



# ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



## ENSURING ACCESS TO COLLEGE AMID ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY

*A Roundtable Discussion*

PEABODY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

June 13, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Recent data released by the Advisory Committee show that millions of college-qualified high school graduates encounter significant financial barriers that may worsen considerably over the next decade. A roundtable discussion among distinguished panelists will focus on how current and future economic conditions are likely to affect students' ability to access and pay for college. **Dr. Donald Heller**, Professor of Education, Senior Scientist, and Director of the Center for the Study of Higher Education at Pennsylvania State University will lead and facilitate the discussion.

### **SESSION I: SCOPE, SEVERITY & DURATION OF THE PROBLEM**

College-qualified high school graduates may face higher financial barriers over the next three to five years. The panel will address how deteriorating economic conditions may affect institutional financing, state appropriations, charitable giving, grant aid from all sources, and work and loan funds.

**Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón**, President, Miami Dade College

**Dr. Nancy Moody**, President, Lincoln Memorial University

**Mr. Brett Lief**, President, National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs

**Mr. John Nelson**, Managing Director, Health Care, Higher Education, Infrastructure, Moody's Public Finance Group

**Dr. Stella Flores**, Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Higher Education, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University

**Dr. Charles S. Lenth**, Vice President, Policy Analysis and Academic Affairs, State Higher Education Executive Officers

**Mr. Harris Miller**, President, Career College Association

### **SESSION II: STEPS HIGHER EDUCATION MUST TAKE TO ENSURE ACCESS AND SUCCESS**

Federal, state, institutional, and private parties must take certain steps to ensure the effectiveness of recently enacted solutions and preserve access for low- and moderate-income students. The panel will discuss additional steps that may be necessary to access and persistence in the future.

**The Honorable Hazel O'Leary**, President, Fisk University

**Mr. David Gregory**, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Facilities Management, Tennessee Board of Regents

**Dr. Richard G. Rhoda**, Executive Director, Tennessee Higher Education Commission

**Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr.**, President and CEO, National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

**Mr. Patrick M. Callan**, President, National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education

**Ms. Sarita E. Brown**, President, *Excelencia* in Education

**Ms. Deanne Loonin**, Director, Student Loan Borrower Assistance Project, National Consumer Law Center

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Additional registration information is on the following page.



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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 9, 2008**

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**A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**Wyatt Center Rotunda  
Peabody College of Education  
Vanderbilt University**

**Nashville Tennessee**

**June 13, 2008**

**Tentative Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

- **TO REGISTER ONLINE:** Click on the **Register Now** button at the bottom of the announcement at <http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/acsfa/registration/edlite-index.html>.
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