



Presidents' Round Table Newsletter

A National Network of African American Community College CEOs

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Message from the Convener

As we end our work for this year, I thank you for your support of our organization. We have had an excellent year. Your participation has been better than ever.

- Our Lakin Institute, held jointly in October with the National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA) Mid-level Managers Institute and hosted by the Houston Community College System, was a huge success. Many thanks again to Chancellor Mary Spangler and Deputy Chancellor Art Tyler for their hospitality and generosity! Many of you served as presenters at the Institute, participated in associated activities, and attended our fall meeting.
- Your participation in Presidents' Round Table (PRT) activities held at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) convention was just incredible. Sixty of you attended our spring meeting, and 86 of you attended the dinner in honor of Drs. Walter and Aileen Bumphus.
- A record number (76) of you paid your membership dues this year. That support allowed us to fund our ongoing efforts: the publication of our directory and newsletter; the Lakin Institute; and our fall and spring meetings. We were also able to fund the participation of two representatives of Haiti Technical College in this year's AACC convention.

As we enter 2011-12, we, the current officers, are in our final year of service. We move forward with almost the same level of energy with which we started three years ago. New officers will be selected at our April meeting. You will be hearing from our nominating committee on the process for selecting new officers later this year. I solicit your continued support.

This newsletter updates you on a variety of information about our organization and our members. Enjoy!

The PRT is an affiliate organization of the National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA). Founded in 1983, the PRT is the national organization of African American community college chief executive officers.

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 Dr. Stanford Simmons

Community College Representatives from Haiti and Jamaica Participate in PRT Activities

PRT members enjoyed the participation of community college colleagues in PRT events from Haiti and Jamaica in attendance at the AACC convention in New Orleans. The two systems are working with the PRT on joint efforts to benefit both organizations. Four representatives from Jamaica were in attendance: Cebert Adamson, Executive Director, The Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica (CCCJ); Jeanette Grant Woodham, Chair, CCCJ; Karen Hewett Kennedy, Principal, Portmore Community College; and Howard Isaacs, Principal, The Moneague College.

Michaëlle Saint-Natus, Special Advisor to the Board of Trustees for Haiti Tec) and Rhony Desrogène, Executive Director-President of Haiti Tec made a presentation with Jowel Laguerre (President of Solano Community College, California) at the convention in an effort to garner understanding, awareness and support for Haiti Tec.



Michaëlle Saint-Natus, Special Advisor to the Board of Trustees and Rhony Desrogène, Executive Director-President of Haiti Tec their hostess from California, Marie-Claude Laguerre.



College for the Better Making of Men

Bay Ridge College, located in Kendleton, Texas, is a small college established in 1953. It has an illustrious past with ties to the historical Civil Rights Movement and a future that is very timely and cutting-edge. As the American Association of Community Colleges seeks solutions to the many challenges facing our community colleges, one being the Minority Male Initiative, research continues to point out and many colleagues agree, more is needed. Scholars passionately discuss the socio-economic and educational plight of African American males and their declining enrollment, retention and graduation from institutions of higher education. They are outnumbered by Black women with ratios of nearly three-to-one, the highest level of gender imbalance for any race and the lowest graduation rates among all racial and ethnic groups.



Dr. Stanford Simmons
President, Bay Ridge College

Bay Ridge College proposes to be an innovative solution by taking minority male initiatives to another level as a two-year residential junior college focusing on the educational needs of African American males. Morehouse College paved the way at the four-year level; however, they can't do it alone. Bay Ridge will offer associate degrees transferable to four-year colleges and universities. The curriculum will focus on holistically preparing mature and academically competent young men to complete their college degree and join America's highly skilled workforce. Dr. Stanford Simmons, Sr., president of Bay Ridge since 2005, has a history of pursuing academic excellence while implementing and managing change. Dr. Simmons has served on faculties and as an administrator at community colleges and four year colleges and universities for over 20 years. He will lead a team of professional and educational experts in creating and applying a unique academic program that will meet the needs of contemporary youth to accelerate their achievement.

Additionally, and equally important, Bay Ridge will establish a scholarly research foundation to focus on a myriad of issues impacting the lives of minority students, especially African American males.

We will engage in conversations with key research institutions and develop collaborative projects that can be designed, completed, published, and presented in a timely manner.

Currently, funding is being secured from both private and public sources to complete the building of a 50,000 square-foot educational center, build and refurbish residential housing, and enhance the student health and wellness center and athletic field on the 88-acre campus site. Bay Ridge plans to reopen the college in Fall 2013 for 300 students. Learn more about this exciting new vista in higher education and the progress towards creating a **college for the better making of men** by visiting www.bayridgecollege.org. You may contact Dr. Simmons at slsimmons@bayridgecollege.org.



Dorsey and Gnage to Serve as Chair and Chair-Elect of AACC Board

Presidents' Round Table (PRT) members, Dr. Myrtle Dorsey, incoming chancellor of the St. Louis Community College District, and Dr. Marie Gnage, president, West Virginia University at Parkersburg, will serve as chair and chair-elect, respectively, of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Board of Directors for 2011-12.



Dr. Myrtle Dorsey



Dr. Marie Gnage

Carroll Confirmed by U.S. Senate

On May 26, Dr. Constance M. Carroll, chancellor of the San Diego Community College District, received U.S. Senate confirmation of President Obama's nomination for her membership on the National Council on the Humanities. This very prestigious and well-deserved recognition will further raise the positive profile of community colleges nationally.



Dr. Constance Carroll

Mitchell Elected to the Presidents Academy Executive Committee

Dr. James Mitchell, president of Wallace Community College (AL), has been elected to serve a three-year term as Southern Region representative to the Presidents Academy Executive Committee. The Academy is an AACC organization dedicated to the professional renewal and recognition of community college CEOs. The Presidents Academy sponsors the Summer Institute and provides special sessions for CEOs at the AACC Annual Convention. Dr. Mitchell will end a three-year term as a member of the AACC board on June 30.



Dr. James Mitchell

Benjamin Speaks at Excelsior Commencement Celebration

Dr. Nadine Scott, principal of Excelsior Community College (ECC) in Kingston, Jamaica, invited Chancellor Benjamin to serve as the commencement speaker at the ECC graduation ceremony on November 25, 2010. More than 300 students received certificates of completion and associate and bachelor's degrees in a variety of areas.

An affiliate of the Methodist church and supported by the Jamaican government, the college was founded in 1974 and is one of the largest community colleges in Jamaica, serving more than 2500 students. In her remarks, Dr. Benjamin focused on two points for the graduates: change as the new normal and education as the foundation for success. Dr. Benjamin met with the ECC management team and explored potential partnership opportunities. In addition, she met with Mrs. Jeanette Grant-Woodham, member of the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica; and the president of Portmore Community College, Mrs. Karen Hewitt-Kennedy.



Jeanette Grant-Woodham, Karen Hewitt-Kennedy, Benjamin, and Nadine Scott pose after meeting on Friday, November 26.

2011 NACME NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM CONFRONTING THE "NEW" AMERICAN DILEMMA PART II: RESPONSES TO THE NACME CALLS TO ACTION	OCTOBER 18 - 20, 2011 ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA MADE POSSIBLE BY A GRANT FROM 3M INCLUDES 2ND ANNUAL CONTINUUM MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2011
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The National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc. (NACME) will be holding its 2011 NACME National Symposium in St. Paul, MN, October 18-20, 2011. Plan to send participants!

California PRT CEOs to Host AACC Listening Tour in July

American Association of Community Colleges' CEO **Dr. Walter Bumphus** will continue his nationwide listening tour of ten regional meetings with community college presidents and CEOs, state policymakers, and community and business leaders with two meetings in California.



Dr. Walter Bumphus

The first meeting will be held in Southern California on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, hosted by North Orange Community College District Chancellor and PRT member Dr. Ned Doffoney. The Northern California meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2011, and is co-hosted by Los Rios Community College District Chancellor Dr. Brice Harris and Contra Costa Community College District CEO and PRT Convener Dr. Helen Benjamin.

"We are honored to co-host the Northern California Listening Tour stop for Dr. Bumphus and AACC," says Chancellor Benjamin. "Given the challenges community colleges nationwide are facing, we look forward to this opportunity

to share our thoughts and suggestions on how we can continue providing quality and affordable higher education that prepares our graduates for 21st century jobs."

"As a current member of the AACC's Board of Directors," says Chancellor Doffoney, "I believe that this forum in which community college stakeholders can come together and share best practices, especially in such key areas as developmental education, financial resources, and

student success, is key for establishing a new vision for the Association."

The information gathered during the nationwide listening tour will be used by AACC to develop a national roadmap for success and effectiveness in a new era of change and opportunity, and be synthesized in a national report on the future of community colleges.

Retirements

Dr. Carolyn G. Williams to Retire as President of Bronx Community College (NY)

The first woman to serve as president of Bronx Community College in 1996, Dr. Carolyn G. Williams will retire on June 30, 2011. During her 15-year tenure, President Williams' highest priority has been student success, with a focus on establishing outstanding, committed and diverse faculty and strong administrative systems. She has built a robust and sustainable foundation for the college to continue providing the highest quality teaching and learning environment in the Bronx.

Under President Williams' leadership, the college saw an increase in student enrollment from 8,000 to more than 11,000 students. Student support services were developed and implemented to support student achievement, including the Center for Teaching Excellence, the Writing Center, the Math Lab, the Transfer Center, and the Academic Success Center. Academic, instructional, and administrative technology has seen a tremendous growth under her leadership.

President Williams' achievements include new construc-

tion and improved facilities on campus. The \$108 million North Instructional Building and Library, designed by the renowned architect Robert A.M. Stern, is expected to be complete in 2012. The state-of-the-art Children's Center, which provides childcare for BCC student-parents, opened on campus in spring 2011. Renovations include the college's bookstore, cafeteria, and the Hall of Fame Playhouse.



Dr. Carolyn Williams

Dr. Williams has also influenced the community college system in the United States through her leadership role in advancing the community college mission. She serves on a number of boards, including the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) where she served as chair, 1999-00. She is currently a member of the Commission on Global Education. She was also on the Board of the American Council on Education and is currently serving on the Commission on International Initiatives. She is the past chair of Council for Adult and Experiential Learn-

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Plan now to join us in Detroit in October 2011!

- Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership—October 16-21
- Institute for New Presidents—October 20-21
- Presidents' Round Table Fall Meeting—October 21-23

**Hosted by Wayne County Community College District
Dr. Curtis Ivery, Chancellor**



ing (CAEL). Currently, she is a member of the following boards: Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), the National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA), the Advisory Board of the Community College Research Center, Columbia University, and the Institute of Community College Development (ICCD).

She recently received a Congressional appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (U. S. Department of Education). Dr. Williams advocated the inclusion of global perspectives in the academic and co-curricular life at Bronx Community College. For her work in the international higher education arena, she received honorary degrees from the University of Natal, South Africa, and from Quinnipiac University, CT.

Dr. Ernest L. Thomas to Retire

Dr. Ernest L. Thomas, long-time president of the South Campus of Tarrant County College District has announced his retirement, effective August 31, 2011. Dr. Thomas and 125 other employees took advantage of a Retirement Incentive Program recently offered by the College. He will leave big shoes to fill at his "South Campus Learning Community," as he so proudly called it. Having served the District for over 13 years, Dr. Thomas leaves a great legacy. In addition to turning the campus into a learning community, he led and implemented an impressive list of programs and projects to serve his students. He kept a keen focus on creating a campus environment that is conducive and nurturing for all students, especially those whose needs called for an extra boost. A few of his key accomplishments include the following.



Dr. Ernest Thomas

- Development of a cross functional, continuous improvement driven organizational culture
- Design and implementation of a Strategic Enrollment Management Plan resulting in an average of 4% increase in student enrollment for the past 5 years
- Support for development of the following instructional initiatives: Teacher Preparatory program, Interdisciplinary Learning communities for transfer and developmental courses, State-of-the-art Energy Technology Center, Alternative Automotive Fuels, Open Entry Open Exit Office Administration program, Dual credit (core courses and technical) programs with Fort Worth Independent School District, expansion of service learning options, Summer Bridge programs for under prepared prospective students, Summer Tech-Prep program, faculty development programs, adjunct faculty training, and Department Chair Academy

- Support for development of the following student development initiatives: computerization of college Testing Centers, development of Career Development Center and Center for Academic Success, Student Leadership Development Forums, mandatory Volunteer programs for all college recognized student organizations, mentoring programs for middle school African American males and Parents' College 101
- Oversaw end user input in the design of a number of major learner centered renovation projects including the classroom complex, Language Acquisition Center, Student Center and Bookstore
- Increased visibility and access to the college through the use of campus facilities by community based and grass root organizations

A graduate of the Community College Leadership Program in Educational Administration at The University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Thomas brought new life to the South Campus from the surrounding community and was instrumental in engaging community members as partners with the college. He was a valued member of the District leadership team, bringing strategic and process thinking skills to the Executive Leadership table.

Riverside District Norco College President Brenda Davis Retiring

Dr. Brenda Davis, who has worked in the Riverside Community College District for 33 years and has led the Norco campus since 1993, will be retiring effective June 30 of this year.



Dr. Brenda Davis

Dr. Davis has made significant contributions to the college and the district and is leaving at an important time in the college's history. The district announced Feb. 4 that the accreditation of Norco and Moreno Valley colleges had been affirmed by the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges. Those campuses had been learning centers in the district since they opened. Now they are individual colleges and remain part of the district. At Norco, five buildings will be modernized to create additional classrooms. Math, computer and English labs, currently scattered about campus, will be moved to the library. Last fall, the \$17.7 million Center for Student Success opened.

"The privilege of leading this wonderful college, of interacting with enthusiastic faculty, welcoming staff, and exceptional students has kept me young in both spirit and outlook," Davis said. "I am eager to see what lies ahead."

Dr. Andrew Jones Appointed Chancellor of Coast Community College District (CA)

Following a national search, the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Andrew Jones as chancellor. The Coast Community College District (District) is headquartered in Costa Mesa and is the ninth largest district in the country. The District's three colleges – Coastline Community College in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach, and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa – serve over 60,000 students each year, providing traditional degree and transfer opportunities, career and technical training, and community programs.



Dr. Andrew Jones

Dr. Jones brings a great deal of talent and proven leadership to the District. A senior college administrator for more than 30 years, Jones currently serves as the executive vice chancellor of educational affairs for the Dallas County Community College District. He has previously served as president of the Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville (MD). His strong academic, student, and community orientation stems from various roles: director of student special services; associate professor of adult and continuing education; dean; vice president for academic and student affairs; provost/professor of education; and; executive vice president for academic and student affairs.

Jones holds a doctorate in education and public policy from Temple University, a master's degree in library and information sciences and has undergraduate preparation in economics from the University of Maryland. Dr. Jones currently serves as secretary of the Presidents' Round Table.

Dr. Myrtle E.B. Dorsey Appointed Chancellor of St Louis Community College (MO)



Dr. Myrtle Dorsey

Dr. Myrtle E.B. Dorsey began serving as chancellor of St. Louis Community College on June 16, replacing Dr. Zelema Harris. St. Louis Community College serves approximately 90,000 students with a full-time equivalent enrollment of 29,128 students-and has an annual budget of \$200 million. Its three original campuses — Florissant Valley, Forest Park, and Meramec — were built in 1964. A fourth campus in Wildwood opened in 2007.

Dorsey earned her doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin, and has a bachelor's and master's degrees from Morgan State University in Baltimore. Dorsey will serve as chair of the board of the American Association of Community Colleges in 2011-12.

Dr. Dorsey most recently served as chancellor of Baton Rouge Community College. Her jobs prior to Baton Rouge included executive vice president at Cincinnati State Technical Community College, vice president for student affairs and institutional advancement at Georgia Perimeter College, vice president for student affairs at Baltimore City Community College, and associate dean of student services at Howard Community College.

Dr. Carole Berotte Joseph Named President Of Bronx Community College (NY)

The Board of Trustees of The City University of New York (CUNY) appointed Dr. Carole M. Berotte Joseph as president of Bronx Community College. Dr. Berotte Joseph, whose career in higher education spans more than 35 years, has been president of Massachusetts Bay Community College, located in Wellesley Hills, MA, since 2005.



Dr. Berotte Joseph

A prominent authority in the field of sociolinguistics, she is the co-editor, with Professor Arthur Spears of City College, of the groundbreaking book, *The Haitian Creole Language: History, Structure, Use and Education*, which was published last year.

She is a member of the board of the American Association of Community Colleges; a commissioner on the American Council on Education's Commission on International Initiatives; and past president of the National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs.

Dr. Berotte Joseph earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish, with minors in French and education from York College/CUNY; a master's in education, with specializations in curriculum and teaching, from Fordham University; advanced graduate coursework in administration and supervision at New York University (NYU); and a doctorate in sociolinguistics and bilingual education from the Department of Teaching and Learning at New York University. She was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from NYU last year.

Jannett Jackson Named President of College of Alameda (CA)

The Board of Trustees of the Peralta Community College District selected Dr. Jannett N. Jackson as president of College of Alameda. Dr. Jackson, who is currently interim president at the college, will begin her service as president on July 1, 2011. College of Alameda is a part of the Peralta Community College District, which also includes Laney and Merritt Colleges in Oakland and Berkeley City College in Berkeley.



Dr. Jannett Jackson

Dr. Jackson received her doctorate from the Community College Leadership Program in Educational Administration at The University of Texas at Austin and holds a master's in education with emphasis in curriculum and instruction. She received a bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies from California State University, Fresno.

Dr. Jackson has over 27 years of experience in support services, instruction, and administrative areas within the California Community College system. She has held several statewide advisory board positions, including the following: California Community Colleges Instructional Officers (CCCCIOs) South West Region's representative to the Team of Specialists for basic skills; the Academic Senate Educational Policies Committee; and the EEO, Diversity, and Title 5 Advisory Committee.

From 1998 to 2004 she served as dean of Learning Resources Center at Fresno City College (FCC), with major responsibility for a \$12 million, four-year construction and technology infrastructure project. Before assuming the duties of dean, Dr. Jackson served eight years in faculty governance, with three years on the technology and curriculum subcommittees of the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges, culminating as FCC's Academic Senate President. Dr. Jackson is also a retired colonel with the California Army National Guard and a veteran of the Persian Gulf.

Keith Curry Becomes Interim CEO at Compton College



Keith Curry

On March 16, newly appointed Special Trustee Genethia Hudley-Hayes announced that Keith Curry had been selected as the interim CEO of Compton College. Curry, who has served as the El Camino College Compton Center (ECC) dean of student services since 2006, was born and raised in Compton and has strong ties to the community. Prior to joining the staff at ECC Compton Center, he volunteered as chair of the Compton Unified School District Achieving Col-

lege Partnership and served on the Compton Unified School District Foundation board. Additionally, Curry co-authored the Compton Unified School District Gear-Up proposal during his tenure at University of California (U.C.) Irvine. While at U.C. Irvine, Curry acted as the director of the Early Academic Outreach Program. It was in this position that he worked with incoming freshman, providing them with the tools they would need to excel in college. He is also credited with re-establishing a partnership between U.C. Irvine and the Compton Unified School District.

During his tenure at ECC Compton Center, the district reported that many existing student support programs expanded and others were created under Curry's leadership, most notably the First Year Experience, established at the campus two years ago, that encourages student success through shared learning communities and services such as counseling, mentoring, orientation, and campus tours.

Curry earned his doctorate degree from U.C. Irvine and a bachelor's degree from U.C. Santa Cruz. He is affiliated with the African American Male Educational Network and Development Organization and the Association for California Community College Administrators.

Walt Tobin Named President of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College (SC)

The Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Area Commission named Dr. Walt Tobin as president of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College earlier this spring. He assumed the position on June 1. Prior to his appointment as president, Dr. Tobin served as vice president for academic affairs at the college.



Dr. Walt Tobin

Dr. Tobin served in a variety of positions in secondary education prior to coming to OC Tech, including middle school director of Good Hope School in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; principal of Saluda High School; and math instructor for Sanders Middle School and the School District of Pickens County. He earned three degrees from the University of South Carolina: a Ph.D. in educational administration; an Ed.S. in educational administration, a M.E. education administration. He received a B.S. in math teaching from Clemson University. He participated in the Harvard Institute for Educational Management (EIM).

Dr. Tobin's past and present professional associations and involvement include service on a number of boards and advisory committees, including the following: American Red Cross Board of Directors, Greater Edisto Chapter; peer evaluator for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS); and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Advisory Committee on Academic Programs.

Merritt and Solano Students Visit Haiti

A group of students from Merritt College and Solano Community College (CA) visited Haiti Tec in June with a contingent from the East San Francisco Bay Area. Among other activities, two faculty members from Solano held a seminar on construction. The program was scheduled for one day, but the participants insisted on a second.



PRT Membership Survey Results

In May 2011, the Member Support Committee of Presidents' Round Table, (PRT), chaired by Dr. Ned Doffoney, surveyed the membership about key items regarding needs of the membership. Thirty PRT members responded to the survey and provided some interesting facts as well as ideas to ponder. The most important aspect of membership in the PRT is the networking opportunity that members enjoy. However, it is also interesting to note that the opportunity to associate with colleagues who have similar professional backgrounds and professional issues is second most important reason to belong to the PRT. Presidents' Round Table members like being together and do not need a national conference to come together.

When the PRT convenes, the issue we find most compelling for discussion is, you guessed it, institutional budget reductions. After complaining about the lack of money or the distribution of money, we are very much interested in President Obama's national completion agenda and in providing a global perspective on education from an African-American viewpoint. Members of the PRT enjoy the networking aspect of our organization as it adds to the positive affirmation of the work we do. It is important to note that PRT members do not convene for additional training or professional recognition, we convene because we like each other's company and believe that we share similar problems, solutions, and values.

It is again interesting to note that there is a bimodal distribution of experience among members of the Presidents' Round Table. More than 43% of the members have been involved in the PRT from 2 to 5 years, while 33% have been involved more than 11 years. The PRT has very few members involved with the Presidents' Roundtable in the 6-10 year experience range. There seems to be a healthy group of emerging PRT members at the beginning of their careers.

Perhaps, the most revealing information in the survey was uncovered in the comments section. The membership reported that the PRT has made great progress over the past few years and done a nice job to enhance the benefits of being a member. It was also stated that the PRT should continue to encourage interactive communication and that we should make Helen convener for life.

WRCBAA Planning Trips to Haiti

The Western Regional Council on Black American Affairs is planning a series of trips to Haiti to support directly the efforts of Haiti Tec. The first one is tentatively scheduled for December 26-January 4. The group intends to focus on a few areas: teaching ESL to professionals and staff at Haiti Tec; Professional development opportunities in Business and Computer Technologies; Providing leadership training for the University Medical Center Nursing Supervisors; and management and leadership training for educational administrators. The second trip is slated for the spring of 2012. Everyone is invited to participate. Dr. Sharon Adams, Dean of Student Services at Sierra College (CA) is spearheading the effort. For more information, please contact Jewel at Solano: jowel.laguerre@solano.edu

The Presidents' Round Table members honored Dr. Walter Bumphus and his wife Dr. Aileen Bumphus at a special program at this year's AACC convention. The resolution below was presented to him in recognition of his selection as the president and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges.

Resolution

of the Presidents' Round Table

Commending Dr. Walter G. Bumphus

for His Appointment as the President/CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges

Whereas, Dr. Walter G. Bumphus is a well known member of the higher education community with more than thirty years of work in community colleges where he has worked tirelessly in representing the interests and needs of African American students, faculty, staff, and administrators; and

Whereas, he began his career as a dean of students at East Arkansas Community College in 1974 and has held positions of increasing levels of responsibility, including chancellor of a community college district, president of a state system; and professor and chair of the Department of Educational Administration Aiken Regents Chair in Junior and Community College Leadership at the University of Texas at Austin; and

Whereas, he has attained national visibility for his higher education leadership as the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the following:

- Chair of the AACC Board of Directors in 1996-97;
- North Carolina State University's Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998;
- CEO of the Year Award from the Association of Community College Trustees in 2005;
- AACC Leadership Award recipient in 2009; and

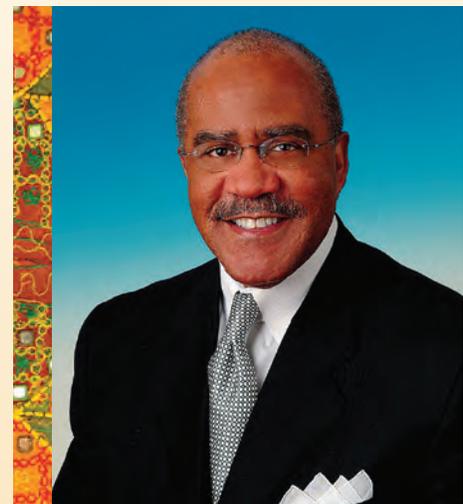
Whereas, Dr. Bumphus has been a long time member of the Presidents' Round Table, and

Whereas, Dr. Bumphus continues his national leadership in higher education as the new President and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges, becoming the first African American to lead the organization; and

Whereas, Dr. Bumphus does his work with dignity by always "keeping it real," by recognizing the value and worth of all students, by always being confident and audacious in speaking truth to power,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Presidents' Round Table recognizes and congratulates Dr. Walter G. Bumphus for his outstanding leadership and dedication to higher education, and for becoming a role model to our students and our community.

Presented on this 10th day of April 2011



Helen Benjamin, Ph.D., Convener
Presidents' Round Table

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