



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Dr. R. Scott Ralls, President

February 26, 2010

Dr. Jim W. Burnett, President
Western Piedmont Community College
1001 Burkemont Avenue
Morganton, NC 28655

Dear Dr. Burnett:

Enclosed is the report of audit findings from the recent audit conducted at Western Piedmont Community College pursuant to NC General Statute 115D-5(m). There were no audit exceptions or areas of concern identified for the sample of records pulled from the Institution Class Reports (ICR), programs, policies, and procedures reviewed.

I commend you and your staff for the excellent manner in which you followed record keeping procedures prescribed by the State Board of Community Colleges for the review period Spring 2008 Semester through Spring 2009 Semester.

Thank you for cooperating with the System Office Audit Services staff during the performance of the audit.

Sincerely,

Kernon D. Briggs
Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff

Enclosure

c: Mr. Robert L. Caldwell, Chair, Board of Trustees
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Audit Findings for Western Piedmont Community College Spring Semester 2008 - Spring Semester 2009

An audit was conducted at Western Piedmont Community College by the System Office Audit Services staff on the maintenance of records and the reporting of student membership hours as well as certain college procedures for Spring Semester 2008 through Spring Semester 2009.

The scope of the audit included a pre-audit review of selected records pulled from the Institution Class Reports (ICR), programs, policies, and procedures for the period covered by the audit. Based on the pre-audit review, certain class reports were identified for further study. The following audit tests were conducted regarding the ICRs: (1) a statistically valid sample of attendance records and supporting documentation for student membership hour reporting was reviewed; (2) student registration and student receipt information were reviewed for selected programs; (3) college personnel were interviewed regarding student reporting; (4) certain college reporting procedures and practices were reviewed to assure compliance with the North Carolina Administrative Code; (5) selected program classification reviews and class visits were conducted; and (6) the college's accountability and credibility plan was reviewed.

Class visits are conducted on a random basis during the period of review but may be conducted at other times if necessary. If concerns are noted which result from these visits, the college will be notified. Program reviews/class visits conducted for the current fiscal year to date are listed in the Attachment.

Based on the site review, no audit exceptions or areas of concern were identified. The college personnel responsible for adherence to NC General Statutes and the North Carolina Administrative Code as well as State Board of Community Colleges requirements and the maintenance of both curriculum and continuing education records should be commended for the accuracy and order of their record keeping systems.

The cooperation of the president and staff during the course of the audit was appreciated.

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Benton, Ed.D.
Audit Dates: December 2 – 21, 2009

ATTACHMENT

Western Piedmont Community College SUMMARY OF CLASS VISITS FOR FY 2009 – 2010

CURRICULUM

<u>Course Prefix and Number</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date of Visit</u>	<u>Students Enrolled</u>	<u>Attendance at Time of Visit</u>
CST 113 01	E. Hurley	Main Campus	12/16/09	6	5
HIS 111 01	J. Dillard	Main Campus	12/16/09	40	14
MLT 120 01	B. Berry	Main Campus	12/16/09	15	<u>15</u>
Total CURRICULUM Class Visits/Program Reviews to Date:					3

CONTINUING EDUCATION

<u>Course Prefix and Number</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date of Visit</u>	<u>Students Enrolled</u>	<u>Attendance at Time of Visit</u>
BSP 2000	N. Juhan	East Campus	12/10/09	12	4
BSP 2000	B. Scott	East Campus	12/10/09	16	11
CAS 3120	Ed to Go	Online	12/10/09	1	1
CJC 5035	R. Hudson	Firing Range	12/10/09	30	30
EMS 3075	R. Pettus	Higher Education Ctr.	12/1/09	6	5
HRD 3005	R. Buff	Higher Education Ctr.	12/16/09	8	7
NUR 3241	S. Merrill	Higher Education Ctr.	12/16/09	8	8
SAF 3014	T. Houston	Higher Education Ctr.	12/10/09	11	<u>11</u>
Total CONTINUING EDUCATION Class Visits/Program Reviews to Date:					8