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FROM THE DESK OF ACCT is a new information briefing for the members of ACCT designed to inform you of key activities and initiatives taking place at the Association.

Beginning July 2006, this newsletter will be provided only via electronic communications.

ON THE ROAD

ACCT PRESIDENT AND CEO J. NOAH BROWN continues to visit State Association meetings. Since the National Legislative Summit, Brown visited Lincoln, NE from February 28 to March 1 and spoke to the Nebraska Association of Community Colleges. On March 17-18, Brown traveled to Chicago for the Illinois Community College Trustees Association meeting. On March 30 - April 1, he will visit Saratoga Springs to address the New York Community College Trustees Association.

NEXT UP: a trip to the AACC Annual Convention in Long Beach, CA, April 21-25, and a visit to La Jolla, May 5-7 to speak to the Community College League of California. For more information, contact Noah Brown at nbrown@acct.org.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAUCUS

THE NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAUCUS in the U.S. House of Representatives is growing. With over 80 Representatives, the Caucus constitutes an important focal point for community college federal policy and demonstrates the increasing recognition and support for the critical work that colleges are doing in support of their communities. To view the list of current Caucus members visit <http://www.acct.org/Template6.asp?bid=2974>. For more information, contact Catherine Reid at creid@acct.org.

ACCT TO HOST SECOND IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP SERIES

ACCT AND PARTNER ENTREWORKS will host a second event in the recently developed series highlighting community college programs and initiatives focusing on entrepreneurship development. The series is designed to draw attention to and increase the understanding of the role of community colleges by inviting policy analysts, public affairs and government relations professionals from the Washington, D.C. community to a two-hour seminar featuring a community college program. The second program on May 9 will feature Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio. The series will be held at the National Center for Higher Education in Washington, D.C. For more information, contact Noah Brown.

ACCT OFFERS ITS FIRST WEBINAR

THANKS TO THE GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP OF ACCT CORPORATE COUNCIL MEMBER SUNGARD HIGHER EDUCATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TEGRITY, ACCT offered its first webinar on February 22 to discuss the federal legislative priorities unveiled at the 2006 National Legislative Summit. The free webinar allowed trustees and others to view the presentation via their computers and listen in over the telephone. ACCT President and CEO Noah Brown and AACC Vice President for Government Relations David Baime were featured speakers. Participants also submitted questions via email, a majority of which were answered during the webinar. For more information, contact Liz Henkin at ehenkin@acct.org.

ACCT AND ETHICSPPOINT TO FEATURE RISK ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

CORPORATE COUNCIL MEMBER ETHICSPPOINT AND ACCT are working to develop a series of free webinars for trustees and boards on the critical issues of assessing risk on campus. A survey will be sent to trustees in April to help identify these critical issues. Plans are in the works to offer webinars in May and June, culminating in a final presentation in conjunction with ACCT's Annual Leadership Congress in Orlando October 11-14. Further information on this exciting and free educational opportunity from EthicsPoint will be in the upcoming *Trustee Quarterly Magazine*, E-mail alerts and on ACCT's website. Contact Liz Henkin with additional questions.

ACCT CHAIR KEN BURKE ASSUMES UNESCO COMMISSIONER ROLE

CHAIR KEN BURKE WILL REPRESENT ACCT ON THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION TO UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization during its second annual meeting June 1-2, 2006 in Washington, D.C. The Commission is comprised primarily of non-governmental organizations and advises the U.S. State Department on issues relating to working with UNESCO and the international community. Burke will also serve on the Education Committee of the Commission. ACCT was selected for a three-year term on the Commission beginning in 2005. ACCT President and CEO Noah Brown represented ACCT during the first term. To learn more about the Commission visit <http://www.state.gov/p/io/unesco/> or contact Noah Brown.

ACCT JOINS EFFORT FOCUSING ON THE MATURE WORKER

ACCT IS ONE OF SEVERAL NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTNER WITH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS (AARP) in a national initiative, Alliance for an Experienced Workforce, focused on the needs of "mature" workers. The "graying" of the population suggests that community colleges will need to work to attract and retrain older workers, helping them to retool and move into key occupational and high-skill positions. In many cases, communities will need to rely on such "mature" workers to fill key positions of critical need within their communities. ACCT plans to highlight, through focused sessions at its annual meetings and trustee education programs, the growing population of "mature" workers. ACCT will also seek to identify best practices and exemplary community college programs that recruit, and retrain older workers to fill labor force shortage positions within their communities. Additionally, ACCT will work with its member boards to help assure that issues relating to mature workers are addressed as appropriate through the policy-making and mission-setting role of community college governing boards. For more information on the AARP Initiative visit <http://www.experiencedworkforce.org/index.shtml> or contact Noah Brown.

KELLER NAMED CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON 21ST CENTURY COMPETITIVENESS

REPRESENTATIVE RIC KELLER, REPRESENTING FLORIDA'S EIGHTH DISTRICT, has been named Chairman of the U.S. House Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness of the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce. Representative Howard "Buck" McKeon (R-CA) named Representative Keller to the seat after his recent move to Full Committee Chairman. Representative Keller was presented with the 2006 ACCT/AACC National Education Service Award at the National Legislative Summit in February due to his work with Pell Grants and the Congressional Pell Grant Caucus.

Additionally, Representative McKeon, representing California's 25th district, spoke at the NLS on Tuesday, February 7th, a week before his election to Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Both Keller and McKeon will be influential players on the reauthorizations of the Higher Education Act, Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Act, and Workforce Investment Act. For more information on both appointments visit <http://www.acct.org/Template6.asp?bid=74>. or contact Catherine Reid.

Who Will you Nominate?

ACCT is now accepting nominations for the 2006 Association and Regional Awards. Please encourage your college to submit nominations! Details can be found on www.acct.org (click on the awards icon!). Nominations for ACCT's 2006 Regional and Association Awards are due on May 19, 2006. Contact Catherine Reid for more information.

Update on ACCT Board Elections

There will be three openings for three-year terms as Director-At-Large to be elected at the Senate meeting during the 2006 ACCT Community College Leadership Congress in Orlando, FL, October 11-14. For more details, visit www.acct.org and click on "Board Election Process" under Board of Directors. Nominations for Director-At-Large will be accepted at the ACCT office until July 1, 2006.

Check out the Spring 2006 Advisor, due to members in early May for information on the candidates running for the ACCT Board of Directors and Diversity Committee. Details will also be available online!

Orlando Congress Update

Activities for ACCT's Annual Community College Leadership Congress in Orlando, October 11-14, 2006 are moving forward! ACCT has secured the first of four keynote speakers, Dr. Piedad Robertson, President of the Education Commission of the States (ECS). Dr. Robertson, a former community college president and secretary of education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, now leads the influential ECS, a compact between state governors and legislatures focusing on nonpartisan education issues and policy. ACCT has received over 80 proposals for sessions from member colleges and is working on revamping the Congress to focus on cutting-edge issues of concern to boards and communities. Promotional materials will be available in April. For more information, contact Liz Henkin.

Board Leadership Services

ACCT was selected to assist with presidential searches at the following colleges:

- Baltimore City Community College, MD
- Columbia College, Yosemite Community College District, CA
- Mercer County Community College, NJ

ACCT Board Retreat Services:

- Quincy College, MA
- Atlantic Cape Community College, NJ

In addition, ACCT is providing confidential Presidential Evaluation Services to boards in Missouri, Michigan and Ohio.

Website/Membership Database Update

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK ACCT'S website for program and event information. We are constantly updating our membership database and e-mail addresses.

If we do not have your most recent email address, please send it to us at: acctinfo@acct.org

To update your address go to: www.acct.org and click on **Membership**, then click on **Update your Member Profile** to gain direct access to the current information ACCT has about you, your board members and your institution. If you are unable to access or update your information, please contact us by email: acctinfo@acct.org, or by phone 202-775-4667 or 1-866-895-ACCT (2228).

SAVE THE DATE!

ACCT announces the 2006 Governance Leadership Institute

Chairing the Board: The Crucial Leadership Role of the Chair and the Executive Committee of the Board

June 25 -27 - Washington, DC

THE NEED FOR STRONG GOVERNANCE AND EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP is crucial for all community college boards of trustees as they address issues of affordability, accountability, new-program development, productivity, quality, diversity, technology and competition while always keeping focus on the best interest of students.

ACCT is pleased to offer a cutting-edge **Governance Leadership Institute** specifically geared to meet the leadership training needs of our trustees.

The **Governance Leadership Institute** will focus on the leadership team of the board, including the unique relationship between the chair and the CEO and the chair and the executive committee of the board. The Institute will also provide all the essentials for new board chairs and a refresher for current board chairs.

Registration information for Trustees & Presidents will be available soon! Visit www.acct.org for details.



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