

**Peralta Community College District Resolution 10/11-49      Item 7**  
**2020 Vision for Student Success**

WHEREAS, California's community colleges are serving 2.7 million students in 2009-2010, thus making it the nation's largest in total numbers and a constant leader in the nation in the percentage of the adult population in attendance;

WHEREAS, there has been a general decline in United States higher education attainment compared to other large industrialized nations;

WHEREAS, in 1960, California ranked eighth in the nation in the percentage of adults between the ages 25- to 34-year-olds holding at least a bachelor's degree; and by 2006, California ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in its share of 25- to 34-year-olds holding at least that degree and 43<sup>rd</sup> among states in the ratio of bachelor's degrees awarded compared to high school diplomas awarded five years earlier;

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has proposed that the United States reclaim the lead in the percentage of adults earning associates' degrees or higher among developed nations which would require increasing the percentage of 25- to 34-year-olds with associate degrees or higher from 40.4% to 60% by 2020;

WHEREAS, the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) estimates that California needs one million more baccalaureate degree holders above the state's baseline projection in 2025 to meet the workforce needs of California employers;

WHEREAS, California's community colleges are uniquely positioned to make a major contribution to increasing the success and achievement of their students which will, in turn, help California to reclaim its former level of excellence in education and economic well-being;

WHEREAS, California's community colleges recognize the need for setting ambitious goals to enable students to increase completions – of both certificates and associate degrees – which will lead to a significant increase in the number and percentage of Californians who hold an associate's degree or higher and once again exceed the national average by 2020;

THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Peralta Community College District hereby endorses the "2020 Vision for Student Success" report published by the Community College League of California and its "Commission on the Future" in 2010 and pledges to engage its local college(s) in efforts aimed at improving the access and success of its students while also increasing equity by closing the achievement gap among various racial groups of students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of January, 2011 by unanimous Board vote, unless the Board minutes reflect otherwise.

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Wise E. Allen  
Chancellor, Board of Trustees