



# BROWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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To: Members of the Board of Trustees

From: J. David Armstrong Jr., President

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Place: Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Broward Community College  
Boardroom 1208, Building 33  
Willis Holcombe Center  
111 East Las Olas Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale

Subject: Agenda Item VI-C, Action Items (VATC)

**Brief Description:**

The Vietnamese-American Technical College (VATC), located in Ho Chi, Minh City (formerly Saigon). VATC is the first vocational training institute in Vietnam to become a career and technical college. The majority of their 17,000 students are currently taking courses in some level of English. Recently it was officially recognized as an institution permitted to award an international college level degree. When the government awarded VATC degree granting status (at the associates level) recognized outside of their country, they began looking for an American college partner. BCC was the first institution they approached. We have the kinds of career and technical degree programs that VATC was looking for to fulfill it's institutional goals.

**Benefit to BCC:**

AS and AAS faculty will benefit from the opportunity to work with an international affiliate of BCC in much the same way as our current overseas affiliations allow AA faculty international exposure. In the future, as the relationship continues, BCC students may also be able to travel to Vietnam to engage in study abroad programs.

**Relationship to College Master Plan:**

Goal Five of the BCC Master Plan is to "increase entrepreneurial actions across the College by seeking new revenue sources." Furthermore, strategy three of this plan is to "develop a process to expand international partnership programs." The proposed new affiliation is perfectly in line with these aspirations.

**Recommend Approval**

