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Statement by A·P·L·U President Peter McPherson on Draft K-12 Common Core State Standards Proposed by Governors and State School Leaders

WASHINGTON (March 10, 2010)—The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) today released the first public draft of the K-12 standards as part of the Common Core State Standards Initiative. Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (A·P·L·U) President Peter McPherson offered the following statement regarding these standards:

“This initiative is extremely important to ensure students are prepared for college. The plan is to have students who master English and mathematics to have the skills and knowledge necessary for college classes when they graduate from high school. Standards will help students avoid remedial classes and be better positioned for success as they begin their college careers.

“Having better prepared students could help decrease time to degree, raise graduation rates and help ensure student success.

“The NGA and CCSSO deserve credit for their leadership on this effort.”

Peter McPherson
President, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities

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