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**Dr. R. Scott Ralls, President**

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### **Statement from Dr. R. Scott Ralls, President, NC Community College System, on House Budget recommendations for 2010-11:**

“I commend the House for passing a budget that recognizes the unique role our community colleges are playing in North Carolina’s economic recovery and the challenges that they face. Previous budget cuts combined with an unprecedented enrollment surge have already impacted our academic core with per-student funding declining by \$900, or 18 percent, just this past year. Cuts proposed in the House budget will impact our ability to serve more than 13,000 full-time students and to employ 700 faculty and staff. While we face significant reductions, the House budget importantly does fund our enrollment growth and assists our colleges in addressing our mounting equipment crisis. In doing so, the House members help us to continue to provide an economic lifeline to the North Carolinians turning to us in record numbers.”

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