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State Board of Community Colleges
POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 17, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bob Stephens, Vice-Chair	Bobby Irwin	Candler Willis
William Holder	Samuel Powell	

Members Absent: Frank Johnson, Ernest Pearson, and Jerry Vaughan

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Scott Corl	Shanté Martin	Samantha Yarborough and Brian Gwyn (NC Leg. Staff)
Sondra Jarvis		

WELCOME AND ETHICS STATEMENT

Mr. Stephens called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm in AW North Carolina Conference Room of the Caswell Building and read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any known conflicts. None were noted.

ROLL CALL

Sondra Jarvis took the roll of the Policy Committee members.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Stephens requested a motion to approve the August 17, 2017 agenda as presented. Dr. Willis made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Holder. Agenda approved via voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Stephens requested a motion to approve the July 20, 2017 minutes. Mr. Irwin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Powell. Minutes approved via voice vote.

FOR INFORMATION

2017 Annual Report of Proprietary Schools (Attachment POL 01)

Mr. Corl stated this is an annual report from the State Board of Proprietary schools to the State Board of Community Colleges that is required by General Statute 115D-89.3. On page four of the report, there is a summary of the activity for academic year 2016-2017.

Suspension of Approved Programs (Attachment POL 02)

Mr. Corl shared the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has let the Office of Proprietary Schools know that they are suspending approval for Serenity Nurse Aide Academy to offer Nurse Aide I training programs. The school was advised to refund prepaid tuition to applicable students while it is completing a plan of correction with DHHS.

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The presumption is that there will be a plan put in place. Once DHHS lets the Office of Proprietary Schools know that the school is back in good standing, it will be reported to the Board.

Dr. Powell asked if the schools that close take care of the students. Mr. Corl shared how the schools that closed in the past years dealt with the remaining students. The students either were taught out or claimed on the required insurance bond. The students could complete their program somewhere else.

The Committee discussed the statutory formula behind the school's bond. The bonds are issued by insurance companies. There is an option in the statute for the school to put a letter of credibility rather than a bond, but there are none that are doing that currently.

FOR FUTURE ACTION

Recommendations for Proprietary School Licensure (Attachment POL 03)

Mr. Corl reviewed the license recommendations.

The Center for Montessori Teacher Education license is due to a sale of the business. There is a contingency in place for a bond to be put in place. The bond has been verified, but it is not filed in the county they are in yet. The sale doesn't impact the location, programs, curriculum or instructors.

Institute for Guided studies which is also a Montessori school which operates in a number of states. They are asking to offer two additional programs.

Prop schools recommend approval of both licensures.

Dr. Willis motioned to move the item from Future Action to Action, Mr. Irwin seconded and the committee approved.

Mr. Holder motioned, Dr. Powell seconded and the committee approved the Recommendations for Proprietary School Licensure with the contingency of a bond to be filed by The Center for Montessori Teacher Education.

Policy Committee Charter (Attachment POL 04)

Ms. Martin stated that the Policy Committee Charter outlines the duties of the Policy Committee. The members are encouraged to review. The intent is for the information to be broad policy based issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Martin and Mr. Corl reviewed what proprietary schools are, the structure and duties of the Office Proprietary Schools, and the relationship with the State Board of Community Colleges.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Irwin motioned and Dr. Powell seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted and the meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Sondra Jarvis
Recording Secretary

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