

**MINUTES**  
**State Board of Community Colleges**  
**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, August 17, 2017 – 3:45 p.m.**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Breeden Blackwell, Chair	Todd Johnson	Burr Sullivan
Lisa Estep	Bob Stephens	Ann Whitford

Members Absent: Lynn Raye, Clark Twiddy, and Jerry Vaughan

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Roderick Gooden	Bill McBrayer	Scott Shook
William Holder	Samuel Powell	

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Elizabeth Grovenstein	Anne Bacon	Lynn Austin (NCACCT)
Jennifer Haygood	Sondra Jarvis	David Johnson (NCACCP)
Bryan Jenkins	Monty Hickman	Samantha Yarborough and
Shanté Martin	Katherine Tamer	Brian Gwyn (NC Leg. Staff)
Mary Shuping		

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Blackwell called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Dr. W. Dallas Herring State Board Room of the Caswell Building.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Jenkins took the roll of the Legislative Affairs Committee members.

**ETHICS STATEMENT**

Mr. T. Johnson read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any known conflicts. None were noted.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Dr. Blackwell asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting on August 17, 2017. Ms. Whitford made a motion, seconded by Mr. T. Johnson, and the committee approved via voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Dr. Blackwell asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on July 20, 2017 as presented. Ms. Estep made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Whitford, and the committee approved via voice vote.

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**FOR INFORMATION**

**Legislative Update**

Ms. Shuping updated the committee about the current activity at the General Assembly. The General Assembly will be addressing veto overrides and redistricting the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>. Six of our colleges will be hosting redistricting public hearings. Study committees have not been appointed yet.

Ms. Whitford asked if the six colleges are related to the six regions through the state. Ms. Shuping stated there is no correlation; however, they do try to ensure geographic coverage.

**FOR FUTURE ACTION**

**Legislative Affairs Committee Charter (Attachment LEG 01)**

Dr. Blackwell asked the Legislative Committee to review the proposed charter for adoption at the September board meeting.

**FOR ACTION**

**Proposed Federal Legislation Facilitating Reverse Transfer (Attachment LEG 02)**

Ms. Shuping explained the Reverse Transfer program which allows the awarding of an associate degree to students who previously attended a community college but did not obtain an associate degree prior to transferring to a four-year college or university. Currently in North Carolina, there is a collaborative effort between North Carolina Community College System and The University of North Carolina. The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) is requesting support of federal legislation to create an exception under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) which would allow for the sharing of student information between community colleges and four-year institutions to simplify the “reverse transfer” process. Under the proposed federal legislation, there would be an exception which would allow the university to send student records to the community college to determine if the student meets the requirements for an associate degree without first obtaining the student’s written consent. The student would still be required to provide written consent to receive the degree.

The recommendation is the State Board of Community Colleges support the proposed federal legislation.

The Committee discussed the impact and benefit to the student, and number of students reverse transfer has already benefitted.

Ms. Estep made a motion to recommend the State Board of Community Colleges support the proposed federal legislation facilitating reverse transfer and authorize Chairman Shook to send a letter of support of the legislation to AACRAO on behalf of the full Board. Mr. Stephens seconded the motion, and the Committee approved via voice vote.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Blackwell recommended the Committee have a separate meeting in Raleigh prior to the September Board meeting. The meeting would enable the Committee to discuss the focus for the upcoming short session. Other Board members were invited to participate.

Chairman Shook asked if members would be able to attend via phone if they cannot come to Raleigh. Dr. Blackwell stated a telephonic option will be available.

Dr. Blackwell shared his thoughts of the Committee needing to choose three items to focus on. Ms. Haygood stated the committee doesn't have to finalize decisions during the additional meeting. Information can be discussed further at the Planning Meeting in October. Dr. Blackwell recommended the meeting be 10am – 2pm.

Mr. T. Johnson made a motion to hold a Legislative Affairs Committee meeting prior to the next Board meeting, scheduled based on availability of the members. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion, and the committee approved via voice vote.

**ADJOURN**

There being no other business, Dr. Blackwell asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. T. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Ms. Estep, and the committee adjourned at 4:22 p.m. following a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sondra Jarvis