STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Allocations for Information Technology Alignment Project

Request: The State Board is asked to approve an allocation of $150,000 to Craven Community College to support the ten-month funding for the Information Technology Alignment Project (ITAP). Craven Community College will provide fiduciary management, statewide coordination, and project oversight to ensure that curriculum and professional development outcomes are met.

Rationale: All fifty-eight North Carolina community colleges are currently approved to offer one or more of the information technology programs. The last time the Information Technology programs received a comprehensive review was in 2004 as part of a Curriculum Improvement Project (CIP). Since Information Technology programs are critical components of North Carolina’s growth, a review and update of the current Information Technology programs is necessary to ensure program quality and eliminate duplicative courses and programs.

According to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, there will be an estimated 15,240 additional IT jobs in North Carolina between 2010 and 2020. This includes 2,120 systems analyst positions; 450 in programming; 750 database administration jobs; 3,160 as application program developers; 1,830 network administrators; 1,920 information security analysts; and 2,980 computer support specialists. In addition, it is noted that a career in IT is especially suitable for self-employment.

The ITAP will engage faculty from each of North Carolina’s 58 community colleges to research, develop, and implement appropriate career pathways to support and improve the Information Technology programs in the North Carolina Community College System. In addition to faculty, the project will also engage stakeholders including North Carolina Department of Public Instruction CTE business consultants, employers, and representatives from higher education institutions in North Carolina.

Method of Allocation: A request for proposals was sent to all community college presidents and chief academic officers. Three community colleges submitted proposals. The proposals were individually read and evaluated by a selection committee which included two Community College Chief Academic Officers, the director of the 2013-2014 Business Administration Alignment Project, Academic Programs System Office staff, and Career and Technical Education System Office staff.

Proposals were read and scored individually based on the following criteria: identification of needs/emerging issues; project design and implementation plan; outcomes/project evaluation; leadership, capacity, and commitment; and budget. Craven Community College’s proposal was ranked highest among the three.
### Fund Source and Availability:
Funding is contingent upon award from the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

### Allocation Amount and Time Period:
The allocation of $150,000 is for September 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

### Contact
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