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

**February 8, 2008  
11 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 11 a.m. She welcomed those in attendance. 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  
Gordon "Buddy" Greenwood

Estell Lee Harrelson  
Thomas Houlihan  
Anne-Marie Knighton  
Edwin H. "Eddie" Madden, Jr.  
Chester P. Middlesworth  
Treasurer Richard Moore  
Represented by Pam Wortham  
Herbert L. Watkins  
Allen Wellons

Unable to attend were: Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue, Shannon Overman, B. Joanne Steiner, and Norma B. Turnage.

**CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS**

- The Chair welcomed those attending and recognized Erin Fraher, UNC-CH Principal Investigator for the Nursing study that was later discussed.

**ETHICS AWARENESS AND IDENTIFICATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

- The Chair advised members of the ethical requirements for those who serve as public servants and requested they identify any conflicts of interest present. Having so requested and hearing none, she asked that the record reflect no conflicts of interest were reported.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Dr. Greene moved, Ms. Harrelson seconded, and the Board approved the agenda as presented.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Mr. Herbert Watkins, Chair**

The Board received upon the recommendation of the Financial and Capital Needs Committee:

#### **For Action**

##### A Study of Associate Degree Nursing Program Success

Mr. Watkins presented a motion that was seconded by Dr. Fountain to approve an allocation in the amount of \$65,137 from the State Board Reserve Funds to contract through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at the UNC-CH to do a study of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The purpose of the study is to improve program retention and increase NCLEX pass rates for students enrolled through the NCCCS. The Board unanimously approved the motion. (See Attachment FC-1-1)

Mr. Watkins then moved, Dr. Fountain seconded, and the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research and the NCCCS as outlined in Attachment FC-1-2.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Dr. Linwood Powell, Chair**

Dr. Powell moved, Dr. Fountain seconded, and the Board approved to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Dr. Powell asked that Mr. Briggs remain for the closed session. Following the Board's discussion, it reconvened in open session.

The Board received upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee:

#### **For Action**

##### NCCCS General Counsel

Dr. Powell moved, Dr. Fountain seconded, and the Board unanimously approved Quinita Shante' Martin as the NCCCS General Counsel effective March 3, 2008, at a salary of \$90,000.

##### Travel Reimbursement for Dr. Scott Ralls for January 1-March 31, 2008

Dr. Powell shared that Dr. Ralls has been traveling across the State representing the NCCCS without any compensation. Therefore, he moved that retroactive to January 1 through and including March 31, 2008, Dr. Ralls be compensated for his expenses from state funds at the per diem rate for said trips. Dr. Greene seconded the motion and the Board approved it unanimously. For clarity, Dr. Powell added that once Dr. Ralls "officially" begins on April 1, 2008, the travel reimbursement rules then in place will apply.

## **SUMMARY OF CHAIR 'S CLOSING REMARKS**

- Chair Pinnix-Ragland thanked those who attended the NC Education Governing Boards Meeting on Wednesday, February 6, at The Friday Center, Chapel Hill. It was a really good session, and notable remarks were shared that indicate our partnerships are working very well. There is a need to be more cognitive of the NC Independent Colleges and Universities. They graduate about 25 percent of the teachers in NC. Dr. Ralls did an extraordinary job presenting the NCCCS perspective and demonstrated excellence in leadership.
- Several community college representatives attended the NC Public Policy Forum earlier this week. Dr. Zeiss, Dr. Skinner, Dr. Ralls and Chair Pinnix-Ragland were members of a panel that shared a prospective on challenges facing community colleges that will be televised and copies of the program are available for ordering.
- On behalf of the SBCC, the Chair congratulated David Sullivan on his new position with Fayetteville Technical CC and thanked him for his excellent service during his tenure at the System Office.
- Members were encouraged to attend the next meeting of the SBCC to be held March 13-14, 2008, at the NCCCS, 200 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC. Mr. Sullins added that a great April meeting that will be held in Statesville. Mr. Middlesworth had had joined him in a meeting earlier in the week with Mitchell CC staff to discuss plans.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Middlesworth moved, Dr. Fountain seconded, and the Board approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
*Secretary*

APPROVED BY:

H. Martin Lancaster, System President

Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair

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