RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SINCLAIR COLLEGE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES IN THE AGE OF PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING
(RESOLUTION #2014-05)
JANUARY 25, 2014

With this resolution, the Sinclair Board of Trustees affirms the values and principles of the College in the age of Performance-Based Funding.

WHEREAS, Sinclair has a long history of excellence as evidenced by consistently high levels of satisfaction among students, employers, community partners, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has recently shifted to a higher education funding system based on a significantly redefined performance objective which rewards institutions for student success in measures such as retention, course completion, and credential attainment; and

WHEREAS, the movement toward focusing on student success is one that Sinclair wholeheartedly supports and has, for years, pursued as an institution in introducing new systems, programs and services to improve student success; and

WHEREAS, while student success is important, the Sinclair Board recognizes that it may also create some unintended circumstances which are to be avoided, such as the degradation of academic integrity, the devaluation of grades, and any compromise in the overall quality and brand of Sinclair; and

WHEREAS, an additional and significant unintended consequence could involve a movement away from the college’s 125-year commitment to an open door policy, which could limit opportunities to students who would otherwise not have access to higher education opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sinclair Board of Trustees expects all Sinclair faculty and staff to approach the new system of performance-based funding with the utmost integrity and honesty and to maintain high academic standards and protect and promote academic quality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the college’s long-standing commitment to open access and providing higher education opportunities to students who would otherwise not have such access is hereby affirmed.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Trustee Dan Sadlier and seconded by Trustee Helen Jones-Kelley. The motion carried.