



I-F2019-01: Recommending that President Foster consider a partnership between Mercer County Correctional Facility (MCCF), Mercer County Community College (MCCC), and The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) to implement the “Jail-to-College Pipeline” program.

Primary Sponsor: David McMillan, *Student at The College of New Jersey*

Date: November 5, 2019

WHEREAS, We the Students of The College of New Jersey are in support of the creation of the “Jail-to-College Pipeline” program: an ex-ante policy partnership between The College of New Jersey, Mercer County Community College, and Mercer County Correctional Facility to provide a pathway for non-violent former offenders to receive a college education; and

WHEREAS, We the Students of The College of New Jersey recognize that potential JCP students would be primarily identified at MCCF, and MCCF would be primarily responsible for providing a list to the JCP Council, as outlined in the appended policy proposal on pages 18 and 19; and

WHEREAS, We the Students of The College of New Jersey recognize that the program would require Jail-to-College Pipeline (JCP) students to attend Mercer County Community College for two years (four semesters), and, upon continuing to meet the standards provided by The College of New Jersey, would attend The College of New Jersey for two years (four semesters); and

WHEREAS, We the Students of The College of New Jersey recognize that the program would allow (annually) five JCP students to receive fully-subsidized tuition, housing, and any other in-kind benefits at both Mercer County Community College and The College of New Jersey that they would reasonably require as a student through Second Chance Act grant; and

WHEREAS, We the Students of The College of New Jersey acknowledge the Second Chance Act as a federally-adopted program which financially supports reentry programs for the formerly incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, We the Students of The College of New Jersey concede that additional funding, if needed, would be received through partnerships with corporate sponsors and local community sponsors; and

WHEREAS, We the Students of The College of New Jersey concede that funding for JCP operations would not be contingent on the allocation of funds from the College, however, on-campus resources available to fully-matriculated students would also be accessible to JCP students; and



WHEREAS, We the Students of The College of New Jersey advocate for the creation of an off-campus or on-campus “living and learning community,” funded by the Second Chance Act, which would allow JCP students to receive the necessary support from other JCP students and engage in transformative conversations in a productive space; and

WHEREAS, We the Students of The College of New Jersey recognize that the program would allow a select number of faculty members to provide mentorship, academic advising, orientation courses for JCP students, as well as monitor students during program-required study halls.

BE IT RESOLVED, We the Students of The College of New Jersey urge President Kathryn A. Foster to consider the appended policy proposal on the Jail-to-College Pipeline and consult with the appropriate stakeholders and College officials to implement the vision of the appended policy proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We the Students of The College of New Jersey urge members of the President’s Cabinet, specifically Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs William W. Keep, Vice President for Enrollment Management Lisa Angeloni, and Vice President and General Counsel Thomas Mahoney, to actualize the vision of the appended policy proposal on the Jail-to-College Pipeline.

ADOPTED: November 20, 2019 **Signature of Executive President:** _____

*Reviewed and revised for the General Body of Student Government
by Vice President for Governmental Affairs, Suchir Govindarajan*