

Statement of Commitment

HCCS Board of Trustees
Thursday, May 6, 2004

Whereas the Trustees of the Houston Community College System (HCCS) are fully committed to the academic achievement and success of *all* of its students, the Board recognizes and affirms its support for the proposed participation by HCCS in the *Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count* project funded by the Lumina Foundation.

Further, the Trustees of the HCCS recognize and support the intended outcomes of the *Achieving the Dream* project as follows:

- Successful student achievement in terms of course completion, retention, graduation, and transfer rates.
- Successful institutionalization of a “culture of evidence” to guide evaluation efforts and decision-making.
- Long-term advocacy on state and federal policies promoting successful access and participation for students of color and low-income students in community colleges.
- Increased public awareness, understanding, and good will toward the mission of the community college and its importance in “closing the gaps” between low-income students/students of color and other groups in our society.
- Improved data for research and knowledge development concerning institutional policies, practices, programs, and services that are effective in achieving student success.
- Enhanced capacity for community colleges to work with partner organizations in achieving mutual goals for student success.

Mr. Herman Litt, Chair
HCCS Board of Trustees