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**State Board of Community Colleges
Caswell Building, 200 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina
July 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
K. Ray Bailey
Treasurer Janet Cowell
Naomi Daggs
Lt. Governor Walter Dalton
Representative Jimmie E. Ford
Stuart B. Fountain
Jonathan Furnas

G. Gordon “Buddy” Greenwood
Edwin H. “Eddie” Madden, Jr.
Chester P. Middlesworth
Samuel Powell
B. Joanne Steiner
Norma B. Turnage
Senator Allen H. Wellons
Ann H. Whitford
James J. Woody, Jr.

Absent: Raichelle Glover, G. Thomas Houlihan, and Herbert L. Watkins

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.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

The Chair recognized Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue and thanked her for coming to this historic meeting of the State Board. Oaths of offices were then administered as follows:

- Chief Justice Sarah Parker administered the oath of office to Chair Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Ms. Joanne Steiner, Dr. Stuart Fountain, Ms. Ann Whitford, N4CSGA President Jonathan Furnas, and Vice Chair Dr. Linwood Powell.

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- Superior Court Judge W. Osmond Smith, III administered the oath of office to Mr. James J. Woody, Jr.
- Representative Alice Bordsen administered the oath of office to Dr. Samuel C. Powell.
- Representative Bruce Goforth administered the oath of office to Mr. K. Ray Bailey, accompanied by Representative Jane Whilden and Representative Ray Rapp.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Report, Ms. Joanne Steiner, Vice Chair

Ms. Steiner reported that the Nominating Committee had considered those persons who had expressed interest in serving as an Officer of the Board. Ms. Steiner reported that it was the Nominating Committee's recommendation that Ms. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland be re-elected by acclamation as Chair of the Board. No other nominations were made from the floor and the Chair was so elected.

Ms. Steiner further reported that it was also the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that Dr. Linwood Powell be re-elected by acclamation as Vice Chair of the Board. No other nominations were made from the floor and the Vice Chair was so elected.

REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

The Chair thanked Governor Perdue for her presence on this historic occasion and invited her to address the members of the Board. The Governor thanked members of the Board and the staff for their distinguished and unselfish service to the 9 million citizens of North Carolina. She noted that this board has risen to the challenge of playing the leading role in the economic recovery that is transforming our state into a national leader not only in higher education but also in the new economy of the 21st Century. The Governor concluded by noting that every time economic recovery is discussed among her peers, North Carolina's Community College system is recognized as being among the first and most important tools in the process of national and global economic recovery.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Middlesworth moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2009 SBCC meeting. Dr. Fountain 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

Dr. Fountain made a motion to suspend the rules to move Policy Attachment 5 (POL 5) entitled “Request to Adjust College Calendar” from a “For Future Action” to a “For Action” item. The motion was properly seconded by Representative Ford and was adopted by the Board.

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

Ms. Turnage made the motion to table Program Attachment 3 (PROG 3) entitled “Curriculum Program Application, New to the System” for Applied Engineering Technology at Wilkes Community College. The Board approved the motion which was properly seconded by Mr. Middlesworth.

Ms. Turnage also made the motion to suspend the rules and move Program Attachment 8 (PROG 8) entitled “Curriculum Program Applications (Fast Track For Action) for Existing Programs” from “For Action” to the “Consent Agenda.” The Board approved this motion which was properly seconded by Dr. Samuel Powell.

FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Senator. Allen Wellons, Vice Chair

No changes were requested.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Dr. Linwood Powell, Chair

No changes were requested.

Representative Ford moved, and Mr. Middlesworth seconded, that the Agenda be adopted as amended. Without objection, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Fountain moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board approved his motion that had been properly seconded by Ms. Daggs. Consent agenda items are listed below.

Consent Agenda Items

PROGRAM SERVICES COMMITTEE

2009-2010 Cooperative-Innovative High School Program Applications, Part II
(Attachment PROG 5)

Curriculum Standard Revision (Attachment PROG 7)

Curriculum Program Applications, Fast Track for Action (Attachment PROG 8)

Continuing Education Master Course List (Attachment PROG 9)

Courses of Instruction to Captive/Co-Opted Groups (Attachment PROG 10)

A. Attachment A – Basic Skills

B. Attachment B – Continuing Education

C. Attachment C – Curriculum Program of Study (POS) Revisions

FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

- Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) Training Grants
(Attachment FC-6)
- MOTHEREAD, Inc. – Service Agreement for Family Literacy Initiative (Attachment FC-7)
- North Carolina Center for Family Literacy – Service Agreement for Comprehensive Family Literacy Training (Attachment FC-8)
- Prison Education Funds Allocation: Start-Up Funds for Small Colleges
(Attachment FC-9)
- 2009-2010 Allocation Request to Fund Three Regional Centers for Teaching Excellence
(Attachment FC-10)
- 2009-2010 Professional Development Activities Grants (State Leadership Activities)
(Attachment FC-11)
- CORD Service Agreement for Vocational and Technical Education Faculty, Contract Renewal (Attachment FC-12)
- Allocation to Colleges Participating in Project Skill-UP (Attachment FC-13)
- 2009 – 2010 State Financial Aid Allocation Tables for Targeted Assistance and Less Than Half-Time Enrolled Students (Attachment FC-14)
- North Carolina Community College System Scholarship and Grant Allocations 2009-2010 (Attachment FC-15)
- Use of 2008 – 2009 Board Reserve Funds, Year-End Report (Attachment FC-16)
- Construction/Property/Bond Authorization Report (Attachment FC-17)

OTHER PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

NCACCP, Dr. Stephen Scott, President

President Stephen Scott brought greetings to the Board from the 58 community college presidents in the NCACCP. He reported that community college presidents continue to work on college business in times of significant uncertainty and in spite of budget decreases and enrollment increases, our colleges continue to strive to serve more and more students each day. President Scott reported on three major events involving NC Secretary of Commerce Keith Crisco, the NC Military Business Center, and President Barack Obama.

On July 13, 2009 at a reception held by the Greater Raleigh Chamber to honor Secretary of Commerce Keith Crisco, Mr. Crisco commented that one of the greatest economic development tools that we have in North Carolina continues to be the NC Community College System.

On July 14, 2009, the NC Military Business Center (NCMBC) held the Aerospace Alliance Vendor and Supplies Conference at Wake Tech with the goal of increasing the visibility of North Carolina companies to the U.S. Military. The conference brought together suppliers (NC companies) and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) such as Boeing, Airbus, GE Jet Engines, Honda Aircraft, and Sikorsky Helicopter. Over 300 people attended the conference. The NCMBC operates under the supervision of Fayetteville Technical Community College and has an office at 11 community colleges. Also on July 14, 2009, President Barack Obama spoke at Macomb Community College in Michigan and proposed a \$12.5 billion plan for community college programs that includes infrastructure improvements. The goal of these new dollars will be to increase student retention, graduation rates, and to improve /replace aging facilities.

President Scott mentioned that the events mentioned show the impact and importance of community colleges in North Carolina and throughout the United States.

Finally, President Scott thanked the State Board for the privilege of working with its members over the past year while serving as president of the NCACCP. Dr. Bob Keys, President of Rockingham Community College will be the next President of the NCACCP and will assume his new office at the Presidents Association meeting at Blue Ridge Community College later this month.

NCACCT, Dr. Donny Hunter, North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees (NCACCT)

Dr. Hunter informed members of the Board that the Trustees have granted a blanket exemption to delay any and all required trustee training until spring. Dr. Hunter indicated that he hoped the budget situation would be better by then.

NC Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA), Mr. Jonathan Furnas, President

This being Mr. Furnas' first State Board meeting, he took a moment to recognize his parents and to thank members of the Board for the honor of serving with them.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE, Dr. Stuart Fountain, Chair

The Board received upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee:

For Action

Request to Adjust College Calendar (POL 5)

Dr. Fountain reported that the Policy Committee recommended that the Board approve Policy Attachment 5 (POL 5) entitled "Request to Adjust College Calendar," wherein Cape Fear Community College has requested an exception in order to begin their fall semester academic calendar on August 14, 2009. Dr. Fountain moved to approve this item. The Board approved his motion that had been properly seconded by Representative Ford.

Repeal of Administrative Code NCAC 02E .0402 "Work Station Occupational Skills Training (POL 6)

Dr. Fountain also reported that the Policy Committee moves to have Policy Attachment 6 (POL 6) approved by members of the Board as this rule is now considered to be outdated. Having so moved, the Board approved his motion which was properly seconded by Ms. Daggs.

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, Senator Allen Wellons, Vice Chair

The Board received upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee:

For Information

FY 2009 – 2010 Budget Update (Attachment FC 1) and Final Receipts Report for 2008 – 2009 (Attachment FC 2)

Senator Wellons asked that President Ralls and Ms. Haygood provide an updated report to the Board with respect to the state budget. Dr. Ralls reported that state government is operating under a continuing resolution and that the Governor has been attempting to rally support for new revenues that would blunt the effects of the recession on education at all levels. Members of the Budget Conference Committee continue to meet to work out their differences, but an agreement between the two houses still appears to be several days off at best.

For Action

2009-2010 Tuition Increase (Attachment FC 4)

Senator Wellons asked members of the Board to consider Attachment FC 4, which implements curriculum tuition increases for fiscal year 2009 - 2010 at rates approved by the General Assembly in S.L. 2009-215 – Continuing Budget Authority. These rates would be effective for the 2009 fall term, classes that begin on or after August 15, 2009, retroactive to July 1, 2009, as follows:

Residents: Per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$42.00 to \$50.00; up to a maximum per semester of \$800, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.

Non-Residents: Per credit hour charge shall be increased from \$233.30 to \$241.30; up to a maximum per semester of \$3,860.80, based upon 16 credit hours of instruction.

Senator Wellons moved to approve this item. The Board approved his motion that had been properly seconded by Ms. Steiner.

Continuing Education Registration Fee Increase in Effect for Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010, (Attachment FC 5)

The Board was asked to approve, retroactive to July 1, 2009, the implementation of continuing education registration fee increases for fiscal year 2009 – 2010 at rates approved by the General Assembly in S.L. 2009-215 – Continuing Budget Authority. These rates would be effective for the 2009 fall term, classes beginning on or after August 15, 2009. Through S.L. 2009-215 the General Assembly has enacted a revised fee structure that:

- 1) Changes the registration fee schedule from a four-tiered to three-tiered schedule;
- 2) Increases registration fees; and
- 3) Increases the rate differential between tiers to better mirror the actual cost of providing the instruction.

Course Length	Registration Fee
0 – 24 Hours	\$ 65.00
25 – 50 Hours	\$120.00
50 + Hours	\$175.00

Senator Wellons moved to approve Attachment FC-5. The Board approved his motion which was properly seconded by Mr. Madden.

Upon a motion by Senator Wellons that was seconded by Mr. Greenwood, the Board authorized the Finance and Capital Needs Committee to meet in person prior to the August State Board meeting regarding allocations to Community Colleges in the event that the state budget was adopted prior to the August meeting of the Board.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Dr. Linwood Powell, Chair

Dr. Linwood Powell moved and Mr. Middlesworth seconded that the Board enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential or privileged, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115D-27 and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, and fitness of individual prospective public employees. The motion was adopted unanimously by the Board.

The Board entered into closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session.

Upon a motion by Dr. Linwood Powell that was seconded by Ms. Daggs, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Walter C. Bartlett, as President of Piedmont Community College, effective August 3, 2009.

The proposed EPA Policy was discussed by President Ralls and detailed differences were given by Mr. Briggs. The policy has not been reviewed for several years and these modifications will allow EPA employees to be treated similarly to those in other agencies of state government. Upon motion by Dr. Linwood Powell that was seconded by Ms. Steiner, the Board approved the EPA Policy.

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.ncccs.cc.nc.us/External_Affairs/President_Reports/Presidents%20Reports%20-%20State%20Board/2008%202009/July%2009%20Presidents%20Report.pdf

SUMMARY OF CHAIR 'S CLOSING REMARKS

Chair Pinnix-Ragland voiced her appreciation for the competence, confidence, and courage demonstrated this year by the Board and the staff with regard to maintaining the vision and strategies of the community college system, the confidence that system office and community college employees exude and the courage to constantly do the right thing. She indicated that she understands that our jobs are not easy, but we have the confidence to stay focused on the task at hand.

Chair Pinnix-Ragland congratulated the new members of the Board and recognized the new Chairs and Vice Chairs assigned to standing committees.

The Chair also took a moment to mention the death of Mr. Fred Williams, Sr., father of former Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Fred Williams, Jr., and former President of Mayland Community College Dr. Thomas E. Williams.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Chair Pinnix-Ragland announced the next SBCC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20, and Friday, August 21, 2009 at the System Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Representative Ford to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Daggs and the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Dr. R. Scott Ralls, System President

Ms. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair