



NC Community Colleges
Hope • Opportunity • Jobs

Dr. R. Scott Ralls, President

PRESS RELEASE

200 West Jones Street ■ Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 ■ www.nccommunitycolleges.edu

RELEASE DATE: April 6, 2009

CONTACT: Megen George georgem@nccommunitycolleges.edu

PHONE: (919) 807-6962

North Carolina Community College System President, Dr. R. Scott Ralls and University of North Carolina President, Erskine Bowles issue joint response to the draft 2009-11 State Budget released by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

“The 2009-11 draft state budget released today by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education offers clear evidence that our legislators understand the critical role our public universities and community colleges must play in North Carolina’s economic recovery. The proposed budget provides important new funding that would help create good-paying jobs for North Carolinians and provide expanded opportunities in health care, energy, engineering, aviation and defense, technology, and filmmaking. The budget’s renewed emphasis on technical education programs and long-overdue funding for instructional equipment at our community colleges would help put even more North Carolinians back to work. While the legislative budget process is far from complete, this marks an important step forward for our students and our state.”

###