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**State Board of Community Colleges
Caswell Building, 200 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina
March 20, 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

Bob H. Greene

Gordon "Buddy" Greenwood (telephone)

G. Thomas Houlihan

Anne-Marie Knighton

Edwin H. "Eddie" Madden, Jr.

Chester P. Middlesworth

Treasurer Janet Cowell

Cynthia O'Neal for

Lt. Governor Walter Dalton

Norma B. Turnage

Allen Wellons

Absent: Jeana ElSadder, Raichelle Glover, Anita Powers, B. Joanne Steiner, 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. The Chair also reminded members of the Board that their Statements of Economic Interests will be due to the Ethics Commission by April 15, 2009.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Middlesworth moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2009 SBCC meeting. Dr. Greene 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 requested that the Board suspend the rules to move Attachment POL 3 Amend 23 NCAC 02E .0204 “Courses and Standards for Curriculum Programs” from a “For Future Action” item to a “For Action” item. This item was properly seconded by Mr. Ford. The motion was adopted.

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

Ms. Turnage requested that the Board suspend the rules and move Attachment PROG 2 Basic Skills Revised State Plan from a “For Future Action” item to a “For Action” item. This item was properly seconded by Mr. Middlesworth. The motion was adopted.

FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Mr. Allen Wellons, Vice-Chair

No changes to the Agenda.

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

No changes to the Agenda.

Mr. Madden moved, and Mr. Daniels seconded, that the Agenda be adopted as amended. The motion was adopted.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

OTHER PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

NCACCP, Dr. Stephen Scott, President

Dr. Scott shared that the NCACCP continues to work on difficult issues and budgets are being reduced while community colleges are serving more unemployed students than ever before. College presidents are continuing to work on the Code Green initiative on transportation, energy conservation and sustainability. Dr. Scott thanked Dr. Scott Ralls, Kennon Briggs, and Jennifer Willis for their leadership in working with legislators as the Community College System has been able to obtain bipartisan support for many of the bills presented to the General Assembly. This is a positive change from previous years.

Dr. Scott mentioned that the Wake Tech North Campus hosted the March 16, 2009 meeting of Governor Perdue’s Education Cabinet. He also mentioned how the community colleges

provided staff for Rapid Response teams who worked with firms going through layoffs to help those employees find new jobs or train for new jobs.

Dr. Scott also shared with the Board about the recognition of companies in the Research Triangle region on March 18, 2009. Companies were recognized for job creation and their investment in employee training. Catalyst Manufacturing Systems received the top recognition for creating jobs. Dr. Scott Ralls participated in this event called “Business Champions” which was sponsored by *Business Leader Magazine*, Wake Tech, and Accentuate Staffing.

NCACCT, Mr. George Regan, President

Mr. Regan shared with the Board that the Trustees Association has been very active over the past few months. He indicated that the Trustees have established a network amongst themselves for soliciting help in working with the legislators. The goal is that when issues arise regarding the community colleges, that representatives at both the House and Senate are contacted by a trustee.

Mr. Regan then introduced Ms. Cheryl Baggett, who is the new Associate Executive Director of the NCACCT.

The Trustees Association is involved with four presidential searches: Carteret, Johnston, Pamlico, and Piedmont and the names of finalists will soon be coming to the State Board.

Mr. Regan mentioned that the Trustees Association will host its Law Seminar on April 15 - 17, 2009 which will include the required Ethics training for the trustees who are up for their 2 year training. There will be special training sessions for new and reappointed trustees. Governor Beverly Perdue is tentatively scheduled to speak at the Law Seminar, as is A.B. Swindell, the Senate Appropriations Chairman, and Joe Tolson, the House Appropriations Co-Chairman.

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 held their Spring Conference on March 6 through 8, 2009. The Conference had 43 colleges represented with over 340 attendees. Ms. ElSadder reported that 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 Action

Amend 23 NCAC 02E .0204 “Courses and Standards for Curriculum Programs (Attachment POL 3)

Dr. Fountain made the motion to the Board to approve the amended Administrative Rule as indicated. This motion was properly seconded by Ms. Dags and was adopted by the Board.

Amend 23 NCAC 02D .0202 “Tuition and Fees for Curriculum Programs” (Attachment POL 5)

A considerable amount of discussion has taken place with the Presidents Association concerning this Rule and the changes, as agreed upon, are indicated. Dr. Fountain made the motion to the Board to approve the amended the Administrative Rule as indicated . This motion was properly seconded by Dr. Greene and was adopted by the Board.

Dr. Fountain mentioned that the Policy Committee received a preliminary oral report from JBL Associates with regard to policies concerning admission of, or non-admittance of, undocumented students. JBL Associates will provide a full report to the Policy Committee at the April State Board meeting in Asheboro.

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

The Board received upon the recommendation of the Program Services Committee:

For Action

Basic Skills Revised State Plan (Attachment PROG 2)

Ms. Turnage made the motion to the Board to approve the changes to the Basic Skills State Plan for 2000 – 2004, extending it through the 2009 – 2010 program year. The revised State Plan will include the following:

1. Required annual certifications that the State Plan is being submitted by the agency head with the authority for submitting the plan and that the Plan is in accordance with state law.
2. Updated organizational chart.
3. Required annual assurances that the funds will follow provisions of the law such as assuring that funds will not be expended for any other purpose than for activities specified in the legislation and that the eligible agency will expend the funds in a manner consistent with fiscal requirements.
4. Revised target performance measures (set in collaboration with the United States Department of Education).
5. A statement that the state will extend all grants for 2009 – 2010.

This motion was properly seconded by Mr. Wellons and the motion was adopted.

Ms. Turnage also mentioned that there was a request for program approval and a challenge of the request was made by another school. The Program Services Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding program approvals and where challenges exist. Ms. Turnage indicated that the Presidents Association has agreed to review the program approval processes and suggests that it would be appropriate for the State Board to engage in the same type of conversation at a future meeting.

FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL NEEDS COMMITTEE, Mr. Allen H. Wellons, Vice-Chair

For Future Action

Governor’s Budget Update (Attachment FC-1)

Mr. Wellons asked that President Ralls and Ms. Jennifer Haygood update the Board on the Governor’s recommendations and the budget process.

President Ralls said that the Governor's budget proposals are generally favorable for community colleges and that they present both opportunities, and challenges. She proposes \$17 million in expansion items relating to our Creating Success initiative and approximately \$62 million in reductions. The Governor included a \$5 million recommendation in funding for equipment and technology to address the critical issues of replacements and upgrades. A challenge for the community college system is the elimination of the Apprenticeship Program at the Department of Labor. Within the System Office seven vacant and two current filled positions were taken. A loss of \$450,000 in operating costs, which will further restrict travel, and truth in budgeting reduction of three percent in salary allocations.

For Action

Memorandum of Understanding with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for a Career Guide (Attachment FC-10)

Mr. Wellons made a motion that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding. This MOU requests that the Board approve funding, not to exceed \$75,000, to reimburse the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for one-third of their cost to create, produce, publish, and train counselors to use a new career guidance document (career guide) developed to satisfy requirements of the *Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006* (Perkins Act) and the *North Carolina Five-Year State Plan for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006* (State Plan). The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Community College System will jointly schedule training sessions to instruct counselors on the use of the new career guide.

This motion was properly seconded by Mr. Madden and the motion was adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Treasurer Cowell suggested that a pooled contract should be sought for the printing of the colleges annual reports. Eventually we could provide this information on line. The Chair asked Dr. Stephen Scott and the Presidents Association to take the suggestion under advisement.

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.nccommunitycolleges.edu/External_Affairs/March%2009%20Board%20Report%20FINAL.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. She reminded the members of the Board of the following items:

- Complete the Survey regarding our off-site meeting; and
- Complete the Travel Reimbursement Form.

Members were asked to complete the forms which were enclosed in their Board books and return these items to the State Board Affairs Office.

The Chair also mentioned that there is new art displayed throughout the building. In honor of President Lancaster, the Board decided to establish a fund in the Foundation, that will endow the Art Exhibit. Any contributions made to the Foundation for this purpose should be earmarked for the exhibit.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mr. Middlesworth mentioned that the Ethics office has moved and it was noted that the new office is located on Blount Street. He inquired as to when Ethics training will be taking place. The Chair indicated that our training will take place in May 2009.

There were no further questions or comments were received from members of the Board.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Chair Pinnix-Ragland announced the next SBCC meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16 and Friday, April 17, 2009, which will be held at Randolph Community College, in Asheboro, North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Wellons to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded by Mr. Middlesworth and the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Dr. R. Scott Ralls, System President

Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, Chair