

**Florida Community Colleges
Council Of Presidents
Joint Resolution Of Policy
Regarding The State's Budget Reductions**

The State's short-term economic challenges, resulting in budget reductions, represent a serious challenge to the 28 institutions that comprise the Florida Community College System (FCCS). Further, the economic conditions that reduce state revenue growth actually stimulate student enrollment and the decision by the State University System to cap their enrollment will further stimulate student demand at our colleges.

In light of this pattern of increased student demand and reduced state funding, the Florida Community College System's Council of Presidents (COP) unanimously adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS access to college for all qualified students is core to the Florida Community College System's mission, and serving these students in all of our workforce and academic programs will hasten the State's economic recovery;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Florida Community College System's Council of Presidents commit to

- 1) maintain student access as our highest priority while managing the State's budget challenges;
- 2) not to cap enrollment at any of our 28 community colleges;
- 3) to make extra efforts to assure the students excluded from university enrollment can continue their education without undue interruption;
and
- 4) to encourage the responsible use of the State's non-recurring revenues to absorb the impact of this commitment in the near term.

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