# Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

#### The Role of Boards and the Leadership Pipeline



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- Advocates on behalf of community college boards
- Influences public policy
- Educates trustees
- Facilitates student success
- Places college presidents & other senior executives
- Conducts original research and analysis

# Our Members...

- Boards of Accredited, not-for-profit 2-year colleges
- 5.7 million students
- 515 boards
- 6,500 trustees



# We live our values.

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# The Community College Diversity Proposition



# **Reflecting our Values**

#### The Reality: Race and Ethnicity

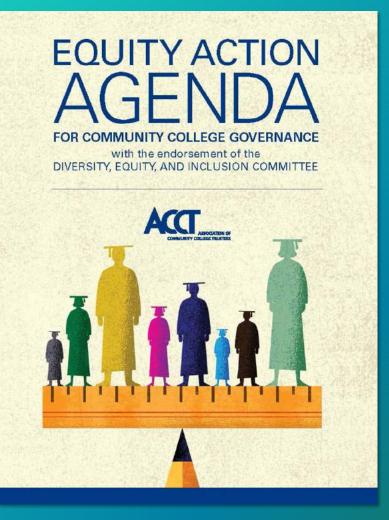


	Presidents	Trustees	Faculty	Students	2010 U.S. Census
American Indian or Alaska	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Native					
Asian	3%	2%	4%	7%	6%
Black or African American	9%	7%	11%	15%	13%
White	80%	76%	70%	50%	76%
Hispanic or Latino	5%	6%	9%	24%	18%
Middle Eastern or Arab	1%	<1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
American					
Multiple Races	2%	<1%	1%	3%	3%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific	N/A	1%	1%	<1%	<1%
Islander					
Other or unknown	N/A	4%	3%	N/A	

# The Reality: By Gender



	Presidents	Trustees	Faculty	Students	2010 U.S. Population
Female	36%	38%	57%	56%	51%
Male	64%	55%	43%	44%	49%
Other or unknown	N/A	7%	N/A	N/A	N/A



- For community college boards and CEOs
- Addresses:
  - Trustees' roles
  - Accountability and continuous improvement
  - Community engagement
- Asks key questions of boards
- Recommends policy for change



## The Board's Role in Advancing Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



As leaders, policy makers and advocates, trustees play a vital role in ensuring that equity, diversity, inclusion, access and

economic opportunity are priorities for their institutions reflective of the communities they serve.

# **Board Must Lead Change**



- President/CEO search should be inclusive & job description should reflect college's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.
- College mission statement should include commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Resources should be devoted to programs & services w/ demonstrated effectiveness in promoting diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Board should be unified in its commitment to promoting access, success & equity.

## Policy Development



- Integrate equity agenda into institutional plans.
- Ensure that plans are distributed broadly and often among all staff and administrators.
- Conduct independent assessment of institutional practices in relation to equity access across all departments and divisions.
- Identify effective programs/practices improve educational outcomes for all students.
- Assess diversity of college leadership, including governing board.
- Develop CEO & board leadership transition plans that foster greater equity.

# Accountability & Continuous Improvement

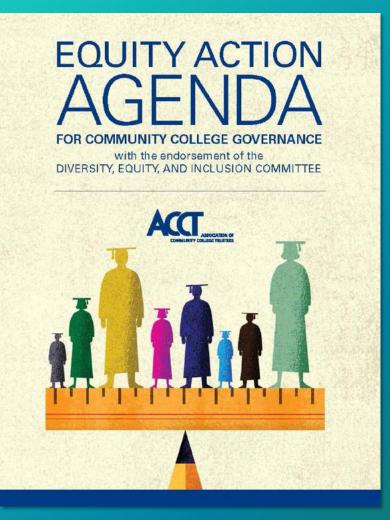


- Monitor Progress toward diversity, equity & inclusion.
- Regularly review disaggregated data on enrollment, retention, persistence, completion and other student success indicators.
- Develop accountability measures & monitor and assess progress.
- Report regularly progress and efforts to increase equity and inclusivity.

## **Community Engagement**



- Regularly review labor-market data and other economic indicators to meet community workforce needs.
- Assess current <u>and</u> projected demographic characteristics of the community.
- Determine whether characteristics are aligned, where gaps lie, and set goals and policies to effect change.





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# How Can ACCT Help Your College?



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