

This partnership agreement is between the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU) and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) the purpose of which is to formally document the collaboration between two organizations committed to higher education institutions and to the stewardship of their communities.

The Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities is an international affiliate organization of universities in large metropolitan areas that share a common understanding of their institutional missions and values. The Coalition ensures sustained attention to the exchange of information and ideas among member institutions about higher education's role in urban and metropolitan settings, engenders a unified approach to the resolution of common challenges, and develops a clearer understanding within the higher education community and among public policy makers and the public about the distinctive roles played by urban and metropolitan institutions of higher education.

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities has five fundamental purposes: to promote understanding, appreciation and support for the public purpose of public higher education and the distinctive contributions of those institutions that comprise the AASCU membership; to advocate for effective public policy at the federal level and to provide both federal and state policy analysis to advance member institutions and the students they serve; to provide leadership for effective policy development and program support that will strengthen academic quality, promote access and inclusion, foster regional stewardship, and facilitate educational innovation; to create professional development opportunities for member presidents and their spouses and partners, system executives and other senior leaders and to undertake a systematic approach to fostering new leaders who will contribute to educational innovation; and to support member institutions in their mission to prepare students who can be demonstrably competitive and effective in a global society.

CUMU and AASCU agree to support each other's missions through:

Organizational Promotion

- CUMU will recognize AASCU on their partnerships page on www.cumuonline.org.
- AASCU will recognize CUMU on www.aascu.org.
- Both parties agree to encourage joint membership in both of their organizations among their current membership.
- CUMU will highlight relevant AASCU policy papers and publications in the *Because Place Matters*, CUMU's e-newsletter.

Leadership Development

- CUMU will annually sponsor the Millennium Leadership Institute (MLI) at the \$3,000 sponsorship level. In return, AASCU will recognize CUMU as one of the official sponsors of MLI in promotional materials.
- When schedules permit, CUMU will designate an Executive Committee President/Chancellor to speak at the annual MLI conference.

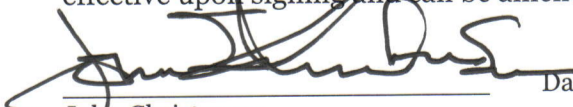
Public Policy Support

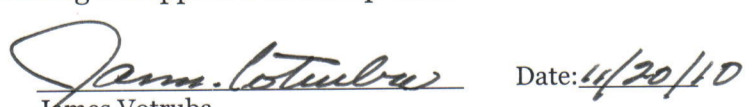
- CUMU will annually review, and following Executive Committee support, will endorse AASCU's Public Policy Agenda.
- AASCU & CUMU will coauthor and/or co-coordinate letters of support for legislation pertaining to CUMU/AASCU focus areas. Current CUMU/AASCU overlapping focus areas include: K-12 and postsecondary educational partnerships, teacher preparation programs, teacher recruitment strategies, workforce development, economic development, and urban revitalization and development.

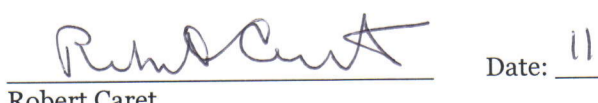
Conferences and Meetings

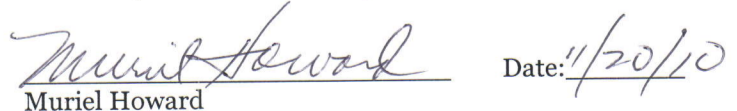
- Both parties agree to not host overlapping annual conferences and meetings. Over 50% of current domestic CUMU institutions are also members of AASCU; therefore, both parties' liaisons will coordinate annual conference dates together.
- In collaboration, AASCU will make available time during their Annual Meeting to host a CUMU breakfast, and when relevant, both parties will collaborate in planning sessions for their respective meetings.

To facilitate this partnership, CUMU appoints Bobbie Laur as the partnership liaison to AASCU and AASCU appoints Blakely Whilden as the partnership liaison to CUMU. This partnership is made in support of the communities and universities our associations are committed to serving. The partnership agreement is effective upon signing and can be amended at any time pending the approval of both parties.


Date: 11/11/10
John Christensen
President, CUMU Executive Committee
Chancellor, University of Nebraska, Omaha


Date: 11/20/10
James Votruba
Chair, AASCU Board of Directors
President, Northern Kentucky University


Date: 11/20/10
Robert Caret
Secretary/Treasurer, CUMU Executive Committee
President, Towson University


Date: 11/20/10
Muriel Howard
President, AASCU