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Council for Resource Development to close

Agreement with CASE will continue key CRD programs

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Council for Resource Development (CRD), a 50-year-old non-profit organization serving community colleges, will cease operations on June 30, and has signed an agreement with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) to continue some of its key programs.

As one of the first affiliate councils of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), CRD has played a significant role in the vitality of community colleges, and carried the torch for the development of federal, state, local and private support. Its members pioneered the development of resources that have strengthened institutions and opened the doors of opportunity for millions of students.

However, the new fiscal environment in higher education is straining community college budgets and leading to challenges for many member associations. “These trends have contributed to CRD finding itself without sufficient capacity to maintain the level of services our members need, and deserve,” said CRD Board Chair Leah Goss, Chief Advancement Officer for the Lone Star College System in Texas. In order to ensure the continuance of the CRD mission of providing outstanding professional development and support for community college fundraising and grant development, CRD has entered into an agreement with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

The CRD agreement with CASE honors the legacy of CRD by providing continuity of services to CRD members and the adoption by CASE of several distinctive CRD programs. These include grant development programming, the Federal Funding Task Force Report, a fundraising program for presidents, the incorporation of some traditional CRD awards into the CASE awards program, and the inclusion of CRD leadership in the CASE volunteer structure. CASE will begin servicing CRD members in July.

“I am confident that CRD members will find a home in CASE,” Goss said. “With 81,000 members worldwide in more than 3,700 institutions and an extensive array of resources, programs and services, CASE has both the capacity and the commitment to advance the community college cause and support our members. We look forward to implementing this agreement and seeing the CRD mission continue through CASE.”

Regarding the agreement, Dr. Walter Bumphus, President and CEO of AACC, said, “The Council for Resource Development has served community colleges admirably for 50 years. I am pleased that their legacy of service and support for our colleges will live on through this agreement with CASE, and I compliment the CRD Board and, especially, board president Leah Goss, for their leadership and foresight. I have great respect for CASE and believe that community colleges and, most importantly, our students will benefit greatly from this agreement in the years to come.”

CASE President Sue Cunningham said, “We salute the accomplishments and proud legacy of CRD, and look forward to welcoming CRD’s members and volunteer leaders as CASE continues to advance the vital mission of community colleges.”