

**ASSIST Board of Directors**  
**Discussion Item**  
**Independent Colleges and Universities Participating in ASSIST**  
**April, 1997**

**ISSUE:**

Because ASSIST is a publicly funded project, independent colleges and universities have not been included as participants. The ASSIST Coordination Site has received requests from several independent institutions who wish to use ASSIST on their campus. Additionally, we also receive requests from community colleges participants for independent institutions to provide articulation data for ASSIST.

The ACS has asked those institutions that are interested in participating to write a letter to the Board of Directors expressing their interest.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board should consider whether or not to allow independent colleges and universities to join ASSIST. There would be a benefit to community colleges that now have to use their own resources to enter articulation information with independent institutions. To date, none of the institutions that have expressed interest have sent a letter officially requesting to participate. It may be useful to develop a survey to determine the level of interest in the field.