

**Legislative Council Interim Committee
Community Colleges
2006**

Final Recommendations

1. Hold in committee the four drafts under consideration that would create a statewide community college system and that would add community colleges to the state system of postsecondary institutions (drafts MLI015, MLI036, MLI029 and MLI044).
Moved: Representative Smith
Seconded: Representative Rusche
Carried on a voice vote
2. Recommend two drafts, Draft MLI021 and MLI011 taken together, that reduce the majority required to approve formation of a community college district from a two thirds majority to a 60% majority, and that require all elections regarding community colleges to be held on one of the four dates established in law.
Moved: Representative Smith
Seconded: Senator Cameron
Carried on a roll call vote (10 ayes, 7 nays)
3. Recommend that the state adopt a policy that moves toward standardizing tuition costs and fees for professional-technical courses. The State Board of Education and the presidents of the colleges and universities are invited to submit recommendations to the Legislature describing how they would implement this policy over time.
Moved: Senator Cameron
Seconded: Senator Malepeai
Carried on a roll call vote (11 ayes, 7 nays)
4. Recommend reducing the maximum levy allowed by law for maintenance and operation of a community college, from .16% of the market value for assessment purposes to .125% of the market value for assessment purposes.
Moved: Senator Langhorst
Seconded: Senator Little
Carried on a voice vote
5. Recommend Draft MLI013 that reduces the term of office of community college boards of trustees from six years to four years, and that ensures all trustees shall not be elected or reelected during the same election.
Moved: Senator Davis
Seconded: Representative Rydalch
Carried on a voice vote

- 6. Recommend establishing by law a procedure for dissolving a community college district, based on Draft MLI028. Add an additional provision that provides a continuing revenue source until all debt and lawful claims against the dissolved district are discharged, if the proceeds from sale and disposition of community college properties and assets are insufficient to discharge all such debt or claims.**

Moved: Senator Davis
Seconded: Representative Bolz
Carried on a voice vote

- 7. Recommend Draft MLI019 to extend eligibility for application to the Robert R. Lee Promise Scholarship Program to “non-traditional” students who do not matriculate in college immediately following high school graduation or who are twenty-two years of age or older.**

Moved: Senator Lodge
Seconded: Senator Davis
Carried on a voice vote

- 8. Recommend the state develop a policy and a program that expands availability of needs-based scholarships in order to increase students’ accessibility to a postsecondary education in Idaho.**

Moved: Representative Rusche
Seconded: Senator Langhorst
Carried on a roll call vote (14 ayes, 3 nays)