



Creating Success

NC Community Colleges

Hope • Opportunity • Jobs

**State Board of Community Colleges
Caswell Building, 200 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina
September 18, 2009
9:00 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Following proper public notification and having determined that a quorum was present, Chair Pinnix-Ragland called the meeting of the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Board Room of the Caswell Building. She welcomed those in attendance. The following members were present:

Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair
Linwood Powell, Vice Chair
K. Ray Bailey
Treasurer Janet Cowell
Lt. Governor Walter Dalton
Naomi Daggs
Jimmie Ford
Stuart B. Fountain
Jonathan Furnas

G. Thomas Houlihan
Edwin H. "Eddie" Madden, Jr.
Chester P. Middlesworth
Samuel Powell
B. Joanne Steiner
Norma B. Turnage
Herbert L. Watkins
Allen Wellons
James J. Woody, Jr.

Absent: Raichelle Glover, G. Gordon "Buddy" Greenwood, and Ann Whitford

ETHICS AWARENESS AND IDENTIFICATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair reminded Board members of the ethical requirements for those who serve as public servants and requested that members identify any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest that they may have. Having so requested and hearing none, the Chair directed that the record reflect no conflicts or potential conflicts of interest were reported or identified.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Middlesworth made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2009 SBCC meeting. Ms. Steiner seconded the motion and the minutes were so 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

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Dr. Fountain requested that the rules be suspended to move Policy Attachment 3 (POL 3), which is the initiation of the Rule-making process to adopt 23 N.C.A.C. 02D .0329 entitled “Maintenance of Plant Flexibility,” from For Future Action to For Action. The Board adopted the motion made on behalf of the Committee.

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Dr. Fountain also requested that the rules be suspended to move Policy Attachment 7 (POL 7), entitled “Lenoir Community College Request to Relocate the Jones County Off-Campus Center” from For Future Action to For Action. The Board adopted the motion made on behalf of the Committee.

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

Ms. Turnage requested that the rules be suspended to move Program Attachment 3 (PROG 3), entitled “2009 – 2010 Cooperative-Innovative High School Programs Application Approvals,” from For Future Action to For Action. Based on the request, the Board voted to approve this item per Ms. Turnage’s motion on behalf of the Program Services Committee.

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

On behalf of the Committee on Financial and Capital Needs Committee, Mr. Watkins requested that Attachment FC-7 entitled “The Learning Edge – North Carolina Learning Object Repository (LOR) Contract Renewal,” be removed from the Consent Agenda. The Chair granted his request.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Dr. Linwood Powell, Chair

No changes were requested.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE, Dr. G. Thomas Houlihan, Chair

No changes were requested.

Dr. Fountain moved, and Mr. Madden seconded, that the Agenda be adopted as amended. Without objection, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Representative Ford moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board approved this motion which had been properly seconded by Ms. Daggs. Consent agenda items are listed below.

Consent Agenda Items

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

Construction/Property/Bond Authorization Report (Attachment FC-10)

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

Curriculum Standard Revisions (Attachment PROG 7)

Continuing Education Master Course List (Attachment PROG 8)

New Course Approvals

Courses of Instruction to Captive/Co-Opted Groups (Attachment PROG 9)

A. Attachment A – Basic Skills

B. Attachment B – Continuing Education

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

OTHER PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

NCACCP, Dr. Robert Keys, President

Dr. Keys reported that most colleges are reporting significant enrollment increases for Fall 2009 over the same period last year. We are now serving more students than ever, and with less money. The Presidents Association will have their fall meeting at Gaston College during the last week of October.

NCACCT, Dr. Donny Hunter, North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees, Executive Director

Dr. Hunter reported that the Executive Committee of the Trustees Association met on the evening of September 11, 2009 to review this year's legislative session and that Steve Metcalf gave a briefing on issues likely to come up during the short session next year. There was discussion about the Governor's recent call for an additional five percent in reversions and there is some optimism that she may allow community colleges to be exempt from this provision.

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

The Fall Division Meetings were held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at Craven Community College, Stanly Community College and Gaston College. Approximately 140 individuals registered, representing 21 different colleges

The N4CSGA Local Interactions Committee survey was given. The survey asked students to rank the topics of most importance for their campus. The three choices were:

- Standardized Student Activity Fee Usage Guidelines
- Standardized Community College Sports Program
- Increased and enhanced focus on the Creating Success Initiative

The N4CSGA Fall Conference will be held on October 2 - 4, 2009 in Asheville, NC. The opening speaker will be Mr. Van Wilson, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Development Services. The banquet speaker will be the Honorable Terry Bellamy, Mayor of Asheville.

Mr. Furnas indicated that the N4CSGA is recruiting new officers as there are eleven vacant positions. He also mentioned that interviews will be held at the System Office on Saturday, October 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE, Dr. Stuart Fountain, Chair

The Board received upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee:

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Dr. Fountain moved that the following item be approved by the Board:

Initiate Rule-making Process to Adopt 23 N.C.A.C. 02D .0329 “Maintenance of Plant Flexibility” (Attachment POL 3)

The motion was adopted by the Board.

On behalf of the Policy Committee, Dr. Fountain further moved that Attachment POL 8,

Initiate Rule-making Process to Amend 23 N.C.A.C. 02C .0301 “Admission to Colleges”

be adopted by the Board. Dr. Fountain indicated the Committee had conducted a number of meetings and had carefully considered the issues raised, including admissions policies with respect to undocumented students in other states that had been researched by JBL Associates. During these deliberations, the Committee held the Open Door philosophy as core value of the North Carolina Community College System. After a very careful and thorough review, the Committee recommended to the Board a policy that closely resembles the one that has been employed by the University of North Carolina, containing the following restrictions on the admission of persons who are not legal residents:

- Must be a graduate of a U.S. high school
- Must pay tuition at out-of-state rates, now approximately \$7,700 per academic year
- May not displace a legal North Carolina or U.S. resident from a class or program

Dr. Fountain reminded everyone that this policy must go through the administrative rules process as outlined in North Carolina Administrative Code, Title 23. This process usually takes 6 to 12 months. Until the new policy takes effect, the current admissions standard of not admitting undocumented immigrants, which went into effective May 2008, remains in effect.

Discussion of the proposed policy ensued. Questions were asked for clarification as to the application of the policy and to policies that were in effect in other states. After all members were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinions, the Chair called for a voice vote on the question. The motion was adopted by the Board with a majority voting “aye” and with one “nay” vote. Following adoption of Attachment POL 8, several members expressed their appreciation to Dr. Fountain and members of the Policy Committee for the thoughtful and

Careful way they took on the task of crafting a policy that was deemed to be both fair and in the best interests of the people of North Carolina.

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

On behalf of the Program Services Committee, Ms. Turnage moved that the Board approve the following item as recommended by the Committee:

2009 – 1020 Cooperative-Innovative High School Programs Application Approvals,
Attachment PROG 3.

The motion was adopted by the Board.

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

On behalf of the Financial and Capital Needs Committee, Mr. Watkins moved that the Board approve the following items as recommended by the Committee:

Approval of Budget Allocations for Seven BioNetwork Centers (Attachment FC-8)
Allocation to Gaston College for Developing Virtual Learning Objects and Faculty
Training (Attachment FC-9)

Items (FC-8) and (FC-9) were approved by the Board on a voice vote.

Mr. Watkins reported that the committee had a discussion on the merits of increasing the System President's discretion in approving contracts and agreements up to \$50,000. The staff has been asked to provide additional information in that context, and the committee will take up further discussion of this item at its October meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, Dr. Linwood Powell, Chair

Dr. Linwood Powell moved and Mr. Wellons 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 recommendation from the Personnel Committee, Dr. Sharon Morrissey, currently President of Richmond Community College, was approved by the Board as the System's next Senior Vice President of Academic and Student Services, to be effective March 1, 2010, at an annual salary of \$160,000. This action was taken by the Board to provide a transition period following the impending retirement of Dr. Delores Parker on December 31, 2009. Dr. Morrissey has served in

the System for a number of years in academic, instructional and student-support services positions, most recently as Vice President of Instructional Services at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. Additionally, she has served as Acting Vice President for Academic and Student Services in the System Office.

The Chair recognized the service of Dr. Delores Parker to the System and expressed the gratitude of the Board for her selfless service and endless commitment.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE, Dr. G. Thomas Houlihan, Chair

Dr. Houlihan reported that the Strategic Planning Committee is working diligently on the Planning Sessions that will be a part of the October State Board meeting at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He mentioned members of the Board, along with NCCCS staff, and representatives of the presidents and trustees associations, will spend time focusing on the future direction of the Community College System. There is a growing consensus that the Board should help to move the system forward in ways that we have not done in the past. Dr. Houlihan also mentioned that these working sessions will provide an opportunity to discuss at length goals and the great challenges that lie ahead and he looks forward to everyone's active participation.

SUMMARY OF CHAIR 'S CLOSING REMARKS

Chair Pinnix-Ragland encouraged everyone to plan to participate in the Planning Session and Board Meeting at the October meeting. Speaking to the revised policy on admission of students to our 58 colleges across the State, the Chair said that "This is not a policy the Board came to lightly or without contemplation and much study. But with today's vote, North Carolina is a step closer to having a consistent admissions policy for undocumented immigrants among its public higher education institutions." The Chair noted that once the administrative rules process is completed, our community colleges will have the tools necessary to create the seamless educational highway from K-12 and beyond that North Carolina will need to remain a national leader in the education and training of citizens equipped for life in the 21st Century.

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 1 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/September%20Presidents%20Report%20-%20FINAL.pdf

BOARD'S COMMENTS AND REMARKS

Representative Ford reminded the Board of the Minority Male Mentoring Conference, which is scheduled for November 6, 2009 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park, and encouraged those Board members who could to attend. The Chair asked Mr. Sullins to provide information on registration for the Conference to each member of the Board.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The State Board Planning Session will be on Wednesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 15, 2009, followed by the October meeting of the State Board on October 15 and 16 on the campus of Fayetteville Technical Community College, located in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

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 Senator Wellons and the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Dr. R. Scott Ralls, System President

Ms. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair