

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**Allocation of North Carolina Space Grant**

**Request:** The State Board is asked to approve \$5,000 to be allocated to Mitchell Community College (MCC) from the North Carolina Space Grant funds.

**Background:** The North Carolina Space Grant (NC Space Grant) is a consortium of universities, industries, government agencies, and non-profit organizations committed to addressing the Nation's science, technology, engineering and mathematics workforce development needs. The System Office has been participating in and allocating the funds for this program since FY 2010-2011.

**Rationale for Approving the Allocation:** The NC Space Grant inspires and facilitates students at all levels to pursue aerospace-related careers with ties to NASA's Directorates, NASA field centers and ties to the aerospace industry through formal affiliations and partnerships. As an affiliate, the NC Community College System developed a plan to expend funds received from the program which includes providing up to \$5,000 in funding to a college addressing NASA's goals to engage specific populations of college students (females, minorities and low-income families) with informal education programs geared to promoting aerospace or NASA-identified STEM education.

**Method of Allocation:** MCC is currently the only community college with a specific informal education program that directly supports both aerospace education and NASA's STEM education goals. A total of \$5,000 is required for MCC's rocket launch team to continue participation in the Rocket Satellite-Corona (RockSat-C) Student Design competition.

**Allocation Amount and Time Period:** The allocation of \$5,000 is for the period of October 20, 2014 through June 1, 2015.

**Fund Source and Availability:** Funding is available through the NC Space Grant Affiliate Program for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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