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**State Board of Community Colleges
Caswell Building, 200 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina**

**September 15, 2006
9 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Following proper public notification and a determination that a quorum was present, the meeting of the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) was called to order by Chair Pinnix-Ragland at 9 a.m. The following members were present:

Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair
Linwood Powell, Vice Chair
Nancy M. Brenner
James W. Daniels
Jimmie E. Ford
Stuart B. Fountain
Raichelle Glover
Gordon "Buddy" Greenwood
Sandra L. Hayes
Anne-Marie Knighton

Chester P. Middlesworth
Treasurer Richard Moore
Represented by Pam Wortham
Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue
Represented by Mike Arnold
John Shaw, Jr.
B. Joanne Steiner
Norma Turnage
Herbert Watkins
Jonathan R. Smith

The following members were unable to attend: Bob H. Greene, Estell C. Lee, and Thomas Norman.

SUMMARY OF THE CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

- Welcomed and recognized special guests, Valerie Evans, American Council on Education Fellow and Special Assistant to the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs for Special Projects at Tidewater Community College in Virginia, and Lt. Colonel Ophelia Munn-Goins, recipient of the Bronze Star, from Fayetteville State University.
- Extended congratulations to David and Kristy Sullivan on the birth of their son, Jonathan, and requested members keep the family in their prayers.
- Asked members that have not submitted evaluations for the System President to send them directly her. She will then share them at the October Board Retreat.
- Reminded members that Dr. Bill Lewis and Isothermal CC will be hosting the SBCC Retreat to be held October 18-20. It will take approximately 4 ½ to 5 hours of travel time. The recommended routes are I-85 to Hwy. 74 or I-26 to Hwy. 74 and then take NC 9 to Lake Lure. Carpooling is recommended.
- Stated that members should have received information on the new Ethics Bill that has been approved. Because of its importance to the SBCC, a special session has been scheduled for 8 a.m. on November 16 at the System Office to allow a better understanding of the bill. It is

crucial that members of the Board understand the laws by which we are governed, therefore, attendance is required.

- Circulated an article on Ruth Shaw, former President of Central Piedmont CC, who is retiring from Duke Energy as an Executive Vice President.
- Recognized Mr. Middlesworth who reported that Raichelle “Rai” Glover will receive the distinguished La Latin America Excellenta’ Award as the most supportive person of the Latin American community.
- Announced that the System Office has held Constitution Day quizzes throughout the week in observance of Constitution Day which is Sunday, September 17, and marks the signing of the U.S. Constitution. As a Board and System we recognize the importance of this event and day as the foundation for the freedoms that we have as Americans.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Middlesworth, seconded by Ms. Steiner, the Board approved the minutes of the August 18, 2006 SBCC meeting.

CHANGES IN AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board suspended the rules and amended the agenda based upon Committee recommendations. On a motion by Dr. Fountain, seconded by Mr. Ford, Attachments Pol. 3 and Pol. 4 were moved from Future Action to Action. On a motion by Mr. Ford, seconded by Ms. Hayes, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Dr. Fountain, seconded by Ms. Turnage, the consent agenda was approved. The consent agenda included the following items.

POLICY COMMITTEE, Dr. Stuart B. Fountain, Chair

Johnston Community College’s Request to Approve the Designation of Three Off-Campus Centers

The Board approved a request from Johnston CC to designate their sites, 9046 Cleveland Road and 135 Bestwood Drive in Clayton and 6601 Devil’s Racetrack Road in Four Oaks, as off-campus centers.

PROGRAM SERVICES COMMITTEE, Norma B. Turnage, Chair

Curriculum Program Application (FTFA)

The Board approved the following colleges to offer the curriculum programs listed with the provision that equipment funds are available to the colleges and operating funds generated by the budget formula will permit the offering without any allocation of special funds: Catawba Valley CC and Central Carolina CC *Criminal Justice Technology/Latent Evidence* [A5518A] and College of The Albemarle *Medical Laboratory Technology* [A45420]. (See Attachment Prog. 6)

Courses of Instruction to Captive/Co-opted Groups

The Board approved the following courses of instruction to Captive/Co-opted Groups:

Basic Skills Courses

COMMUNITY COLLEGE	FACILITY	MATRIX CLASS	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CONTACT HOURS	COMMENTS
Bladen CC	Bladen Correctional Center	2	BSP P 2000 BSP P 2000	Adult Basic Education (ABE) General Educational Development (GED)	1500 1500	Formerly Bladen Youth Center
Guilford Technical CC	Guilford County Detention Center	**	BSP J 2000 BSP J 2000	Adult Basic Education (ABE) General Educational Development (GED)	1500 1500	
Guilford Technical CC	Triad Adult Day Care Center	**	BSP R 2000	Compensatory Education (CED)	1500	

Continuing Education Courses

COMMUNITY COLLEGE	FACILITY	MATRIX CLASS.	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CONTACT HOURS	COMMENTS
Bladen CC	Bladen Correctional Center	2	CAS P 3020	Operating Systems (DOS/Windows/OSC)	60	Formerly Bladen Youth Center
			CAS P 3050	Spreadsheets	60	
			CAS P 3120	Integrated Software: Computer Applications	90	
			CSC P 3110	Computer Programming (Introduction to Computers)	36	
			HRD P 3001	Employability Skills (Human Resources Development)	60	
Cape Fear CC	New Hanover Correctional Center	2	CAS P 3120	Integrated Software: Computer Applications (Computer Office Software Systems Technology)	108	
			ELN P 3006	Computer Repair	240	
			HRD P 3008	Economic Literacy (Working Towards Financial Literacy)	25	
Pamlico CC	Pamlico Correctional Institution	3	HRD P 3008	Economic Literacy (Financial Skills for Life)	30	
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center	**	HRD 3002	Employability Lab (Career Readiness Lab)	78	
Wake Technical CC	Wake County Detention Center Annex	**	BPR J 3011	Blueprint Reading	72	
			COM J 3711	Effective Communication in the Workplace (Effective Communication)	48	
			DFT J 3100	Introduction to Computer-Aided Design/Drafting (Computer-Aided Design/Drafting)	48	
			MLS J 3812	Time Management	28	
			OSC J 3636	Administrative Assistant Training	40	
Wayne CC	Drug Alcohol Recovery Treatment (DART) Cherry Facility	**	HRD A 3001	Employability Skills (A New Direction)	40	

Program of Study Revision

COLLEGE Correctional Facility	COURSE NUMBERS	PROGRAM AND COURSE TITLES	CREDIT HOURS
McDOWELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Marion Correctional Institution (Matrix Classification 3)	<u>General Education Courses</u> MAT 101 ENG 101 <u>Required Major Core Courses</u> CIS 115 DBA 110 NOS 110 <u>Required Subject Area Courses</u> BUS 110 CIS 110 NET 110 <u>Other Major Hours Courses</u> CTS 130 GRD 151 BUS 125 OST 136 ECO 252 CTS 285 CTS 135	Computer Information Technology (D25260) Applied Mathematics I Applied Communications I Intro to Programming and Logic Database Concepts Operating System Concepts Introduction to Business Introduction to Computers Networking Concepts Spreadsheet Computer Design Basics Personal Finance Word Processing Prin of Macroeconomics Systems Analysis & Design Integrated Software Intro	45 SHC (total) 3 SHC 3 SHC 3 SHC 3 SHC 3 SHC 3 SHC 3 SHC 3 SHC 3 SHC 3 SHC 3 SHC 3 SHC 3 SHC 4 SHC
<p>The college is currently approved to offer Information Systems (D25260) at this prison. The NCCCS standard for Information Systems was recently changed to Computer Information Technology. This revised program of study meets the requirements of this new standard and corresponds to similar changes being made to the Computer Information Technology program on campus.</p>			

Continuing Education Master Course List – Course Approvals

The Board approved the following additions to the Continuing Education Master Course List:

Course Number	Course Title	Recommended Hours	Program Area
BTC3501	Fermentation Processes	36	P40 Biotechnology
BAF3100	CCFI Financial-Core	60	F20 Banking, Finance, and Credit

FINANCE AND CAPITAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Herbert Watkins, Chair

For Action

Annual Report on Multi-Campus College and Off Campus Expenditures: 2005-06

In compliance with the NC General Assembly S.L. 2004-124, the Board approved the *Annual Report on Multi-Campus College and Off Campus Expenditures for 2005-06*. The report indicated that several cc's expended the special appropriations received for multiple locations consistent with the legislative intent. Funds were not transferred to other locations as additional funds were needed to maintain MCC and OCC locations. No funds were used for non-state approved purposes. They were used for administrative purposes that are consistent with the law. (See Attachment FC-6 and attachments A-E)

Construction/Property/Bond Authorization Report

The Board approved the Construction and Property Report of September 15, 2006, that included: one project approval each for Alamance CC, Cape Fear CC, Forsyth CC, Gaston College, Johnston CC, two projects each for Beaufort CC, Central Piedmont CC, Martin CC, and Southeastern CC, three projects for Wilkes CC, and four projects for Robeson CC. The Bond Authorization Report as of September 15, 2006, was also approved. (See Attachment FC-7)

North Carolina Transfer Assistance in the Biomedical Sciences (NC TABS) – Funding Allocations to Colleges Participating in the NC TABS Programs

The Board approved funding allocations to the colleges participating in the NC TABS program totaling \$164,306. The colleges included Fayetteville Technical CC, Guilford Technical CC, Halifax CC, Mitchell CC, Piedmont CC, Pitt CC, Wayne CC and Durham Technical CC. Federal monies in the “Bridges to the Baccalaureate Degree” grant will be the funding source. (See Attachment FC-10)

BioNetwork Innovation and Equipment Grant Award Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

The Board approved allocations for the BioNetwork Innovation Fund grants totaling \$690,613 to 13 colleges; BioNetwork Equipment Fund grants totaling \$2,351,392 to 21 colleges, and allocations to support the ongoing operation of five BioNetwork Competitiveness Centers totaling \$370,000 and \$1,245,817 for the BioNetwork Central Learning “Capstone Center.” The funding source will be state appropriated funds. (See Attachment FC-11)

Enterprise Course Management System Contract for Stanly Community College (New Contract)

The Board approved a two-year uniform pricing contract in the amount of \$18,000 with Blackboard to provide Enterprise Course Management Services to Stanly CC for the period July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007 with an option to renew on July 1, 2007 pending availability of funding. Each community college will be invoiced annually by Blackboard, Inc.

UNC/NCCCS 2+2 E-Learning Initiative Funds Allocation: Attachment A—I.T.S. Elluminate (Service Level Agreement)

The Board approved a service level agreement with I.T.S. to renew Elluminate collaboration software to facilitate the collaboration efforts of the VLC online course developers and 2+2 committees and work groups. The contract is for 25 seats and is not to exceed \$1,000 per seat (or \$25,000) for the period of September 15, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The funding source will be state appropriated funds.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

NC Association of Community College Presidents (NCACCP) Report, Dr. Don Reichard

- Reported that the NCACCP Executive Committee met yesterday. The priority this fall is to work with Mr. Briggs in preparing the consensus budget request which is consuming most of the time of the Finance and Legislative Committees and will continue to do so through the October meeting.
- Advised that the Professional Development Committee recommended and approved a second offering of the Senior Administrators’ Institute to be offered by Hockaday and Hunter to prepare Senior Administrators to assume the role of Presidents. Considering the current vacancies, there seems to be a lot of opportunities forthcoming.
- Provided an update on the work of the Personnel Committee in their revision of the Quality Assurance Handbook to guide presidents in the area of ethics and other forms of behavior. It will be used as a catalyst to work with the SBCC and NCACCT, realizing that behavior in public office is always open to public scrutiny and we must ensure the integrity of the System.

NC Association of Community College Trustees

- Ms. Pinnix-Ragland reported that NCACCT is holding their fall conference, and therefore will not present a report. Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue and Jonathan Smith are conference presenters, and she extended her thanks to them for their participation along with members who attended the event.

N4CSGA, Jonathan Smith

- Stated that the N4CSGA Executive Board met on September 9th at Durham Technical CC where they decided four delegates will attend the ASACC Conference in Washington, D.C. on September 30th to collaborate nationally as students on several issues. Two of these issues will be the text book costs and federal aid. The Local Interactions Chair and President Smith are currently securing appointments with senators and representatives to be held during this trip.
- Shared that N4CSGA is working on a new proposal for dues. This new proposal will be drafted by their meeting next month.
- Announced that students are excited about the Western, Central, and Eastern Division Meetings that will be held September 23. These create the first opportunity to personally meet with delegates and put methods into place to increase communication among colleges that will provide information that can be taken back to each college to strengthen local student government.
- Extended an invitation to the fall conference that will be held in Charlotte on October 20-22, and reported the Association is now busy working out the final details for a great event.

REGULAR AGENDA

POLICY COMMITTEE, Stuart Fountain, Chair

For Information

Annual Report on Plan to Improve the Timeliness and Accuracy of Data Received from Community Colleges

The Board received the report on timeliness and accuracy for the period July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006. Twenty-six of 37 colleges not using the Student Module of the CIS Software had all reports in on time. One of the 21 fully implemented CIS colleges had all reports in on time. A list of delinquent reports was provided. (See Attachment Pol. 1)

For Future Action

Request for Temporary Exemption from 2006-07 Annual Reporting Plan Delinquency Penalty

The Board will be asked to approve a request for a temporary exemption from the delinquency penalty policy for CIS colleges whose reports are confirmed to be delinquent due to the CIS related issues.

For Action

Amend the Mission Statement for the North Carolina Community College System to Ensure Consistency with System Initiatives and the 2007-09 Biennial Budget Request

On a motion by Dr. Fountain, seconded by Ms. Steiner, the Board unanimously approved the revised Mission of the NC Community College System to read:

“The mission of the North Carolina Community College System is to open the door to high quality, accessible educational opportunities that minimize barriers to post secondary education, maximize student success, develop a globally and multiculturally competent workforce, and improve the lives and well-being of individuals by providing:

- Education, training and retraining for the workforce, including basic skills and literacy education, occupational and pre-baccalaureate programs.
- Support for economic development through services to and in partnership with business and industry, and in collaboration with the University of North Carolina System and private colleges and universities.
- Services to communities and individuals that improve the quality of life.”

Initiate the Rule-making process to amend 23 NCAC 02D .0101 “Establishing Pay Rates”

On a motion by Dr. Fountain, seconded by Mr. Ford, the Board approved initiating the Rule making to amend 23 NCAC 02D .0101 “Establishing Pay Rates” as proposed in Attachment Pol. 4.

PROGRAM SERVICES COMMITTEE, Norma B. Turnage, Chair

For Information

The Board received the following for information:

Special Application Approvals By System President

The following community colleges requested and received approval to offer the programs listed: Catawba Valley CC and Cleveland CC *Infant/Toddler Care (Certificate)* [C55290] and Davidson County CC and Montgomery CC *Lateral Entry (Certificate)* [C55430].

Special Termination Approvals By System President

The following community college requested and received approval to terminate the curriculum program listed: Wake Technical CC *Telecommunications and Network Engineering Technology* [A40400].

For Future Action

The Board received the following for consideration of future action:

2006 Cooperative Innovative High School Programs

The SBCC will be asked to approve the Guilford Technical Community College and Guilford County Public Schools (on behalf of the Early College Academy at Andrews High School, ECA/AHS) application for designation as a Cooperative Innovative High School Program pursuant to N.C.G.S.

115C-238.51(d) and to grant exemptions pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115C-238.53(f) that will expand students' opportunities for educational success. This request will waive the one-half day of enrollment in high school courses requirement and permit ECA/AHS students to enroll at Guilford Technical Community College for all courses in the senior year; and to endorse the action of the State Board of Education to permit use of community college level English courses as substitution for English IV for ECA/AHS students. Tuition, fees, and books charges shall be payable by the Local Education Agency (LEA). (See Attachment Prog. 3)

Curriculum Procedures Reference Manual Revisions

The State Board will be asked to approve revisions to the Curriculum Procedures Reference Manual Section 23 as outlined in Attachment Prog. 4 which includes among other revisions a new section of frequently used curriculum terms.

Curriculum Standard Revisions

The State Board is asked to approve revisions to the following curriculum standards at the request of the college listed: Central Carolina CC *Motorcycle Mechanics (Diploma)* [D60260] and Pitt CC *Medical Dosimetry* [D45450] and *Therapeutic Massage* [A45750]. (See Attachment Prog. 5)

In addition to these items, the Program Services Committee received a report from Dr. Peggy Teague on lateral entry of concern to the Committee and the Board. If the NCCCS is to have a viable lateral entry program, there are things that need to be understood. A great deal of this program is prescribed by legislative action and creates frustrating issues, some having to do with the inconsistency in standards from institution to institution limiting someone from shopping around for the best option and a five-year waiting period that is required between receipt of a B.S. degree and the eligibility date to enter into a lateral entry program. Additionally, there are impediments in having to take University courses before one can have a lateral entry degree from the NCCCS. It appears that if we are to have the quality lateral entry program we seek, this Board and the Program Services Committee will have to deal with this issue in the political arena. Most of the mandates come from legislative action and the impediments therein rest.

FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Herbert Watkins, Chair

For Information

The Board received the following for information:

Estimated Receipts

The Board received the report of *Estimated Tuition and Fees Collected through August 31, 2006* indicating \$51,547,079 of budget collected. (See Attachment FC-1)

Capital Improvement Funds Expended or Obligated

The Board received the report of *Capital Improvement Funds Expended or Obligated* for the period July 1, 1963-June 30, 2006 totaling \$2,378,888,614 from local, state, vo-ed, and other federal funding sources. (See Attachment FC-2)

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) State Bond Utilization Report as of June 30, 2006

The Board received the *Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) State Bond Utilization Report* for the period November 7, 2000-June 30, 2006. The report indicated 12.74% of total funds expended with 21 colleges over the target of 12% and 2 with 0% expended. (See Attachment FC-3)

CIS Project Discussion and Implementation Update

Mr. Watkins reported that outstanding progress is being made on the CIS Project implementation and requested that Dr. Williams provide a project update. Dr. Williams advised that Phase 2C colleges, the final group of colleges to go live with the system, are preparing their conversions and training for the transition. All 58 will be live as scheduled by this time next year. Release 18 has received final approval from IT Statewide Procurement last Tuesday and initial planning and project management meetings are moving forward. Base has been realigned with implementation to begin in October instead of August. The pilot group is a different group of colleges for Release 18 and includes Central Piedmont, Catawba-Valley, Pitt, Mayland, Cape Fear, and Fayetteville Technical CC's. Lessons learned from the original release are being applied. In reference to transitioning away from the vendor to the System Office the ability to maintain and support the System ongoing, staff are working with Office of State Budget and Management and Fiscal Research to get positions needed to provide the services that the vendor has been providing for almost seven years. Six staff members have been ITIL certified to enable them to do change and risk management and or associated functions which ITS is asking that all of State Government do. Staff are working hard toward completing Release 18, hiring the new positions, finishing the final components on the implementation, and are right on target. Budget and fiscal impacts will affect getting those positions. We must consult with Gov Ops and OSBM, but hope that we will be able to gather the resources to get positions approved and hope to have all on Board by February 2007.

For Action

Wake Technical Community College – Request for Approval of an Installment Purchase Contract

On a motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Shaw, the Board approved Wake Technical CC to enter into an installment purchase contract for a total payout of \$237,174.36 with Sun Trust Leasing for 46 HP multi-function (printing/copying/faxing) devices to be purchased through State Contract Purchasing. At the end of the lease, the college will receive title to the property. (See Attachment FC-5)

2007-09 Consensus Budget: Draft of Budget Items

On a motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Wortham, the Board approved the DRAFT list of the 2007-09 Consensus Budget items. The list includes 24 items as shown in Attachment FC-8 and two additional items, Skill Sets in the Motor Sports Industry and The National League of Nursing Accreditation and the B.S. to Master's Nursing Credentialing. Consistent with procedure, staff will come before the SBCC where ultimate priorities will be decided. The final budget priorities will be approved at the October SBCC meeting, generally to include about 6 items. Responding to a question regarding responsibility for "17. Testing of High School Students," President Lancaster explained this is an idea to expand statewide Asheville-Buncombe Technical CC's (AB Tech) current method of addressing the problem of remediation of high school students. They test Buncombe County 10th graders and engage those with deficiencies in English, Reading, Writing, and Math in a counseling program to enable them to correct the deficiencies in their Junior and Senior years in high school rather than on NCCCS campuses. This would be done in conjunction with DPI; however, since it is an AB Tech initiative, it was felt that NCCCS should be the one to encourage it statewide. There is significant interest in reducing the amount of money now being spent on remediation.

Community College Facilities Grant Process Committee - Approval of Guidelines and Criteria

On a motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Hayes, the Board approved the guidelines and criteria and empowered the committee to consider further inputs from the solicitation of the colleges, including

substantive changes, to be able to complete the guidelines on schedule and start the process of granting the awards scheduled to come to the SBCC at the November 18th meeting.

Contractual Services-Project Management Services-Extended ITS Memorandum of Understanding

On a motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Shaw, the Board approved an extension with additional funds (contract originally approved for the period April 17-September 30, 2006) to the Memorandum of Understanding with State Information Technology Services for short-term project management services as required by S.B. 991 (2004) including managing and driving all project activities related to project initiation approval and the PPM Workflow (non-CIS project management). The contract is not to exceed \$31,400 and is for the period October 1-December 31, 2006. Funding will be provided from the Learning Objects Repository and Small Business Center projects that will be supported by the contract. (Attachment FC-12)

Online Help Desk—Blackboard Course Management System Upgrade (New Contract)

On a motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Ms. Wortham, the Board approved a uniform pricing contract with BLACKBOARD, INC., to provide online help desk services to all online learners (180,000 students) in the NCCCS at a cost savings to the colleges. The contract is for the period July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007 with an option to renew July 1, 2007 pending availability of funding. State appropriated monies will be the source of funding. Board approval is contingent upon approval by the State IT Procurement Office.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Linwood Powell, Chair

On a motion by Dr. Powell seconded by Mr. Middlesworth, the Board convened in closed session. The Board reconvened in open session.

For Information

Update on Blue Ridge CC Committee to Review the Findings of the State Auditor

The committee met this past Tuesday on the Blue Ridge CC campus. The SBCC consultant, Dr. Marvin Joyner, gave an initial report on the findings to the committee and the final report will be given at a meeting on October 11 at the college.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, H. Martin Lancaster

(The full text of the President's report is available on the NCCCS Web site.)

- Stated meetings have been held with the State Auditor's office regarding continued interest in the internal audit function. NCCCS is working closely with them and believe that a solution can be found which will be short of requiring an internal auditor on every campus; however, the role of program auditors will be expanded to include internal audit functions.
- Advised that work continues with the Board of Nursing on a policy they are trying to implement that would require National League of Nursing (NLN) accreditation of all NCCCS programs. Mr. Briggs has done excellent research that will go forward with the administrative process on the fiscal impact of this new policy. At least \$7 million dollars in additional costs to the colleges will occur if the NLN accreditation policy is implemented.
- Reported on an interesting meeting he attended this week with Chuck Lovelace, Director of the Morehead Foundation and Congressman David Price. Congressman Price, a former Morehead Scholar at Chapel Hill as a transfer student from a junior college, raised the idea of recreating this two-year Morehead scholar that would be selected from community

college transfer applications. While the meeting was positive, actual occurrence appears to be a long shot.

- Advised that NCCCS hosted the periodic meeting of the senior staff of the University System and the Community College System this week. A wide range of issues were discussed; however, the focus was on suggestions in the Pappas Report regarding how the two can be more actively and collaboratively involved in economic development.
- Announced that the Career Readiness Certification program is going very well with more than 900 individuals certified since the program began in June. The program is being very well received in the business community, as it includes the “soft skills” and incorporates things that every employee needs to know.
- Extended an invitation to the 2006 NCCCS Conference that will be held the first week in October in Greensboro. The conference is a rich professional development experience, generally held every two years, that traditionally includes many concurrent sessions that benefit approximately 3,000 participants from throughout NC.
- Explained that the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement signed by the University System and NCCCS has ultimately been signed by 20+ private colleges and universities. Because of differing issues in the needs related to the University and to those institutions, a separate Transfer Advisory Committee is being established at their request to deal independently with their issues.

SUMMARY OF CHAIR PINNIX-RAGLAND'S CLOSING REMARKS

- Stated she participated in a session recently that included the K-12, University, and Community College sectors. She and President Lancaster worked closely with UNC President Bowles, and it was a pleasure to see the real collaborative spirit within the University System. President Bowles is a real advocate and very knowledgeable in community college programs.
- Extended thanks to members for their active participation, continued commitment to the Board, and for their leadership, noting that “Working collectively and collaboratively as one unit, we stand strong.”

DATES OF NEXT MEETING

- October 18-20, 2006 SBCC Retreat and Board Meeting, The 1927 Lake Lure Inn, Lake Lure and Isothermal CC, Spindale, NC.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS/COMMENTS

The Chair asked for other business or comments. Upon determining there was no further business to be discussed, she called for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Steiner, seconded by Mr. Ford, and approved by the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

H. Martin Lancaster, System President

Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair

Agenda attachments referenced in this document were previously mailed and therefore are not attached to these minutes. If copies are needed, please contact the Office of State Board Affairs, North Carolina Community College System, 200 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27603-1379, (919) 807-6969.