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Office of the President

December 13, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

Dr. Patricia Sims is an excellent candidate for election to the Board of Trustees of the American Association of Community Colleges. Dr. Sims has served in both community college and university education environments and in a variety of positions, most recently as President of Drake State Community and Technical College in Huntsville, Alabama. As an HBCU in the largest and fastest growing region in the state, Drake State has experienced unprecedented opportunities for partnerships and growth. President Biden recently appointed Dr. Sims to the National Infrastructure Advisory Council, and she serves on a variety of boards and councils. Through Dr. Sims' leadership, Drake State Community and Technical College is positioned as a leader college among fellow HBCUs, and Dr. Sims will bring a unique perspective to the AACC Board of Trustees.

As you are considering which candidates you will support for election to the AACC Board, please give Dr. Patricia Sims your careful consideration. She will be an asset to the American Association of Community Colleges. Feel free to reach out to me at [vicki.karolewics@wallacestate.edu](mailto:vicki.karolewics@wallacestate.edu) or 256-352-8130 should you wish to discuss Dr. Sims' candidacy.

Sincerely,

Vicki P. Karolewics  
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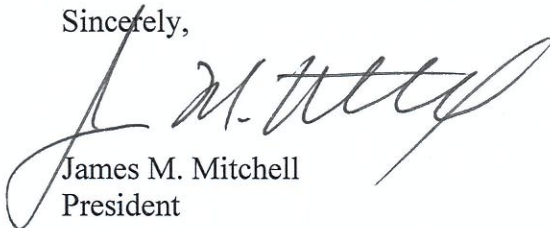
To Whom it May Concern:

It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Dr. Patricia G. Sims for the American Association of Community Colleges Board of Directors. I am James M. Mitchell, President at Wallace Community College Selma. With over 22 years of experience working in higher education, and have seen many professionals come and go. Dr. Sims is one individual I have worked with who truly stands out.

Having known her in a professional capacity for over 15 years, she has displayed a global view of higher education and how it benefits the overall success of students. I have found her to be very student-centered. Throughout her administrative career, Dr. Sims has established a reputation as an extremely capable, effective college administrator. She has consistently displayed qualities of initiative, conscientiousness, and professionalism.

I recommend Dr. Patricia G. Sims without reservation, and have every expectation that, if selected, she will be a great asset to your organization. If you would like, I would be happy to discuss Dr. Sims' experiences and qualifications.

Sincerely,



James M. Mitchell  
President

