A Statewide Partnership With a Focus on Efficiencies

Boston, MA—March 4, 2014 — Presidents William Messner (Holyoke Community College) and Dana Mohler-Faria (Framingham State) were joined by Executive Director of the Partnership to Advance Collaboration & Efficiencies (PACE) Judith Silvia at the Statehouse on Tuesday to testify before the Joint-Committee on Higher Education.

Together, they outlined a number of initiatives that the 15 community colleges and nine state universities are working collaboratively on to reduce operating costs, with the goal of passing along those savings to students. This effort is the first of its kind between all 24 institutions here in the Commonwealth. Collaborative energy purchasing, information technology consolidation, and the exploration of a statewide bookstore agreement are just a few of the initiatives being explored by PACE.

President Messner indicated that support for the program extends beyond just the institutions themselves and should yield significant savings for the Commonwealth.