

**MINUTES**  
**State Board of Community Colleges**  
**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, April 20, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jim Rose, Chair	Lynn Raye	Clark Twiddy
Breeden Blackwell, Vice Chair	Darrell Saunders	
Lisa Estep	Scott Shook	

Members Absent: Todd Johnson and Jerry Vaughan

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill McBrayer	Samuel Powell
Ernest Pearson	Ann Whitford

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jimmie Williamson	Mary Shuping	Bryan Jenkins
Elizabeth Grovenstein	Shanté Martin	Sondra Jarvis
Jennifer Haygood	Chreatha Alston	Linda Suggs (Gates Fnd)
Maureen Little	Anne Bacon	

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Rose called the meeting to order at 4:00 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. Raye read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement and asked if there were any known conflicts. None were noted.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Rose asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting on April 20, 2017. Dr. Blackwell made the motion, seconded by Dr. Saunders, and approved via voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Rose asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on January 19, 2017 as presented. Mr. Raye made the motion, seconded by Dr. Blackwell, and approved via voice vote.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**North Carolina Legislative Update – 2017-19 Biennium**

Ms. Shuping stated that there has been a lot of legislative activity.

- SB597/HB646

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- This bill would transfer the Apprenticeship Program, currently in Commerce, to the Community College System.
- The proposal has received favorable reports in both chambers.
- President Williamson said this is a big deal because this is a big program. The State Apprenticeship Council will come under the purview of this board. It will be customer oriented and centered and move away from the compliance model.
- Mr. Rose asked if appropriate funding would be included. Ms. Shuping said that all funding would come with the program as a Type 1 transfer, it would be transferred intact to another principal department. The employees are currently under Department of Commerce.
- Mr. Raye asked if it adds to the programs that are there. Ms. Shuping said take what is there and work to expand.
- Ms. Haygood said that many of the existing employees are already out stationed and housed at community colleges thanks to work by Ms. Maureen Little last year. The ones that are not at community colleges are located within NCWorks offices. They are strategically positioned across the state.
- Proprietary Schools separating has been received favorably and is moving forward.
- HB519 was heard in the House Education Community College Committee on Wednesday. The bill would give in-State tuition at Tri-County CC to residents of states bordering NC who live in counties contiguous to Cherokee, Clay, Graham. The bill has begun to move and there are other colleges who have talked to their representatives asking for the same treatment. After much discussion, the new bill with several colleges named was done away with and reverted to just covering Tri-County to go to appropriations. Ms. Shuping said that once the bill gets to the floor, there are about 20 other colleges who will request to be included. It has a fiscal impact on the state and it is hard to predict how many students will take advantage.
- HB702 would waive tuition for NC residents over age 65 for up to 6 hours of credit per academic semester. Senior citizens' tuition waiver was eliminated in 2013. This bill differs from SB438 which allows senior citizens to audit up to 6 hours of credit.
- HB132 is receiving favorable reports and has been re-referred to House Appropriations. Scholarship to go to a student 3.5 GPA and they need to maintain a 3.0. The scholarship would not be a total coverage of fees and there is a cap to how much can be awarded.
- Ms. Shuping said there are several fire arms bills which could move through crossover.
- Once crossover has ended, the Senate will be closer to a budget and hopefully release it in the first couple of weeks of May.
- Governance bill SB420 is still in senate rules. It is subject to crossover so it needs to be referred to education committee and be to the floor of the senate by April 27th. It is a

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good time for members to contact legislators. It is recommended that the fact sheet be utilized to help clarify the information.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN**

There being no other business, Mr. Rose asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Raye motioned, seconded by Dr. Blackwell and the committee adjourned at 4:23 p.m. following a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sondra Jarvis

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