

**North Carolina Community College System
Workforce Development
Leadership Committee**

**Meeting Summary
March 10, 2010**

The March 2010 meeting of the Workforce Development Leadership Committee (WDLC) was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at the System Office. The following members and guests were in attendance.

<p>Members in Attendance: Barbara Boyce, Dir Con Ed, NCCCS Doris Carver, Piedmont CC Willa Dickens, AVP-Workforce Dvp, NCCCS Velva Jenkins, Brunswick CC Carol Johnston, Mitchell CC</p>	<p>Laura Leatherwood, Haywood CC Brad Ledbetter, McDowell TCC Sharon McGinnis, Coastal Carolina CC Sam Strickland, Wake TCC Stelfanie Williams, Central Carolina CC Jeanie Moore, Rowan-Cabarrus CC George Sappenfield, Surry CC</p>	<p>Members Not in Attendance: Barbara Greene, Cleveland CC Kim McGinnis, James Sprunt CC Randy Parker, Vance-Granville CC Sue Marion, Forsyth TCC</p> <p>Others in Attendance: Robin Coates, HRD, NCCCS Tracy McPherson, Public Safety, NCCCS</p>
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Approval of Minutes

Brad Ledbetter, Co-Chair opened the meeting. Minutes from the February 2010 meeting were approved.

Review of Course Requests

Course ID	Course Title/Description	R	M	Program Area	Recommendation
BTN3120	Industrial Microbiology	36	44	P40-Biotechnology	Approved with modification. Changed recommended hours to 96.
WLD3106	Welding	330 567	396 680	P90 - Welding	Approved as submitted. Increased recommended hours from 567 to 680.
ISC3401	Bladesmith Technology	40 80	46 96	P35 – Industrial Occupations	Approved as submitted. Increased recommended hours from 40 to 80.
MED3200	Critical Care Transport	165 234	198 281	L15 Emergency Medical Services	Approved as submitted. Increased recommended hours from 165 to 234.
FIP 3710 FIP 3711 FIP 3712 FIP 3713	Fire Officer I Fire Officer II Fire Officer I & II Fire Officer III	40 40 80 80	48 48 96 96	R30 – Fire and Rescue	Approved as submitted.

System Office Update– Willa Dickens

- The Governor has established two new positions within NC Commerce Division to oversee programs and services for small business in NC. The new NC Commissioner of Small Business in will be Mr. Scott Daugherty, the current Executive Director of the Small Business and Technology Development Center. The new Assistant Commissioner will be Dr. George Millsaps, current Director of the Small Business Center Network at NCCCS. Both Mr. Daugherty and Dr. Millsaps will remain employees of their respective institutions; however, they are being charged with helping to develop an efficient, effective way to bring state resources to small businesses.
- Other topics discussed include the Small Business Center Excellence Award, Workforce Orientation Training, JobsNews, NCCCS Listening Tours, and SuccessNC.

JobsNOW Update – Stephanie Deese

- JobsNOW is going very well and has created excellent enrollment numbers in time for the economic downturn. Stephanie announced that the federal government extended JobsNOW until December.
- Stephanie reported on her visit to Washington DC and said how advanced in our organization is and how much further along we are in workforce initiatives and established inter-agency relationships compared to other states. She emphasized that colleges need to continue to work collaboratively with their respective boards to further enhance those relationships.

NCCCS Audit Taskforce – Subcommittee on Fee Waivers Issues – Barbara Boyce

- Barbara distributed the minutes from their December meeting. Most of the discussions centered around the need for more clarification on what groups are authorized and what are the eligible training courses.
- Dr. Ralls will be meeting with the agency heads overseeing Fire and Rescue, Law Enforcement, and Emergency Management Services (EMS) to discuss strategies for common talking points if the issue of fee waivers came up during the short session with the General Assembly.

Prison Continuation Report – Tracy McPherson

- The Prison Continuation Report has been submitted to the legislature and the System Office will be called upon in the upcoming session to present their findings to the committee.

Technology Update – Dr. Williams

- Dr. Williams announced NCCCS has received additional funds from MCNC to expand the bandwidth technology to twenty of our campuses.
- Negotiations are underway for a new contract with Blackboard. Trends indicate that colleges are getting away from using Blackboard for distance learning delivery.

Meeting ended 3:30pm on March 10, 2010

Next meeting will be telephonic on April 14, 2010