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

**March 16, 2007
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
Bob H. Greene
Sandra L. Hayes
Anne-Marie Knighton

Estell C. Lee
Chester P. Middlesworth
Treasurer Richard Moore
Represented by Pam Wortham (via telephone)
Bently C. Pagura
Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue
Represented by Will Polk
John Shaw, Jr.
Norma Turnage
Herbert L. Watkins

The following members were unable to attend: Gordon "Buddy" Greenwood, Thomas Norman, and B. Joanne Steiner.

SUMMARY OF THE CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

- Chair Pinnix-Ragland announced that several of our leaders have received special recognition. Dr. Scott is featured in *Business Leader Magazine* and Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue is featured in the first edition of *The Women in the Triangle*.
- Congratulations were extended to Ms. Estell Lee who will soon be married to Bobby Harrelson and to Ms. Raichelle Glover on her recent retirement from Bank of America.
- Members were reminded of the critical need to complete ethics training immediately if they have not already done so. Additionally, it is important that Mr. Sullins know that the training has been completed. Members need to check with him to verify that the records reflect their completion correctly.
- Will Polk, General Counsel for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, attended to represent Lieutenant Governor Perdue, and was introduced and welcomed.

- Members were advised of the ethical requirements for those who serve as public servants and were requested to identify any conflicts of interest present. Having so requested and hearing none identified, the Chair asked that the record reflect no conflict of interests were found.

ADMINISTERING OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

North Carolina Supreme Court Associate Justice Robert Holt Edmunds, Jr. of Greensboro administered the oath of office to Bently C. Pagura. Mr. Pagura, a student in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration at Alamance CC, filled the unexpired term of Jonathan Smith as President of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA) and as an ex officio member of the State Board of Community Colleges. Mr. Pagura was joined by his mother, his daughter Brittany, and his son Bently for the occasion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Middlesworth moved, Ms. Hayes seconded, and the Board approved the minutes of the February 16, 2007, SBCC meeting.

CHANGES IN AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board suspended the rules and amended the agenda at a time appropriate based upon Committee recommendations. Dr. Fountain moved, Ms. Knighton seconded, and the Board approved to move from for future action to action Attachments Pol. 1, Pol. 2, and Pol. 5. Dr. Greene moved, Mr. Middlesworth seconded, and the Board approved to move from future action to action Attachments Prog. 3, Prog. 4, and Prog. 5.

Dr. Fountain moved, Mr. Middlesworth seconded, and the Board approved the agenda as amended to include the above revisions.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Fountain moved, Ms. Lee seconded, and the consent agenda was approved as amended. The consent agenda included the items that follow.

POLICY COMMITTEE, Dr Stuart Fountain, Chair

Approval of Proprietary School Licenses

The Board approved proprietary school licensure to Blue Ridge Motion Pictures Film Institute in Asheville, NC and TARTT Technical Institute in Fayetteville as outlined in Attachment Pol. 4.

PROGRAM SERVICES COMMITTEE, Ms. Norma Turnage, Chair

2007 Cooperative Innovative High School Programs (Part I)

The Board approved three community college applications representing three community colleges representing six LEA's for designation as Cooperative Innovative High Schools including The Early College Academy at Guilford TCC; Craven Early College – Craven

Community College; and Schools within Schools – Scotland High School and Richmond CC.
(See Attachment Prog. 7)

Curriculum Program Applications (NS)

The Board approved the colleges listed to offer the following programs: Lenoir CC *Voice Writing Realtime Reporting* [A25xxx] and Montgomery CC *Business Administration/Shooting and Hunting Sports Management* [A2512x].

Curriculum Program Application (FTFA)

The Board approved Roanoke-Chowan CC to offer *Plumbing (Diploma)* [D35300]. (See Attachment Prog. 9)

Courses of Instruction to Captive/Co-opted Groups/Continuing Education

The Board approved the continuing education courses as listed below and in Attachment Prog. 10:

COMMUNITY COLLEGE	FACILITY	MATRIX CLASS.	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CONTACT HOURS
Montgomery CC	Southern Correctional Institution	4b	HRD P 3008	Economic Literacy (Smart Money)	30

Continuing Education Master Course List – Course Approvals and Modifications

The Board approved the following courses and course modifications as listed below:

COURSE APPROVALS

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	RECOMMENDED HOURS	PROGRAM AREA
AUT3004	Escort Vehicle Operator – Continuing Education	4	V40-Automotive
TRA3610	Driver Training Instructor – Continuing Education	64	V80-Transportation

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COURSE MODIFICATIONS

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	MODIFICATION REQUEST(S)
COD3199	Code Enforcement Officer – Continuing Education	Increase the recommended hours from 6 to 30
FIP5507	Rescue Technician – Ropes	Increase the recommended hours from 21 to 33
FIP3125	HazMat Level I	Decrease the recommended hours from 15 to 13
FIP3225	HazMat Level II	Decrease the recommended hours from 27 to 25
FIP3325	HazMat Level I & II	Decrease the recommended hours from 36 to 33

FINANCE AND CAPITAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Mr. Herbert Watkins, Chair

Amendment to 2006-2007 Need-Based Financial Aid for Teaching and Nursing

The Board approved an amendment to the Distribution of Scholarship Funding for 2006-2007 Need-Based Financial Aid for Teaching and Nursing that was initially approved on November 17, 2006. The amendment requested that the scholarships be increased from two to four per college and that any additional funding remaining in the fund be awarded to eligible students upon request by colleges for students attending summer school prior to June 30, 2007. (See Attachment FC-8.)

UNC/NCCCS 2 + 2 E-Learning Initiative Funds Allocation: Contractual Services – University of North Carolina General Administration - Evaluation of Resource Development for Online Math Faculty

The Board approved a service agreement with the UNC-GA to evaluate the requirement of developing discipline specific resource materials for online math faculty. Funding in the amount of \$40,000 will be from funds appropriated in the 2005 session of the NC General Assembly in S.L. 2005-276 §9.5, and are for the period March 15-June 30, 2007. (See Attachment FC-10)

Prison Education Funds Allocation – Pamlico Community College

The Board approved the allocation of \$50,000 to Pamlico CC to be used as start-up funds to hire and support an instructor for an upholstery program at Pamlico Correctional Institution. The funding source will be General Funds transferred to the NCCCS System Office by the Department of Correction (DOC). The DOC Division of Prisons will purchase the necessary start-up equipment for the program.

Construction/Property/Bond Authorization Report

The Board approved the Construction/Property/Bond Authorization Report as of March 16 including one project approval each for Asheville-Buncombe TCC, Coastal Carolina CC, Craven CC, Johnston CC, Pitt CC, and Wayne CC, and three projects for College of The Albemarle, and disposition of property by College of The Albemarle and Richmond CC (to be deeded to respective counties and deeded back to college upon fulfilling the related financial obligations, and acquisition and exchange of property by Guilford TCC, and the Bond Authorization Report as of March 16, 2007. (See Attachment FC-13)

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

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

- On behalf of the NCACCT, Dr. Reichard congratulated and welcomed Mr. Pagura on his role as president of the N4CSGA and member of the State Board of Community Colleges.
- NCACCP held their Executive Committee meeting the previous Monday where they were pleased to hear that the IT audits would hopefully be coordinated with the migration to R18 and the IT auditors would not be on campus but a couple of weeks. This will be important in the prevention of being overloaded, which can occur quickly this time of year.
- A considerable amount of time was spent discussing proposed changes to the performance funding indicators that the Policy Committee will recommend for approval today. NCACCP would have liked more time to review the changes; however, a motion was passed by the Executive Committee “to endorse the changes proposed in the performance measures with the understanding that there would be opportunities for modification during the bill-making process.” The more than 30 presidents in attendance felt that the proposed changes were much improved to the current indicators and would work much better for the colleges overall.
- Over the next couple of months, NCACCP will be working on the legislative agenda. It was emphasized that even though there are some now private capital project bills being submitted by institutions’ legislators (not the institutions), that practice is not encouraged. NCACCP has requested that the System Office do as they did last session where those requests were wrapped into the capital money that comes to the System Office and is then distributed by a

formula that the SBCC uses to allocate those funds. Mr. Briggs and the NCACCP Finance Committee have been asked to review those criteria in the process and report at the April meeting so that everyone will be on the same legislative page.

- As part of legislative activities, NCACCP will be trying to schedule special meetings with the Black Caucus and the Women's Caucus.
- NCACCP voted to support the NCACCT's opposition to the Senate Bill that would limit change the terms of those who sit on boards, and a memo will be sent encouraging the presidents to support their board chairs in opposing the bill.

NC Association of Community College Trustees, Ms. Helen Newsome, President

(In the absence of Ms. Newsome, the report was given by Helen Dowdy.)

- The annual NCACCT Law Seminar was held March 11-12 with 250 attendees, the largest attendance for this particular type of this meeting. Congressman Brad Miller, the Sunday night speaker, is very acquainted with community colleges, strongly supports them, and pledged his assistance in getting the federal resources needed. Frank Perry, Education Director of the NC Ethics Commission, spoke on the "Obligations of Trustees Required in the New Ethics Law." Trustees were able to get credit for this training. Bob Joyce discussed "Legal Issues in Campus Security." Barry Saunders of the *News and Observer* spoke at the closing luncheon.
- Senate Bill 449 has been introduced by Senator Apodaca, and includes in the language, "Beginning with any term commencing on or after July 1, 2007, any person who has served two full four-year terms in succession as a member of a board of trustees shall, for a period of one year; be ineligible to serve on the same board but may serve on the board of another institution." The NCACCT Executive Board adopted a resolution strongly opposing this bill. If passed, it will eliminate some of NCACCT's most experienced trustees who know the history, know what is going on, and help to educate newcomers. The experience of those trustees creates a lot of continuity which would be lost if this bill passes. NCACCT would appreciate any help that the SBCC can give in sharing opposition to this bill. All senators have been e-mailed regarding this opposition.
- In response to questions, Ms. Dowdy responded that as far as she knew this bill was not being modeled after other states that do impose term limits but there may be models out there. Regarding the affect of the new ethics law, the number of trustees that have chosen to resign as a result of it have not been discussed with Mr. Perry because that number is not presently known. Trustees have been encouraged not to resign until it is known whether there will be any revisions to the bill, and while there are rumors, no one has directly related to Ms. Dowdy that they will resign because of the requirements of the new law.

N4CSGA, Mr. Bently Pagura, President

- N4CSGA recently held their great spring conference, and Mr. Pagura was elected N4CSGA President for 2007-2008.
- The Intercollegiate Athletics Committee will be tackling the task of creating constitutional guidelines for community colleges that want to create a club specifically for athletics. This will be a model template to use and will actually be a good deal of the paperwork side of

intercollegiate athletics from N4CSGA's perspective. A draft has been created and a committee is reviewing it so that it can be sent out before the end of the curriculum year. The flag football game was held and Fayetteville Technical CC won first place.

- The Local Interactions Committee is sending several executive board members to the ASAC Conference in Washington DC to discuss the issues of healthcare, textbook resolution, childcare, and affordability. The N4CSGA adopted a resolution "Textbook Cost Transparency Resolution to Faculty and Presidents" to encourage them to make better informed decisions in the selection of textbooks and ultimately drive textbook costs to more affordable levels. The resolution included a list of questions educators should ask before selecting the textbook to be used. N4CSGA is also seeking support in getting legislation passed that would require that more information be available to those choosing textbooks to enable the instructor to make a choice on not the best textbook but on the best cost textbook. A list of all NC legislators was distributed to the students in hopes of getting a grassroots legislative campaign started for textbook transparency.
- At the conference, 15 of 17 colleges from the Central Division were represented, and increased participation from the Eastern and Western Divisions and increased participation at conferences overall will be a NC4SGA goal for next year. 348 delegates, 56 advisors, and 12 guests attended and thanks were extended to members of the SBCC that did so. N4CSGA is becoming very focused on the needs of the students and are pushing for legislation to help them.

Ms. Pinnix-Ragland thanked Brittany and Bently Jr. for their assistance, and shared with Mr. Pagaru that his energy, enthusiasm, and leadership, especially on the legislative front, is paying off.

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair

For Information

Accountability and Audit Committee

Ms. Pinnix-Ragland reviewed the responsibilities of the Accountability and Audit Committee and appointed to serve on this committee John Shaw, Chair, Anne-Marie Knighton, Vice Chair, Jim Daniels, Chet Middlesworth, Nancy Brenner, Raichelle Glover, and Bob Greene. She also shared the importance of two recent clean financial audits with zero audit exceptions, something to be very proud of, and congratulated Mr. Briggs and his team for their outstanding work.

Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers

The Chair appointed those to serve on the Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers including Robert "Bob" Greene, Chair, Joanne B. Steiner, and Estell Lee.

Formal Charge to Strategic Plan Implementation Teams

Dr. Betty Adams presented a formal charge to the Strategic Plan Implementation Teams for the 2007-09 plan. Nine implementation teams have been formed with senior staff members assigned the responsibility for those teams. Beginning in April, implementation teams will be having their

formal kickoffs with the various task forces they have assembled. Quarterly progress reports will be made to the SBCC. The teams are:

1. Changing Population Demographics: Team 1 is under the leadership of Dr. Sandra Williams who delegated responsibility for that team to Keith Brown. Team 2 is under the leadership of Drs. Parker and Keen.
2. Two Fiscal Resources Teams are being led by Mr. Briggs.
3. Human Resource Teams: Team 1 is being headed up by Richard Sullins and the second is headed up by Dr. John Pettit.
4. Two Technology Teams are being led by Dr. Williams.
5. A team addressing the issue of the Increasingly Competitive Higher Ed Market is being led by Chancy Kapp.

POLICY COMMITTEE, Dr. Stuart Fountain, Chair

For Action

Redesignation of Wilkes Community College Ashe County Center to a Multi-Campus Site

Dr. Fountain moved, Mr. Daniels seconded, and the Board approved a request to redesignate the Wilkes CC Ashe County Center as a multi-campus site.

Initiate Rulemaking to Amend 23 NCAC 02E .0204 "Courses and Standards for Curriculum Programs"

Dr. Fountain asked that NCCCS General Counsel David Sullivan provide the Board with information regarding the difference in Attachment Pol. 2, "Initiate Rulemaking to Amend 23 NCAC 02E .0204 Courses and Standards for Curriculum Programs" being presented at the meeting and in what was mailed prior to the meeting. Mr. Sullivan explained that the words were the same but the formatting was different. The Rules Review Commission requested that the Rule be divided into several different pieces (multiple Rules) as was the version that was mailed. After discussing the potential split with Academic and Student Services and among members of the Policy Committee, it was concluded that it should be sent back to Rules Review as one Rule and not split. The single Rule format is the format that was printed in the NC Register and approved by the SBCC several months prior. Responding to a question, Mr. Sullivan advised that if Rules Review objects and stops the Rule, he will then go to the Commission and argue why it should not be split, i.e., splitting it will create substantial administrative difficulties in existing policies throughout the system on various campuses. Dr. Fountain added that the committee felt it important that the General Counsel have the full support of the Board if he had to argue the decision. Mr. Sullivan added that Rules Review will have the final approval. Dr. Fountain moved, Mr. Ford seconded, and Attachment Pol. 2 was approved by the Board as presented in the March 13, 2007, revised version.

At Dr. Fountain's request, Mr. Sullivan discussed the issue being dealt with requiring that proprietary schools offer tuition refunds to students under certain circumstances, a change asked for with the support of the proprietary schools. Counsel for the Rules Review Commission responded to the SBCC that he believed it was outside the scope of their authority to set such a Rule. The response disregarded the fact that such a Rule has been in place for at least a decade

and an advisory letter was submitted from the Attorney General stating that the SBCC does in fact have the authority to adopt such a Rule. Rules Review has objected to the Rule, and thus it is now in limbo. Mr. Sullivan is working with them trying to find a way around the objection, but as it now stands, efforts have been unsuccessful. The net result is that we stand to lose the Rule which requires Proprietary Schools to offer refunds to its students (a requirement similar to the one imposed upon NCCCS colleges), and therefore proprietary schools will be free to adopt whatever standards they want relative to tuition refunds. It is suspected that a number of the schools may choose not to offer any refunds.

Dr. Fountain said that he wanted to ensure that the Board was aware of the problems and struggles encountered as a result of NCCCS being required to operate under the Rules Review Commission. This is further evidence of the continuing frustration that the Policy Committee and the NCCCS encounter as a result of being under the auspices of the Rules Review Commission, and another indication of the need to be removed from their watch as is already the case for the University System.

Will Polk asked about the legal basis for the objection. Mr. Sullivan said that when you look at Statutes, there is no specific authority because according to the Rules Review interpretation, they see it as the equivalent of imposing a fee upon the Proprietary School. If in fact it is the establishment of a fee, then there is state law that requires there be specific statutory authority. Our argument is that this is not a fee, this is simply a Rule that requires the return of tuition in certain instances. The Attorney General has agreed with our argument but Counsel from Rules Review has convinced the Commission that in fact his opinion is correct and that this is a fee.

Performance Measures Review and Modifications

At the request of Dr. Fountain, Keith Brown reported on the changes recommended for Performance Funding Measures and Standards. These changes are to be forwarded to the General Assembly for passage of a law to enact the proposed recommendations:

Retaining As Currently Defined

- Progress of Basic Skills Students

Retaining As Currently Defined but with Modification

- Passing Rates on Licensure/Certifications Exams for First-Time Test Takers
- Performance of College Transfer Students
- Passing Rates in Developmental Courses
- Success Rate of Developmental Students in Subsequent College-Level Courses
- Student Satisfaction of Completers and Non-Completers
- Curriculum Student Retention, Transfer and Graduation
- Business/Industry Satisfaction with Services Provided

Removing

- Goal Completion of Completers*
- Employment of Graduates*
- Employer Satisfaction with Graduates*
- Program Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment

*Will continue to be reported but through different methodology.

Following questions and answers, Dr. Fountain moved, Mr. Shaw seconded, and the Board approved the changes as presented in Attachment Pol. 5.

Proposed Amendment to Article XII of the Bylaws of the State Board of Community Colleges

Dr. Fountain moved, Mr. Middlesworth seconded, and the Board approved by a show of hands, 14 in favor and none opposed, the proposed amendment to Article XII of the Bylaws of the State Board of Community Colleges adding the Committee on Accountability and Audit which increased the number of standing committees to five. The Chair then confirmed her appointments to serve on the committee, Chair John Shaw, Vice Chair Anne-Marie Knighton, Jim Daniels, Chester Middlesworth, Nancy Brenner, Raichelle Glover, and Bob Greene. (See Attachment Pol. 3)

PROGRAM SERVICES COMMITTEE, Norma B. Turnage, Chair

(At the request of Ms. Turnage, the report was given by Vice Chair Dr. Bob Greene.)

For Information

The Board received the following for information:

Special Application Approvals By System President

College of The Albemarle requested and received approval to offer *Infant/Toddler Care (Certificate)* [C55290].

Special Termination Approvals By System President

Richmond CC requested and received approval to terminate *Manufacturing Technology* [A50320].

For Future Action

The Board received the following for consideration of future action:

Curriculum Standard Revision

The State Board will be asked to approve a revision to the curriculum standard for *Manufacturing Technology* [A50320] as requested by Central Piedmont CC. (See Attachment Prog. 6)

For Action

North Carolina Transitional State Plan for Career and Technical Education

Dr. Greene moved, Ms. Hayes seconded, and the Board approved the North Carolina Transitional State Plan for Career and Technical Education for 2007-08 fiscal year as outlined in Attachment Prog. 3.

Basic Skills Revised State Plan

Dr. Greene moved, Mr. Middlesworth seconded, and the Board approved changes to the 2001-2004 Basic Skills State Plan and extended it with revisions through the 2007-2008 program year. The revisions to the State Plan are outlined in Attachment Prog. 4.

Curriculum Standard Revisions – CIP

Dr. Greene moved, Mr. Ford seconded and the Board approved revision to the following Electrical-related CIP curriculum standards: *Electrical/Electronics Technology* (A35220),

Computer Engineering Technology (A40160), Electrical Engineering Technology (A40180), Electronics Engineering Technology (A40200), and Telecommunication and Networking Engineering (A40400). (See Attachment Prog. 5)

FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Herbert Watkins, Chair

For Information

The Board received the following for information:

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) State Bond Utilization Report as of December 31, 2006

The Board received the Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) State Bond Utilization Report as of December 31, 2006, indicating 12.33% of total HUB funds expended and only Martin CC and Pamlico CC showing no funds expended. (See Attachment FC-1)

Estimated Receipts

The Board received the report of Estimated Tuition and Fees Collected through February 28, 2007, indicating \$137,574,835 collected and \$32,192,869 of budget remaining uncollected. (See Attachment FC-2)

2007-2009 Governor's Recommended Budget

The Board received a summary of the Governor's Recommended 2007-09 Expansion Budget that includes \$61,763,380 for 2007-08 and \$57,877,860 for 2008-09. Additional funds are recommended and included with the Department of Public Instruction budget for Learn and Earn On-line in the amount of \$5,271,570 for 07-08 and \$11,940,330 for 08-09 and for Graduate Nurse Scholarship Loans for NCCCS Nursing Faculty included in the UNC System Budget in the amount of \$750,000 for 07-08 and \$1,500,000 for 08-09. (See Attachment FC-3)

Allocation of FY 2006 Homeland Security Grant Funds

The Board received notification of an allocation of resources in the amount of \$1.2 million to selected community colleges for the delivery of National Incident Management System (NIMS) training and related services. This training is a joint effort between the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety-Division of Emergency Management and NCCCS. 43 colleges were allocated \$999,492 for training and 42 of the 43 requested and received allocations for equipment totaling \$199,094. A list of colleges and allocation amount received is included in Attachment FC-4. Funding is from the US Department of Homeland Security and Office of Grants and Training through grant number 2006-GE-T60010.

CIS Project Discussion and Implementation Update

The project is moving ahead smoothly and there were no significant issues to discuss.

For Action

NCCCS BioNetwork Validation Academy – Transfer of Oversight and Management to Wake Technical Community College and the Capstone Center

Mr. Watkins moved, Mr. Shaw seconded, and the Board approved to transfer the oversight and management of the Validation Academy to Wake Technical CC Capstone Center. The MOU between NCCCS and WTCC includes that an additional \$200,000 per year be added to the Capstone Center budget beyond its current operating budget. The funds for this program are

recurring appropriations that are currently part of the BioNetwork NCCCS Office budget, and funds will be allocated at the beginning of each new fiscal year as part of the Capstone Center's grant.

Professional Development Institute for Community College Financial Aid Officers

Mr. Watkins moved, Ms. Lee seconded, and the Board approved \$5,500 to develop framework for a Professional Development Institute for current and aspiring CC Financial Aid staff members. State Board Reserve Funds will be the funding source. (See Attachment FC-7)

Termination of Scholarship Agreement - State Board of Refrigeration Examiners Scholarship

The NC State Board of Refrigeration Examiners has requested to terminate its scholarship agreement with the SBCC and have the remaining funds in the account returned. Mr. Watkins moved, Mr. Shaw seconded, and the Board approved to allow President Lancaster to have an executive discussion with senior officers from the State Board of Refrigeration Examiners to determine the specific causes for their request, and if following that discussion it is still their desire to terminate the agreement, that it shall be done and the remaining funds in the account returned in the amount of \$31,384.02.

North Carolina Research Campus at Kannapolis

Mr. Watkins moved, Ms. Wortham seconded, to empower the Financial and Capital Needs Committee to meet and review the Memorandum of Understanding with Castle and Cook, David H. Murdoch and Murdoch Company, developers of the NC Research Campus at Kannapolis, and assuming there are no issues found that FCN believes would require there be deliberation by the Board, approve the MOU with that action being ratified by the SBCC at the April meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Linwood Powell, Chair

Dr. Powell moved, Dr. Fountain seconded, and the Board convened in closed session to discuss personnel issues. The Board reconvened in open session.

For Action

Retirement of NCCCS System President H. Martin Lancaster and Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer Fred G. Williams

The Board received notice of retirement plans for President H. Martin Lancaster and Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer Fred G. Williams. Mr. Williams' retirement is to be effective September 1, 2007, and President Lancaster's is to be effective May 1, 2008. Dr. Powell moved, Mr. Watkins seconded, and the Board approved to accept their notifications of retirement. Dr. Powell then moved, Mr. Shaw seconded, and the Board approved the process by which a replacement would be made. That process would begin with the Chair appointing a Search Committee to find an individual to serve in the capacity of Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer and President-elect upon Mr. Williams' retirement in September 2007. The individual would serve in that capacity until May 1, 2008 when President Lancaster retires. Upon President Lancaster's retirement the person selected, by legal obligation, would then move from the position of President-elect to President and the position of Executive Vice President would be dealt with at that time or a time appropriate that is nearer to the retirement of President Lancaster. For clarity, Mr. Watkins asked that the motion be clarified asking for confirmation

that it is to secure one person who shall serve in the capacity of president-elect and chief operating officer only at this time. The chair confirmed that to be correct.

The Chair then appointed to the Search Committee Chair Herbert Watkins, Norma Turnage, John Shaw, Gordon “Buddy” Greenwood, Robert “Bob” Greene, Anne-Marie Knighton, Linwood Powell, and Bently Pagura. Staff support to the committee will be David Sullivan and Richard Sullins.

Both President Lancaster and Mr. Williams shared comments on their retirement plans and thanked the SBCC for the opportunities afforded them. Ms. Pinnix-Ragland complimented President Lancaster on the expansion of the system, his outstanding work with the bonds, budgets, and Legislature, and the global impact he has made, and praised Mr. Williams’ leadership and integrity and added that he would go down in history as “one of the best.” She added, “And while it saddens us that you are both leaving, we hope that both of you will never leave education.” Several board members shared congratulatory remarks with both gentlemen.

NEW BUSINESS

Search Process for Community College Presidents

Harry Payne had requested permission prior to the meeting to address the Board, and his request was granted. Mr. Payne voiced concerns that he has with the process for the search for college presidents and its effect on the System as a whole, especially the relationship of the NCACCT, the firm of Hockaday-Hunter, and the schools. His concerns involve a rebate/commission that Hockaday-Hunter gives to the NCACCT for each presidential search that Hockaday-Hunter conducts and issues relating to compliance with the NC Open Meetings Law.

Chair Pinnix-Ragland thanked Mr. Payne for coming and for the letters he sent which will be taken under advisement. She asked the Policy Committee to review the concerns, but reminded Mr. Payne that these concerns are with the community colleges boards of trustees as they hire college presidents, not the State Board of Community Colleges.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT, H. Martin Lancaster

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

- President Lancaster shared that one of the most enjoyable things that he has done for last several years is to participate in the interview process for the NC Teaching Fellows which he did recently. It is not only because he enjoys talking with bright young people who may want a career in teaching but because he believes in our System’s commitment to teacher preparation.
- President Lancaster participated in a historic series of meetings that UNC System President Erskine Bowles, Duke University President Richard Broadhead, President Hope Williams of the NC Independent Colleges and Universities, and he had in Washington, DC. They met with members of the NC Congressional Delegation and members of other states delegations to lobby for higher education. No one is aware of another time when representatives of

private and public two- and four-year higher education institutions came together to send a single voice to Washington.

- The Legislative Strategy Group has begun their regular meetings working with Suzanne Williams, Fred Williams, Kennon Briggs, and President Lancaster on NCCCS' legislative agenda. Since there is much work to be done, the President once again solicited active advocacy on behalf of our legislative agenda from the SBCC members and hopes that each member will schedule at least some time in the Legislative Building to talk with friends they may have about NCCCS issues.
- Following Ethics Commission approval, Mrs. Lancaster and he have begun the process of entertaining the freshmen legislators in their home. The dinners have gone very well and there are some very bright new legislators. One dinner remains.
- The President participated in the Founder's Day Dinner at NC State recently during which Governor Bob Scott received the Watauga Award. It was good that both Chair Pinnix-Ragland and he could be there to help honor Governor Scott along with their many friends who attended to pay respect to Governor Scott and Jessie Ray.
- It isn't often that President Bush comes to NC; however he did recently and both Mr. Williams and Joanne Steiner participated in that visit to Ms. Steiner's former employer, Novozymes in Franklinton. The visit showcased not just what Novozymes is doing but also the role that community colleges are playing in the biotechnology area.

SUMMARY OF CHAIR PINNIX-RAGLAND'S CLOSING REMARKS

- Calendars should be marked for next month; however, it is quite appropriate that we will go to President Lancaster's hometown community of Wayne County and Mr. Ford's home, and at a time when Dr. Ed Wilson will be retiring. Active participation is needed at the meeting where Friday night there will be a dinner honoring Dr. Wilson. Please let Mr. Sullins or Ms. Gardner know about your attendance plans.
- The Academic Excellence Awards Luncheon will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton on April 24, so please come and participate in that event.
- As a reminder, please get with Mr. Sullins to make sure that you have the Ethics Training and that the records so indicate.

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

Mr. Ford moved, Ms. Hayes seconded, and the Board approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

H. Martin Lancaster, System President

Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair

Approved 04/20/2007

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