

Board Highlights

Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair

H. Martin Lancaster, NCCCS President

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**SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS –
STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES (SBCC) 06-15-2007**
*(For details, see official minutes or contact the Office of Board Affairs.)
Raleigh, North Carolina*

SUMMARY OF THE CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

- Chair Pinnix-Ragland called the meeting to order and welcomed guests and members attending by telephone and in the meeting room. She reminded members of ethical requirements and requested conflicts of interest be identified. No conflicts were reported.

The Board received and approved the following items:

- Appointments to the Textile Center Advisory Board: Reappointment of Tedd Smith, Billy Ragsdale, and Fred Hunneke to the Textile Center Advisory Board for the NC Center for Applied Textile Technology
- President of Fayetteville Technical CC: Approved Dr. Larry Keen as the next President of Fayetteville Technical CC to be effective no later than August 1, 2007

The following items were presented to the Board for information:

- Presidential Searches Status Summary: The status of the community college presidential searches
- Task Force to Respond to the Recommendations of the State Auditor: A brief update by Task Force Chair Steiner on the finalization of the audit approach from within the System for which they hope to receive the State Auditor's approval

Summary of President Lancaster's Report: (The full text of the President's remarks is available on the NCCCS Web site)

- The Legislative Conference Committee is now meeting to resolve budget issues. SBCC members were encouraged to contact that committee to relay the position of our system. That is basically the high figure of either the House or Senate on each item on the report that has or will be sent to SBCC members. There has been some tentative action by the Conference Committee on a couple of items.

They reduced the \$500,000 to \$400,000 for the wine facility at Surry CC, agreed to \$100,000 for hosiery technology and to \$5.6 million on allied health, and some other items have been flagged. Responding to a question from Ms. Steiner as to whether it would help to solicit additional funding for counselors, President Lancaster indicated that while there is still a great need for the counselors, the \$600,000 that has been agreed upon is not an item for Conference. According to their rules, they only deal with items where recommended amounts differ; and, while there have been rare exceptions, we will probably have to deal with that figure. Mr. Briggs added that he felt critical areas for discussion are in the capital area, we need the high positions of \$10 million for equipment and \$10 million for advanced planning as that is what will position us for any future higher education bond referendum.

Summary of Chair Pinnix-Ragland's Closing Remarks:

- Chair Pinnix-Ragland encouraged members to review the audit reports which they are now receiving and reminding them of their importance. A recent audit received does contain a couple of exceptions.
- The next SBCC meeting will be held on July 19-20, 2007, at the NCCC System Office in Raleigh.

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