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State Board of Community Colleges Approves New Presidential Appointments *Policy Committee Discusses Study on Admission of Undocumented Students*

RALEIGH – In a specially called telephonic meeting today, the State Board of Community Colleges approved the appointment of Dr. David Johnson as the new President of Johnston Community College and Dr. Cleve Cox as the new President of Pamlico Community College. The board also approved the allocation of \$42.2 million in Fiscal Stabilization funds to be distributed to community colleges across the state.

Dr. David Johnson is a North Carolina native who most recently held the position of Provost at Virginia Community College in Keysville, VA. Much of his career has been spent within Virginia community colleges; however, Dr. Johnson holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Campbell University, a Master's degree in Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate in Education from NC State University. His presidency at Johnston Community College is effective July 1.

Dr. Cleve Cox is also a North Carolina native and has most recently served as President of Williamsburg Technical College in Kingstree, SC. Dr. Cox worked for over 20 years at Wilson Community College in North Carolina. Cox received his Bachelor's degree from UNC-Charlotte in History, a Master's degree in Counselor Education from Pennsylvania State University, and a Doctorate in Adult and Community College Education from NC State University. His presidency at Pamlico Community College is effective August 3.

In other personnel items, the State Board approved the promotion of Maureen Little to Associate Vice President of Customized Training. Due to a retirement, Little's current role as Associate Vice President of Economic Development – West was expanded statewide. The new position will essentially combine the duties of two roles into one.

Other agenda items included the approval of college allocations of state fiscal stabilization funds for the 2008-09 fiscal year. The funds will be distributed to the 58 NC community colleges in order to meet payroll obligations for the remainder of fiscal year 2009.

The Policy Committee held a special working session on Thursday to discuss the Study on Admission of Undocumented Students into the North Carolina Community College System. During this meeting, System Office staff was asked to develop a draft policy regarding the admission of undocumented students that would be similar to the current UNC System policy. The UNC System policy admits undocumented students, but at an out of state tuition rate. The committee did not vote on any policy issues, recommendations or specifics but plans to discuss the draft policy in a working session scheduled for Wednesday, August 19. August was the earliest the committee could hold its next meeting as several new Policy Committee members will be sworn in during the State Board's July meeting.

No other committees met because the telephonic meeting was outside the regular schedule. The next full board meeting will take place July 17, with committees meeting July 16. The meeting will take place in the Caswell Building on 200 West Jones Street in Raleigh.

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