Houston on Feb. 4, 2011,
 focusing on internationalization at community colleges. The deadline for submission is Oct. 15, 2010.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen

7. FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE (SIR) PROGRAM
The SIR program brings visiting scholars and professionals from abroad to lecture at U.S. colleges and
universities for one semester or one academic year. The SIR application deadline is Oct. 15, 2010. An
archived webinar on how community colleges can further internationalize their campuses by hosting a
Fulbright scholar is also available.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen

8. 2011 SENATOR PAUL SIMON AWARDS
The Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization will recognize up
to five institutions for overall excellence in internationalization efforts as evidenced in practices,
structures, philosophies and policies. The Simon Spotlight Award will be presented to up to three
campuses with specific innovative international programs or initiatives. Winners will be nationally
recognized, interviewed and profiled in Internationalizing the Campus: Profiles of Success at Colleges
and Universities. The deadline for submission is Nov. 30, 2010.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen

9. GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM
The Gates Millennium Scholars program was established to provide outstanding students with
significant financial need the opportunity to complete an undergraduate education in the academic
discipline of their choice. The program selects 1,000 students per year as Gates Millennium Scholars.
Awards encompass the cost of tuition fees, books and living expenses for the academic year based on
financial need, as well as the availability of grants and other scholarships reported on the student's
financial aid award letter. The application deadline is Jan. 10, 2011. For more information or to
10. INTRODUCING SAAS NATIONAL
The recently launched Student African American Sisterhood National Organization, Inc. (SAAS), a nonprofit, seeks to positively impact the lives of its membership through creating supportive networks among African American and Latina women, encouraging and assisting with personal and professional development, and providing strategies for educational attainment and success. For more information, visit the SAAS Web site, or contact the president, Khalilah A. Shabazz (317-496-7734).
AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

News and Social Networking

11. ED SECRETARY ARNE DUNCAN ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO PURSUE TEACHING
NBC News will hold an Education Nation Summit Sept. 27 and 28 that will feature U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan talking live with students from preselected colleges about teaching as a profession. It is part of the new National TEACH Campaign, an effort to recruit prospective teachers, targeting students ages 19–25, especially minorities. Over the next four years, as many as one third of U.S. teachers may retire.
AACC Contact: Matthew Dembicki

12. COMMUNITY COLLEGES MEET DEMAND FOR SURGICAL TECHNICIANS
Community colleges are developing surgical technology programs because an aging population is creating a demand for surgical technicians, according to an article in Community College Times.
AACC Contact: Matthew Dembicki

13. FEDERAL LOAN DEFAULT RATES REPORTED BY ED
The Department of Education (ED) has just released final FY 2008 cohort default rates for the major federal loan programs. The national default rate is now 7.0%. The community college rate rose to 10.1%, from 9.9% last year. The cohort default rate is a snapshot of the repayment of loans over a two-year period only, at the front end of the repayment period, and understates actual default rates. Community college default rates compare favorably to those in the for-profit sector, whose comparable institutions (2- and 3-year) had a default rate of 12.6%. AACC believes that colleges should be provided stronger tools to limit federal student debt.
AACC Contact: David Baime

Grants and Partnerships

14. GRANT REVIEWERS SOUGHT BY ED AND DOL
The U.S. Department of Education, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, is urgently seeking expert reviewers for upcoming grant competitions. The department is specifically looking for experts in Open Education Resources, online learning and hybrid online or on-site course delivery systems. If you qualify to evaluate competitive proposals in these areas of delivery, sign up on the DOL Web site, or contact Hal Plotkin.
AACC Contact: Norma Kent
15. GRANTS FOR PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE BROADER MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA
Higher Education for Development (HED), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Department of Education anticipates making up to 10 awards of up to $60,000 each for a six-month period of performance to support the planning for partnerships between U.S. community colleges and community and technical colleges in the Broader Middle East and North Africa (BMENA). Red Rocks Community College, Highline Community College, Gateway Technical College and Muscatine Community College received BMENA awards earlier this year that ranged between $100,000 and $150,000 each for 18-month partnerships with community and technical colleges in the BMENA region. Application deadline is Oct. 18, 2010. For more information, visit the HED Web site.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen

16. UK–US HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS
The British Council recently launched a $500,000 fund to develop new strategic links between British and U.S. higher education institutions. Up to 20 projects will be funded with up to £20,000 in seed money to help establish collaborations between new partners, expand cooperation between existing partners or pilot UK–US collaborations with third countries, such as India and China. Applications will be developed in partnership between institutions, but submitted by the UK institution partner. Application Deadline is Oct. 31, 2010.
AACC Contact: Michael Allen

New Resources

17. NEW AACC POLICY BRIEF
Doing More With Less: The Inequitable Funding of Community Colleges shows that funding inequities are having serious consequences for the institutions that educate almost half of all U.S. undergraduates. Community colleges are receiving an increasingly disproportionate share of both state and federal funding just at a time when their enrollments have surged, as well as has demand for programs to educate an estimated 2.7 million workers for jobs in high-demand fields over the next 8 years. The brief was supported in part by Lumina Foundation for Education. The views expressed in this publication are those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of Lumina Foundation for Education, its officers, or employees.
AACC Contact: Christopher Mullin

18. NEW AACC MONOGRAPH
AACC is pleased to announce the publication of Creating a Climate for Service Learning Success, a new monograph that provides ideas for developing and institutionalizing service learning on a college campus. It features a variety of replicable examples, including bilingual projects and resources, from 13 colleges that participated in AACC’s 2006–2009 grant program, Community Colleges Broadening Horizons through Service Learning. Copies have been mailed to AACC member college presidents, vice presidents of academic affairs, faculty and service learning coordinators. The 40-page publication may be found online, along with other service learning resources and curriculum tools. AACC’s service learning initiative is supported by the Learn and Serve America program of the Corporation for...
19. THE HIGHER ED CLIMATE FOR LGBT STUDENTS
Campus Pride, a leading national nonprofit organization for student leaders and campus organizations working to create safer, friendlier colleges and universities for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students, recently released the 2010 State of Higher Education for LGBT People. The report documents the experiences of nearly 6,000 students, faculty, staff and administrators who identify as LGBT at colleges and universities across the United States. For a copy of the report, e-mail Cathy Renna, or visit the Campus Pride Web site.
AACC Contact: Kevin Christian

20. FREE RESOURCES FOR OLDER LEARNERS
Community colleges may want to make personnel and directors of programs for older learners aware of free resources available from the National Council on Aging (NCOA). One is a toolkit on fall prevention, available in conjunction with National Fall Prevention Awareness Day, Sept. 23, 2010. Events in 35 states will draw attention to the critical issue of accidental falls, a leading cause of fatal injuries for adults over 65. The NCOA Web site also has resources for helping older adults track benefits and prescriptions.
AACC Contact: Norma Kent

Events and Services

21. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS
The annual Workforce Development Institute (WDI 2011), "Keeping America Working," convenes Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2010, in Newport Beach, CA. Make your plans to come early for outstanding preconference sessions and a fireside chat, and stay through the extraordinary super general session and forums on Saturday. Register for WDI 2011 online beginning Sept. 20.
AACC Contact: Carolyn Teich

22. AACC'S CALL FOR CONVENTION EVENTS EXTENDED
If you’re passionate about your work, share your expertise, innovations and research with your colleagues by submitting a proposal for the AACC 91st Annual Convention today. We’re looking for new thinking, building on what’s worked (or not) in the real world. Convention attendees tell us that learning from peers is one of the top three reasons they attend AACC’s annual convention each year. Get started by visiting the AACC Web site to view AACC convention details, such as evaluation criteria, session tracks, types of sessions and other resources. A strong emphasis will be placed on proposals that address the completion agenda. The call has been extended and will close Sept. 27, 2010. If you have any questions, contact Delinda Frazier.
AACC Contact: Delinda Frazier

23. FREE WEBINAR ON ENCORE CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS
Sept. 30, 2010, 3:30 p.m. AACC’s Plus 50 Initiative’s webinar on encore careers addresses how encore careers for the plus 50 population combine passion, purpose and a paycheck in the fields of education, health care, social service and the environment. Learn how encore careers fit with
community college programming for plus 50 students interested in social-purpose jobs. The webinar is available to community colleges interested in programming for learners age 50 and above. To receive an invitation to participate in this free webinar, e-mail Uloma Ogbonna.

AACC Contact: Mary Sue Vickers

24. CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR THE 2011 AACC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The AACC Board Committee on Directors requests recommendations for institutional and council representative candidates to be considered for placement on the slate for the 2011 AACC Board of Directors election. Self-nominations are welcomed. The deadline for receiving nominations in the AACC office is Friday, Oct. 1, 2010. Send nominations by mail (Eduardo Marti, Chair of the Committee on Directors, c/o AACC, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 410, Washington, DC 20036), by fax (202-833-2467), or by e-mail. For additional information, contact Charisse Bazin Ash, 202-728-0200, ext. 280.

AACC Contact: Charisse Basin Ash

25. APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR FULBRIGHT-HAYS OVERSEAS SEMINARS
Oct. 6, 2010, is the deadline for applying for Fulbright-Hays overseas seminars. A two-week seminar in Jordan and Oman is scheduled for March 23, 2011. The seminar will provide presidents and senior CAOs at U.S. higher education institutions with an opportunity to learn about the higher education system in another part of the world. Applications are also being accepted for four- to six-week seminars in Brazil and Morocco and Tunisia, scheduled between May and August 2011. Those seminars are geared toward educators with little or no experience in the host countries and who demonstrate the need to develop and enhance their curriculum through short-term study and travel abroad.

AACC Contact: Michael Allen

26. GREEN JOB TRAINING AND SUSTAINABLE CAMPUSES
Learn about best practices in developing environmentally sustainable campuses and education–community partnerships that can support local economic growth at the Appalachian Regional Commission Conference, co-sponsored by AACC. AACC will also be rolling out its green job training resource center (the SEED Center) at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education conference on Oct. 10, 2010. If you would like to learn more about becoming a free SEED member, contact Todd Cohen.

AACC Contact: Carolyn Teich

27. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM UPCOMING
Oct. 10–11, 2010, in Sydney, Australia, a symposium titled Advancing Australia–US Cooperation in Higher Education will explore the potential for increased cooperation between the United States and Australia in international education. The symposium will focus on evaluating the impact and success of international education, student recruitment, advocacy and standards of good practice and quality assurance in education abroad. Background papers on each topic will be circulated in advance to participants. Registration is free for U.S. participants.

AACC Contact: Michael Allen

28. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Learn more about issues critical to rural community colleges while enjoying the fall foliage at the 2010
Rural Community College Alliance Conference, Oct. 11–13, at the Red Lion on the River in Portland, Ore.
AACC Contact: Laurie Quarles

29. COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUTURES ASSEMBLY AND BELLWETHER AWARDS
Next year's Futures Assembly, Jan. 29–Feb. 1, 2011, in Orlando, Florida, includes a policy summit on Jan. 30 that will bring together 13 national and international organizations including AACC and AACC affiliated council, Community Colleges for International Development, to help examine the extent to which community colleges are prepared to address the needs of the future workforce in the global economy, identify potential gaps and develop recommendations for policymakers. Following the policy summit will be a competition featuring finalists for the prestigious Bellwether Awards under the same theme as the policy summit. AACC encourages all members, including non–U.S. based institutions, to consider submitting applications for the competition. This is an opportunity to showcase your institution’s internationalization efforts to a broad audience.
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