

Board Resolution for Consolidating ACPA and NASPA

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WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of vote of the two umbrella organizations of higher education student affairs, herein referred to as the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) Governing Board and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Board of Directors, have discussed consolidation for more than 20 years, and most recently and more intensively, these past two years; and,

WHEREAS, ACPA was founded in 1924 by May L. Cheney and is a comprehensive student affairs association that advances student affairs and engages students for a lifetime of learning and discovery, and now has approximately 8,500 members representing 1,500 private and public institutions from across the U.S. and around the world, and where ACPA now consists of 20 commissions/task forces, 33 state associations, and six standing committees serving the membership; and,

WHEREAS, NASPA was founded in 1919 and is a voice for student affairs administration, policy, and practice, and affirms the commitment of the student affairs profession to educating the whole student and integrating student life and learning, and now has approximately 11,000 members at 1,400 campuses representing 29 countries, and where NASPA now consists of seven regions, eight divisions and centers, and 24 knowledge communities; and,

WHEREAS, both ACPA and NASPA strongly value their histories, legacies, and the many colleagues that have proudly served this profession since its founding including senior student affairs officers, faculty, mid-level practitioners, new professionals, graduate and undergraduate students, and corporate partners; and,

WHEREAS, both ACPA and NASPA share many similar core values including, but not limited to: diversity, learning, integrity, collaboration, access, service, fellowship, the spirit of inquiry, education and development of the total student, multicultural competence and human dignity, inclusiveness, free and open exchange of ideas, advancement and dissemination of knowledge, continuous professional development and personal growth, and outreach and advocacy; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of both ACPA and NASPA to discontinue as two separate organizations and establish one new Association in the form of a new District of Columbia nonprofit corporation that represents the united interests of student affairs scholars and practitioners globally; and,

WHEREAS, the ACPA Governing Board and NASPA Board of Directors believe there are many compelling reasons to consider consolidating including; 1) using the combined strengths of both associations to project one common voice for policy, practice and advocacy; 2) enhancing professional development program offerings; 3) reducing redundancies in administrative and service areas; 4) strengthening research and scholarship; 5) best positioning the one association to compete for private grant funding,

federal funds, and corporate sponsorships; 6) significantly increasing membership, thereby augmenting financial strength and sustainability; 7) strengthening collaborative partnerships with other associations within higher education; and 8) eliminating the competition between the two associations, which at times has been destructive to both; and,

WHEREAS, the ACPA Governing Board and NASPA Board of Directors believe that members of both associations should have the opportunity to vote on the consolidation of ACPA and NASPA into one new association,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to a meeting duly called with adequate notice under its Bylaws, a majority of the voting members of the [ACPA Governing Board] [NASPA Board of Directors] hereby votes to approve and favorably recommend this Resolution and the summary of the attached Plan of Consolidation (to be amended prior to member vote), for the consideration and adoption by the voting membership; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the [ACPA Governing Board][NASPA Board of Directors] hereby authorizes the Executive Director to work with the Executive Director of [ACPA] [NASPA], legal counsel, and the agreed upon consultant to develop the process and procedures required to appropriately consolidate both ACPA and NASPA.
