The following motion is presented by Trustees Lopez-Lee, Wu, and Garfield:

That the Chancellor implement the following plan for reform and decentralization by July 1, 1998. However, if legal restrictions prevent certain reforms from being implemented by July 1, 1998, they shall be implemented as soon as legally possible. The purpose of this reform is to revitalize our colleges to better meet the educational needs of our students.

1. In order to tie college funding directly to performance, each of the colleges shall retain the revenue it generates. This reform shall be phased in.

2. The college budgets shall include items currently in the Districtwide accounts to the extent possible.

3. Each of the colleges, through consultation with the college academic senates, shall determine the academic requirements and curriculum for the college.

4. The colleges shall determine, based upon their needs, the services to be performed by the colleges and the services to be provided centrally.

5. A process shall be developed by which the colleges pay for the services performed centrally and for a prudent Districtwide reserve. The colleges shall also maintain a prudent college reserve.

6. The college presidents shall be held directly accountable by the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees.

7. Implementation of the plan shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Background: Each of the nine colleges in the District serves a unique community. The District has a centralized bureaucracy that stifles the creativity and flexibility of the colleges. Implementation of this reform will create more student-oriented colleges which enables them to engage in meaningful strategic planning based upon the needs of the students and the community they serve. The reform will also enable the District and its colleges to operate more efficiently and will establish a system of accountability that will ensure greater financial and educational viability. The reform will also strengthen shared governance at the colleges, providing for greater local control.