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Statement on Governor Beverly Perdue's Budget from Dr. R. Scott Ralls, President,
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“Governor Perdue’s budget clearly demonstrates her understanding of the value and the role of community colleges in North Carolina’s economic recovery. We appreciate her support in funding our record enrollment growth, training requests for the critical career areas of healthcare and technical education as well as a portion of our dire equipment and technology needs. The Governor’s strong leadership and the General Assembly’s continued support will allow community colleges to help more North Carolinians get back to work faster.

Do community colleges still face significant needs and challenges? Absolutely, but that is to be expected in these tough budget times. We appreciate the Governor’s hard work and the exceptional leadership of our university partners exemplified by President Erskine Bowles’ outspoken recognition of the needs of community colleges. We will continue to work with the Governor, the General Assembly and all our education allies to position North Carolina for a strong recovery.”

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