BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UDC Resolution No. 2011-30

SUBJECT: Board of Trustees Approval of Transition Plan for the University of the District of Columbia Community College

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees has the responsibility under D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.01 for governing the University of the District of Columbia, including the obligation to adopt, prescribe, amend, repeal, and enforce such bylaws, rules, and regulations as it may deem necessary for the governance and administration of the University; and

WHEREAS, under D.C. Official Code § 38-1202.06 the Board of Trustees has the duty to review existing public institutions of postsecondary education with respect to accreditation and actual and potential capabilities and to prepare and, from time to time, revise a long-range plan for the development of the University which shall include the type and scope of programs offered and envisioned, including the development, expansion, integration, coordination and efficient use of the facilities, physical plant, curricula, and standards of public postsecondary education, such plan to be made available to the public, the Council of the District of Columbia and the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees takes very seriously its fiduciary obligations to assure the financial well-being of the University and all of its component units, including the University of the District of Columbia Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees further has the responsibility in the District of Columbia for assuring the approved and continuing accreditation of the University and the University of the District of Columbia Community College by the Middle States Association and other accrediting agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees likewise has an obligation to all University students, including those at the University of the District of Columbia Community College, to assure that it operates in compliance with United States Department of Education and Middle States Association requirements necessary for the continuing eligibility of University programs for federal financial aid for its students; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia has enacted the Community College of the District of Columbia Plan for Independence Act of 2011, providing in part for a Transition to Independence Advisory Board ("Advisory Board") directed to work with the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University and the CEO of the University of the District of Columbia Community College to develop and submit to the Council a transition plan for establishing the University of the District of Columbia Community College as an independent community college;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs Chairman Askew, Dr. Sessoms and Dr. Gueverra to review with and receive concurrence from the full Board of Trustees prior to their acceptance of or agreement to any Advisory Board report or plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Advisory Board develops a plan with which the Board of Trustees does not concur, that the Board will make a submission to the Council and Mayor explaining the reasons for its non-concurrence with the Advisory Board plan.

Submitted by the Committee of the Whole
November 1, 2011

Approved by the Board of Trustees
November 9, 2011

Joseph L. Askew, Jr.
Chairperson of the Board