

## RESOLUTION: Tennessee Board of Regents Tennessee Campus Compact (TNCC)

Whereas, the Campus Compact is a national coalition of college and university presidents committed to the civic purpose of higher education;

Whereas, the Tennessee Board of Regents system is the sixth-largest higher education system in the United States of America, with an enrollment at degree granting colleges and universities that exceeds 161,000 students;

Whereas, Tennessee's colleges and universities are positioned to assist in community outreach, civic engagement, and enhanced higher education learning opportunities due to their geographic distribution across the state, missions, and general commitment to community enhancement and engagement, and having a wide range of human, financial and capital resources;

Whereas, student involvement in service learning experiences increases academic engagement, commitment to public action and ability to work effectively with others;

Whereas, the State of Tennessee's constitutional obligation to promote the health, safety and welfare of its citizens requires that colleges and universities develop connections between traditional education and community outreach/support, promote the development of student citizenship skills and values and collaborative partnerships between campuses and communities, and assists faculty who seek to integrate community engagement into their teaching and research;

Whereas, Tennessee Campus Compact (TNCC) members will utilize resources and support to aid institutional members in the achievement of public service goals and civic engagement; leverage funding from state, federal, and corporate entities and provide sub-grants to affiliated institutions and improve retention and academic advancement rates of higher education students; and recognize outstanding institutional and individual faculty and student accomplishments in the area of public service throughout the State of Tennessee;

Whereas, the TNCC will serve as a statewide coordinator, convener, and catalyst to advance state-wide civic engagement in higher education, focusing on the following:

1. Original research into best practices and the impact of community engagement and the civic purposes of higher education;
2. Online resources to guide practice and increase efficiency;
3. Curriculum development and training for community service directors and faculty;
4. Reinforcement of the learning objectives of students and documentation of service activities and outcomes across the state;
5. Grant funds to support campus engagement initiatives;
6. Advocacy and awareness building to increase support for campus engagement and promote the work of member institutions;
7. Technical assistance to help better serve its member institutions;
8. Leadership in defining and advancing civic engagement as the field matures; and
9. A network for promoting and facilitating student-focused service learning activities that link all education levels from preschool through post-secondary (P-16) by and among member institutions.

Whereas, funds appropriated for the TNCC hosted by Tennessee State University shall be utilized to develop a statewide network of partnerships between state institutions of higher education and private and federal partners to strengthen and renew communities throughout the state and improve the economic and social well-being of the general public;


Whereas, campus compact partnerships have resulted in increases in student civic engagement and related campus infrastructures; and

Whereas, the TNCC will work with P-16 councils in order to serve as a network for promoting and facilitating student-focused service learning activities that link all education levels from preschool through post-secondary by and among member institutions to improve teaching and learning and better prepare students to learn and work in a changing world.

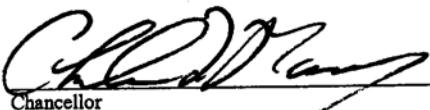
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tennessee Board of Regents:

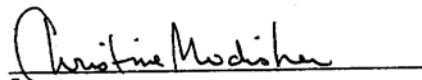
1. That the Tennessee Board of Regents supports the formation of the Tennessee Campus Compact.
2. That the Tennessee Board of Regents directs its staff to request ratification of and participation in the Tennessee Campus Compact by TBR institutions.
3. That the Tennessee Board of Regents directs its staff to request funding and support for the Tennessee Campus Compact.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this seventh day of December, 2007.

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Chancellor

  
Secretary