1B SBCCC 200.1 ESTABLISHING COLLEGES

A new college operating under Chapter 115D will be called a community college. An application for a new college must come from the county commissioners in the proposed administrative area. The application shall be sent to the state board which may direct the department to cooperate with the applicants in making a survey to determine the following:

1. Do the educational needs of the area justify the educational services proposed?
2. Can the existing public and private post-secondary institutions in the area meet the needs demonstrated?
3. If unmet educational needs exist that could be met by the proposed institution, will the projected student enrollment justify the proposed institution? As a standard, the projected enrollment should be a minimum of 400 full-time equivalent students in curriculum programs within three years after establishment.
4. Can adequate local current and capital expense funds be supplied? As a standard, the level of local current operating fund support should be equal to the existing median support for the institutions in the community college system.
5. Will the local public school tax support be affected adversely by the local support required for the proposed institution?
6. Do the boards of commissioners and boards of education in the area support the application?
7. Are the facilities proposed to house the new institution adequate?
8. Does the application fit the policy of reasonable geographic distribution in order to meet statewide needs? As a standard, no new institution shall be established within 25 miles of an existing institution within the community college system, except where urban population density or natural barriers become overriding considerations.
9. Will adequate state funds become available to support the proposed new institution?
10. Can the immediate needs of an area best be served by an extension unit operating under contract with an existing institution?
When the survey is completed, the Department will report to the state board and make its recommendation(s). Representatives of the college and board(s) of county commissioners may appear before the State Board and make a presentation at the meeting that the Department’s recommendation is considered. The State Board shall make its recommendation(s) for the establishment of a new college to the General Assembly, including a request for additional funds if needed.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-4; 115D-5; 115D-31 through 115D-36;
   Eff.    February 1, 1976;
   Amended Eff.    September 1, 1993; January 1, 1988; November 1, 1983;
                     October 5, 1979.

1B SBCCC 200.2   NAME

Trustees of all colleges hereinafter named or renamed shall use the full term, Community College, in the name given the college. Other than the term mentioned in this Rule, the Trustees have full authority to name or rename colleges. Changes in existing names shall be forwarded to the State Board specifying the specific date of the change prior to the effective date. Conformity shall be required before any state funds are authorized.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-2; 115D-5;
   Eff. February 1, 1976;
   Readopted Eff. January 5, 1978;
   Amended Eff. September 1, 1993; December 1, 1984; October 5, 1979.

1B SBCCC 200.99   COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLOSURE: TEACH-OUT PLAN AND RECORDS PRESERVATION

(a) Any community college which closes shall inform each student and each applicant of its pending closure at least 90 days prior to closure.

(b) Prior to closure, college officials shall help students identify equivalent programs and provide assistance in transferring to other community colleges. A student who is
displaced due to a community college closing may transfer to any other community college which offers the student’s program without loss of credits or quality points. Community colleges shall give priority admission and placement to transfer students who have been displaced due to a community college closing.

(c) Before closing, the college shall file a copy of all student permanent academic and financial aid records with the Department of Cultural Resources in accordance with the records retention process.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; P.L. 102-325; Eff. December 1, 1995.*