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**State Board of Community Colleges
Randolph Community College
April 17, 2009
9:00 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Following proper public notification and a determination that a quorum was present, Chair Pinnix-Ragland called the meeting of the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) to order at 9:00 a.m. She welcomed those in attendance. The following members were present:

Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair
Linwood Powell, Vice Chair
Naomi Daggs
James W. Daniels
Jimmie E. Ford
Stuart B. Fountain
Raichelle Glover
Bob H. Greene
G. Thomas Houlihan
Anne-Marie Knighton
Edwin H. “Eddie” Madden, Jr.

Chester P. Middlesworth
Cynthia O’Neal for
Lt. Governor Walter Dalton
Anita Powers
B. Joanne Steiner
Norma B. Turnage
Herbert L. Watkins
Allen H. Wellons
Pam Wortham for
Treasurer Janet Cowell

Absent: Jeana ElSadder and G. Gordon “Buddy” Greenwood

ETHICS AWARENESS AND IDENTIFICATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair reminded members of the ethical requirements for those who serve as public servants and requested they identify any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest present. Having so requested and hearing none, the Chair directed that the record reflect no conflicts of interest were reported or identified. The Chair also reminded members of the Board that their Statements of Economic Interests were due to the Ethics Commission by April 15, 2009.

REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

The Chair took the opportunity to introduce the new president of Carteret Community College, Dr. Kerry Youngblood and welcomed him to The System. The Chair also recognized Dr. Robert Shackelford, Jr., President of Randolph Community College and thanked him and his staff for hosting this month’s State Board meeting and providing members of the State Board with a tour of the campus and information regarding the good things that RCC is doing for its students. Dr.

Shackleford welcomed the State Board to Asheboro and thanked the Board for its support and advocacy during difficult economic times.

The Chair then introduced the Honorable Keith Crisco, the North Carolina Secretary of Commerce and an Asheboro native, who spoke on the state's changing economy. The current period of transition was inevitable, according to the Secretary, since economic models rarely remain viable for more than 50 years. While it remains unclear where this period of transition will take us, North Carolina will emerge as a much stronger economic force because of it.

Secretary Crisco then introduced Ms. Beth Lucas from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Ms. Lucas gave a presentation, entitled "NC Department of Commerce, Division of Workforce Development, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Workforce Development." [This presentation is attached and is herein incorporated by reference.]

Ms. Lucas also discussed the partnership between the NC Department of Commerce and the state's community colleges, which includes a new initiative from Governor Beverly Perdue entitled "JobsNOW." Ms. Lucas noted that \$13.45 million in federal recovery funds would be allocated to North Carolina's community colleges as part of the Governor's initiative. Both Secretary Crisco and Ms. Lucas responded to questions from the Board.

Dr. Saundra Williams from the NC Community College System discussed the new initiative JobsNOW. Under direction of Governor Perdue, JobsNOW is the central theme of a strategic plan for creating new jobs in North Carolina Community. In partnership with their local Workforce Development Boards, colleges will develop a training plan focused on occupational areas from the "12 in 6" list. NCCCS will seek resources for local colleges to support capacity building, infrastructure enhancement and training activities that effectively address the workforce challenges related to ensure that enough workers are trained with the right skills for the current economy. [This presentation is attached, entitled JobsNOW "12 in 6" Project Summary and is also incorporated by reference.]

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Middlesworth moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2009 SBCC meeting. Ms. Steiner seconded the motion, and the minutes were adopted by the Board.

CHANGES TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked for a report from each committee chair as to any changes they might wish to make to the agenda.

POLICY COMMITTEE, Dr. Stuart B. Fountain, Chair

No changes were requested.

PROGRAM SERVICES COMMITTEE, Ms. Norma B. Turnage, Chair

No changes were requested.

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

No changes were requested.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, Ms. Anne-Marie Knighton, Chair

No changes were requested.

Dr. Houlihan moved to amend the Agenda to include a committee report from the Strategic Planning Committee. The Board approved his motion that had been properly seconded by Dr. Greene.

Mr. Ford moved, and Dr. Fountain seconded, that the agenda be adopted as amended. The motion was adopted.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Fountain moved to approve the consent agenda. The Board approved his motion that had been properly seconded by Mr. Watkins.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

NCACCP, Dr. Stephen Scott, President

Dr. Scott shared that April is the busiest month of the year for community colleges with end of semester and end of the academic year activities. For example, the Student Government Association recognitions, Nursing and Allied Health Pinning ceremonies, student club activities, as well as the state and regional competitions, such as Phi Beta Lambda and Southeast Regional Math Competition. Durham Tech finished second in the Southeast Regional Math Competition and Wake Tech finished in third place.

The colleges are working to serve increasing numbers of students with fewer resources. The most recent economic conditions are causing much concern due to the loss of resources that were already scarce. Colleges are looking forward to additional resources from stimulus funds included in the JobsNOW Program that this board will consider later in the meeting.

College presidents and trustees met on Thursday, April 16, 2009 in RTP for their annual Law Conference, fulfilling the legal requirements for trustee education and re-education, while also meeting the educational requirements for the Ethics Act.

With regard to the 2009 – 2011 budget, presidents have expressed their appreciation and thanks with telephone calls, notes, and letters to members of the Senate.

On a personal note, President Scott mentioned that based on his 21 years as a President, it is his observation that the community college family, which includes members of the State Board, System Office employees, boards of trustees, community college presidents, college faculty and their students, is the most unified that we have ever been and that is due in great measure to leadership from the State Board and System Office. Those efforts are very much appreciated.

NCACCT, Mr. George Regan, President

No update was given due to the annual Law Conference taking place in RTP.

NC Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA), Ms. Jeana J. ElSadder, President

While Ms. ElSadder was not present at the Board Meeting, she did provide a written report regarding the N4CSGA's activities. She indicated that the N4CSGA Executive Board will interview candidates for vacant positions and have a transition meeting for new officers on May 2, 2009. In her written report, Ms. ElSadder also indicated that the N4CSGA Executive Board Bonding for new officers will be held July 19 through July 22, 2009 at Peace College. Officers will participate in leadership development sessions, review their roles and responsibilities and plan for the upcoming academic year. During their spring conference two officers were elected. The N4CSGA President for the 2009-2010 academic year is Jonathan Furnas, who is a student at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. Also elected was John Anderson of Stanly Community College, who will be the N4CSGA Central Division Chair for 2009 – 2010.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE, Dr. Stuart Fountain, Chair

The Board received upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee:

For Information

Dr. Fountain reported that the Policy Committee received the final written report from JBL Associates with regard to policies concerning admission of undocumented students. JBL Associates had presented at the March 2009 Issues Luncheon a preliminary summary of their findings, and the final report was made available to all members of the board for their study and consideration.

The Board Chair charged the Policy Committee to review the report, develop recommendations, and bring those to the Board for its consideration at a future meeting.

PROGRAM SERVICES COMMITTEE, Ms. Norma B. Turnage, Chair

Ms. Turnage stated that all of the Committee's items had been approved on the consent agenda and that the Committee had no further report.

FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Mr. Herbert L. Watkins, Chair

The Board received upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee:

For Information

Budget Update (Attachment FC 1) and Estimated Receipts (Attachment FC 2)

Mr. Watkins asked that President Ralls and Ms. Haygood provide an updated report to the Board with respect to the state budget. It was noted that reversions required of the colleges and the System Office will be more substantial than earlier estimates. The Senate has adopted its version of the 2009 – 2011 budget since the March meeting, which proposed to restore longevity pay to employees and would return authority for apprenticeship training to the Department of Labor. Their proposal also includes authority for furloughs to be enacted at community colleges. The House hopes to adopt its budget resolution before the middle of May, and Dr. Ralls assured the

Board that we will continue to press for adequate funding to fulfill our mission during these difficult times.

For Action

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds – JobsNOW Allocations to Colleges (Attachment F 3)

The \$13.45 million is to be used between July 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009. Much of this money is to be used in summer youth employment programs.

Mr. Watkins moved to approve this item. The Board approved his motion that had been properly seconded by Dr. Greene.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Dr. Bob H. Green, Chair

Dr. Greene stated that the current Bylaws of the State Board of Community Colleges require the Board to elect from its membership officers to serve for two-year terms or until their respective successors have been appointed and qualified. Dr. Greene said that members of the Board who wish to be considered as officers should declare their intentions in writing and submit them to either Richard Sullins or himself by May 14, 2009.

Dr. Greene suggested that members review our bylaws with regard to this policy and make recommendations for possible changes with regard to how many terms a member can serve as an officer.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE, Dr. Thomas Houlihan, Chair

Dr. Houlihan reported to members of the Board that the Strategic Planning Committee held its initial meeting yesterday. As was approved by the Board in October 2008, the Committee's objective is two-fold. The first is to monitor and measure the objectives of the System Office, and second, to continuously be in contact with and provide advice and support to the System's administration. Dr. Houlihan also mentioned that the Committee would be working on developments for the Board retreat which is scheduled for October 2009 at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was reported.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

President R. Scott Ralls' report to the Board is attached as Exhibit I and is incorporated herein by reference. His report is available on the NCCCS website at:

http://www.ncccommunitycolleges.edu/External_Affairs/President_Reports/Presidents%20Reports%20-%20State%20Board/2008%202009/April%202009%20Board%20FINAL%2004.16.09.pdf

SUMMARY OF CHAIR 'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair thanked President Ralls for his update. She also took the opportunity to thank the members of the Board who have participated in the foregoing of their travel reimbursements. Ms. Pinnix-Ragland stated that this will be the final “face-to-face” meeting for three retiring members of the Board, and quite possibly our last time as a full Board to see them. She thanked Ms. Anne-Marie Knighton, Dr. Bob Greene, and Mr. Jim Daniels for their service to the Board and their unyielding commitment to the community college system, its mission in North Carolina, and their commitment to the students who utilize the community college system.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Ms. Steiner asked that the System Office staff be informed of the Board’s appreciation for their efforts and that it appreciates the job that they continue to do.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Chair Pinnix-Ragland announced the next SBCC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15, 2009, and will be held telephonically. Mr. Sullins and Ms. Young will notify members of the process for participating in these sessions. The Chair encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming May State Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Ford to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded by Mr. Daniels and the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Dr. R. Scott Ralls, System President

Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair