

Board of Governors
California Community Colleges
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RESOLUTION

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ACTION

Presentation: Lance Izumi, President, Board of Governors

Issue

This item presents a formally endorsed resolution from the Board of Governors on President Obama's *American Graduation Initiative*. The American Association of Community Colleges has asked community colleges and other interested organizations to adopt resolutions in support of the initiative.

RESOLUTION
of the
Board of Governors for California Community Colleges
on
President Obama's *American Graduation Initiative*

- Whereas,* Community Colleges are the largest and fastest growing sector of higher education in the U.S. educating more than 45 percent of all undergraduate students, as well as more than 5 million additional noncredit students; and
- Whereas,* There is a national consensus that the United States needs to provide greater numbers and percentages of its citizens with higher education, as a moral, social, and economic imperative; and
- 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; and
- Whereas,* President Obama has proposed the American Graduation Initiative, which specifically sets the goal of increasing the number of community college graduates by 5 million by 2020, along with ambitious national goals concerning postsecondary education; and
- Whereas,* The proposed *American Graduation Initiative* recognizes the centrality of community colleges to America's future well-being, and needed financial resources to help those institutions; and *therefore, be it*
- Resolved,* That the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges commits to support the goals of the American Graduation Initiative.

President

Chancellor