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**1. Workforce and Skills Alignment**

Texas community colleges are educating students and building workforce skills in the industries critical to sustaining Texas’ economic prosperity. The continued success of Texas depends on an educated workforce that is prepared for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

Policy Recommendations:

1. Continue and enhance funding for the Skills Development Fund to expand the ability of community colleges to work with multiple employers to better serve students and workforce needs in each region around the state.

Policy Statements:

The state should empower community colleges by developing a process by which colleges are allowed to offer those degrees to students.

**2. Measuring and Funding Success**

While individual success is defined by each student, community colleges succeed by supporting students success in Texas no matter where they start from or where their educational journey takes them.

Policy Recommendations:

1. The Texas Legislature should provide $2.011 billion for community and technical college instructional funding as recommended by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Policy Statements:

The state should enhance funding for the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) program.

**3. Access**

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**5-POINT CAMPAIGN: LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

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2. The state should continue with the new funding strategy implemented during the 83rd legislative session:

- Core college operations: $50 million for the 2016-17 biennium; $1 million per college district.
- Student Success Points: 10% of the remainder.
- Contact Hours: 90% of the remainder.

3. For the 2016-17 biennium, student success points should be funded at a rate that is no less than the rate student success points were funded for the 2014-2015 biennium ($185 per student success point).

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4. Transfer and Articulation

Community college students have the opportunity to develop skills and define individual success, preparing them for the workforce or transfer to a college or university. It is imperative to overcome. In Texas, less than ten percent of all grant aid to community college students comes from the state of Texas. 2. The ability to assist college opportunities is an issue that many students struggle to overcome. A complex system that differs across the higher-education system can negatively impact student transfer.

Policy Recommendations:
1. Require the use of the common course numbering system at all public institutions of higher education. This change will enhance the ability of students and college advisors to have a clear understanding of course transfer credit, while community colleges offer a diverse array of educational opportunities for students at all skill levels and from every corner of Texas.
2. Community colleges are a primary provider of Adult Basic Education (ABE).
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