FY 2015 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act “CResnuB”

On December 11, the House passed the “CResnuB” by a vote of 219-206. During a rare Saturday session on December 13, the Senate passed the bill by a vote of 56-40 (Sen. Schumer voted Yes and Sen. Gillibrand voted No), the President is expected to sign the bill this week.

H.R.83, Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, is a combination of all but one of the appropriations bill rolled into an omnibus for the remainder for FY15, plus a continuing resolution (CR) funding the Department of Homeland Security through February 27. A House Appropriations Committee summary of the bill, including summaries of the 11 appropriations bills within the omnibus is available here. Please see the attached SUNY OFR Analysis of the legislation.

First Lady Michelle Obama's, Near-Peer Mentoring College Challenge

This summer, First Lady Michelle Obama launched her Reach Higher initiative geared to inspire every student in America to take charge of their future by completing their education past high school, whether at a professional training program, a community college, or a four-year college or university.

The “Near-Peer Mentoring College Challenge” encourages college students to design and implement “near-peer” college immersion opportunities for their fellow students from nearby high schools. Institutions that choose to participate will create and submit a 3-5 minute video, which captures their efforts to make attending and completing college a reality for all students. Video submissions will be accepted from January 1, 2015 through February 27, 2015.

To learn more and submit an entry, visit the “Near-Peer Mentoring College Challenge” webpage.