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Laurie Fluker is the Associate Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication and an Associate Professor of the SJMC. Fluker received her Ph.D in Radio, Television & Film from the University of Texas at Austin in 1996. Her dissertation was titled: NBC Coverage of the Civil Rights Movement: 1955-1965.

In addition to her years of experience as an educator, Fluker specializes in the field of broadcast. Currently, she serves on the National Advisory Board for Honda All-Star Challenge University Competition and as President-elect of the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education. Fluker has been recognized with numerous awards and honors, such as the "Everett Sweeney Award for Excellence in Teaching" (2006) and the "Mariel M. Muir Excellence in Mentoring Award" (2006).

# Financial Aid Program Restructuring

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# Presenter's Background

- 3rd generation HBCU graduate
- Began college teaching career in 1980
- Taught at historically black, predominantly white, 4-year & 2-year, public and private colleges
- Served on scholarship committees
- TABPHE life member, immediate past president of the organization

# Improvements from Last Proposal

- Community college exemptions
- No overall decrease in funding
- Those in need who do not meet merit requirements still capable of receiving funds
- Other improvements

# Concerns with Proposed Changes

- "Closing the Gap" ramifications
- Some "C" students just as needy
- "Everyone loves a winner" mentality
- Positively impact some; negatively impact others
- Other concerns

# Inevitable Questions

- How will this impact the "Closing the Gaps" initiative?
- What happens to other students if no funds available after priority funding is distributed?
- Will this ultimately impact the amount of financial aid dollars going to community colleges?
- Other questions